PRESTBURY ST MARY'S C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Recommended Books for YEAR 4

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 4?

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 4. 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 Y4 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			
Operation Gadgetman!	Malorie Blackman	MY	4.1
A Dog called Grk	Josh Lacey	MY	4.2
When the Mountains Roared	Jess Butterworth	MY	4.2
The White Fox	Jackie Morris	MY	4.4
The Great Elephant Chase	Gillian Cross	MY	4.7
A Boy and a Bear in a Boat	Dave Shelton	MY	5.0
The Creakers	Tom Fletcher	MY	5.2
One Dog and his Boy	Eva Ibbotson	MY	5.6
The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Brocket	John Boyne	MY	6.2
HUMOUR			
The 13 Storey Treehouse	Andy Griffiths	MY	3.9
George's Marvellous Medicine	Roald Dahl	MY	4.0
Billionaire Boy	David Walliams	MY	4.1
Bad Dad	David Walliams	MY	4.2
The Midnight Gang	David Walliams	My	4.4
Witch Wars	Sibéal Pounder	MY	4.5
Wilf the Mighty Worrier Saves the World	Georgia Pritchett	LY	4.6
The Accidental Prime Minister	Tom McLaughlin	MY	4.6
The Accidental President	Tom McLaughlin	MY	4.9
Gangsta Granny	David Walliams	MY	4.9
The Bolds	Julian Clary	MY	5.1
You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!	Andy Stanton	MY	5.4
The Great Chocoplot	Chris Callaghan	MY	5.5
There's a Werewolf in My Tent	Pamela Butchart	MY	5.6
FANTASY			
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo	MY	4.4
The Demon Headmaster	Gillian Cross	MY	4.6
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes	MY	4.7
The Train to Impossible Places	P.G. Bell	MY	5.4
The Queen's Nose	Dick King Smith	MY	5.4
My Brother is a Superhero	David Solomons	MY	5.4
The Legend of Podkin One-Ear	Kieran Larwood	MY	5.5
How to Train Your Dragon	Cressida Cowell	MY	6.6
Goblins	Philip Reeve	MY	6.6
ANIMAL STORIES			
The Dancing Bear	Michael Morpurgo	MY	4.4
The Animals of Farthing Wood	Colin Dann	MY	6.4
REAL LIFE STORIES			
The Battle of Bubble and Squeak	Philippa Pearce	MY	4.4
The Suitcase Kid	Jacqueline Wilson	MY	4.9
A Dog Called Flow	Pippa Goodhart	MY	5.1
The Peppermint Pig	Nina Bawden	MY	5.7
HISTORICAL FICTION			
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips	Michael Morpurgo	MY	4.8
Fire, Bed and Bone	Henrietta Branford	MY	5.0
War Game	Michael Foreman	MY	5.5
CLASSICS			
Bill's New Frock	Anne Fine	MY	4.3

Lizzie Dripping	Helen Cresswell	MY	4.5
The Famous Five: Five on a Treasure Island	Enid Blyton	MY	4.6
The Borrowers	Mary Norton	My	5.3
The Children of Green Knowe	Lucy M. Boston	MY	5.3
The Way to Sattin Shore	Philippa Pearce	MY	5.4
Stuart Little	E.B. White	MY	6.0