PRESTBURY ST MARY'S C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Recommended Books for YEAR 3

Why have a book list?

We know that finding books for your child to read can be really tricky! As we are often asked for suggestions in school, we thought it might be a good idea to put together a series of book lists to help.

Does my child have to read books from the book list?

Only if they want to! We are certainly not saying that these are the only books that your child should read.

What about all the good books that are not on the list?

If your child finds other books that they want to read, that's no problem – they should read them! There will be lots of other good books, especially those newly published, that will not be on the list but would be great to read. Visiting the local library or any bookshop with a good children's department will always be the best places to get the latest recommendations. There will also be some great titles that we haven't included on the lists as we intend to use them as class readers over the course of the year. Also, to keep the size of the book lists manageable, we have only included fiction titles. However, we would certainly encourage your child to read a wide variety of things so do balance these suggestions with non-fiction books, poetry, newspapers and any other types of quality texts.

What about books that are part of a series?

To keep the size of the book list manageable, we have generally only included one title from any series of books. However, if your child enjoys the book and would like to more read in the series, they should definitely do so!

What about Accelerated Reader?

The Accelerated Reader Book Level is included for each book on the list. We would ask that your child still chooses books from within their reading range if they are going to be reading them to themselves. We will always try to give your child as wide a reading range as possible so that your child should have plenty of books to choose from. However, if they see a book that they fancy reading that is above their range, please feel free to read the book to them at home.

How have the books been chosen as appropriate for the Year 3?

Recommending books for a particular year group is hard. What one person may consider as a challenging read, may not be true for everybody. Similarly, not everybody will agree on what is age appropriate for the year group. With both these things in mind, this list has been compiled after looking at many different published book lists for Year 3. Obviously, we have not been able to read every book listed, so the judgement that this is appropriate has been made in good faith, based on the expertise of other professionals. The Accelerated Reader 'Interest Level' is listed to give you an indication of what the content of the book may be like. LY (Lower Years) books are aimed at children aged 5 to 8, whilst MY (Middle Years) books have an age range of 9 to 12. A brief synopsis, with guidance on the content of any of these books, is available for parents on AR if you wish to check. Ultimately, it is up to you whether you are happy for your child to read any title on this list.

Can my child read books from a different year group's book list?

We would certainly be happy for your child to read books from any of the book lists for the year groups **below** the one they are in. We have deliberately included a wide range of books, with a wide range of book levels, on every year group's list so there should be plenty of books for your child to choose from.

Are all these books available in my child's class?

Many of the books on the list are available either in your child's class or in the other Y3 classroom and in time, as we are able to, we will aim to keep adding the rest of these titles to the class libraries. In the meantime, if your child is keen to read a particular book and it is not available in school, please remember the local library is an excellent place to start – especially as you can usually reserve titles. All of these books can also be purchased in book stores or online.

Title	Author	Accelerated Reader	
		Interest Level LY = 5 – 8 yrs MY = 9 – 12 yrs	Book Level
ADVENTURE			
Ice Palace	Robert Swindells	MY	5.0
Princess Disgrace	Lou Kuenzler	LY	5.1
Pugs of the Frozen North	Philip Reeve	LY	5.4
Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure	Alex T Smith	MY	5.6
The Abominables	Eva Ibbotson	MY	6.2
MYSTERY			
Ottoline and the Purple Fox	Chris Riddell	MY	4.8
HUMOUR			
Dog Man	Dave Pilkey	LY	2.6
The Diary of a Killer Cat	Anne Fine	MY	3.3
Horrid Henry Series	Francesca Simon	MY	3.3 +
Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Ghosts	Kevin Tsang	MY	3.7
Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl	MY	4.1
Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball	Laura Ellen Anderson	LY	4.4
Knighthood for beginners	Elys Dolan	LY	4.7
Ivan the Terrible	Anne Fine	MY	4.7
Hamish and the Worldstoppers	Danny Wallace	MY	4.8
My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish	Mo O'Hara	MY	4.8
The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog	Jeremy Strong	MY	4.8
Pippi Longstocking	Astrid Lindgren	MY	5.2
The Phantom Lollipop Man	Pamela Butchart	MY	5.5
Oliver and the Seawigs	Philip Reeve	MY	5.6
Kid Normal	Greg James	MY	6.2
FANTASY			
The Reluctant Dragon	Kenneth Grahame	LY	2.6
Harry and the Poisonous Centipede	Lynne Reid Banks	MY	3.7
Varjak Paw	S F Said	MY	3.8
Krindlekrax	Philip Ridley	MY	4.0
Mr Majeika	Humphrey Carpenter	LY	4.6
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl	MY	4.8
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl	MY	4.8
The BFG	Roald Dahl	MY	4.8
Matilda	Roald Dahl	MY	5.0
The Minpins	Roald Dahl	MY	5.1
Mrs Cockle's Cat	Philippa Pearce	MY	5.3
The Worst Witch	Jill Murphy	MY	5.4
First Prize for the Worst Witch	Jill Murphy	MY	6.2
ANIMAL STORIES			
Animal Ark Series	Lucy Daniels	MY	4.2 +
A Mouse called Wolf	Dick King Smith	LY	5.3
REAL LIFE STORIES			
Cool!	Michael Morpurgo	MY	3.4
Willa and Old Miss Annie	Berlie Doherty	MY	4.4
CLASSICS			
Madeline	Ludwig Bemelmans	LY	3.1
The Owl that was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson	LY	3.6
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown	LY	4.2
The Folk of the Faraway Tree	Enid Blyton	MY	4.3
Charlotte's Web	E B White	MY	4.4
The Butterfly Lion	Michael Morpurgo	MY	4.6
The Naughtiest Girl in the School	Enid Blyton	MY	4.6

Winnie the Pooh	A.A. Milne	MY	4.6
A Bear Called Paddington	Michael Bond	MY	4.7
My Naughty Little Sister	Dorothy Edwards	MY	5.0
Mrs Pepperpot in the Magic Wood	Alf Proysen	MY	5.3
Stig of the Dump	Clive King	MY	5.5
The Sheep Pig	Dick King Smith	LY	5.6
A Little Princess	Frances Hodgson Burnett	MY	6.0