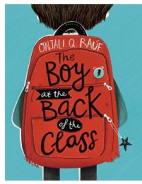


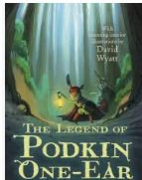
Dear Parents (and children),

These reading recommendations consist of a variety of fiction and non-fiction books for all ability ranges and interests. We recommend these authors, but they are only a selection of the latest titles available. We would love to see more children reading books so if you find a book that you would like to recommend, send a book review our way!



The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He is 9 years old, just like me but he is strange. He never talks and never smiles? I wonder what secret is he hiding?



Podkin One Ear by Kieran Larwood

Podkin is the son of the warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger.... Is that day today?



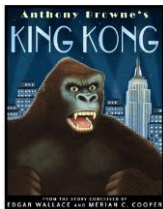
The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin

When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world. Before long, people are calling for the current leader to resign.



Dog Man by Dav Pilkey

This lively and easy to read series of comic book style stories, with one idea per picture, may well be your child's next favourite set of books. Good for reluctant readers.



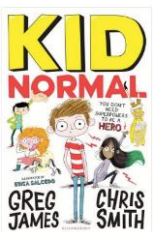
King Kong by Anthony Browne

The classic tale of the giant ape who falls in love with the beautiful Ann Darrow but finds himself locked up and held in captivity. When he escapes, chaos ensues in New York.



The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson

A funny take on the abominable snowman legend. A boy and a girl hatch a plan to save a family of yetis from hunters, by hiding them in a bridal suite and a giant freezer lorry.

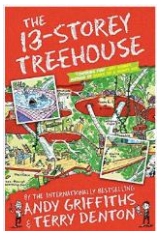


Kid Normal by Greg James

Murph Cooper is joining a new school. But it is several weeks into the new term and everyone else has settled in. Suddenly he isn't feeling quite so confident. As if that's not enough – there's a strange half insect super villain to deal with.

The 13 Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths

A cartoon-illustrated story about the most amazing treehouse ever! Secret science labs, catapults and a clever marshmallow machine are just some of the unexpected things found inside. Great for reluctant readers.



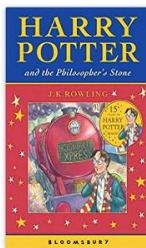
The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd

When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his Grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches.



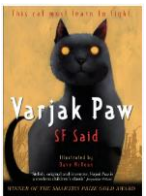
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K Rowling

Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat at number four, Privet Drive. Addresses in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man calls with some astonishing news.... Harry Potter is a wizard!



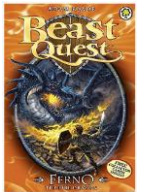
Varjak Paw by SF Said

When Varkjak Paw, an exotic blue cat, listens to his grandfather tell him the mysterious ways of secret ninja cats, he soon finds himself thrust into a world of strange events and dangerous adventures.



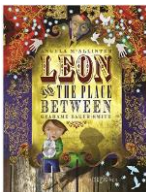
Beast Quest by Adam Blade

A fast-paced and exciting series of books set in a fantasy land with dragons, wizards, good vs evil and strong heroes and heroines.



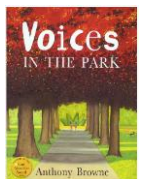
Leon and the Place Between by Angela McAllister and Gragame Baker-Smith

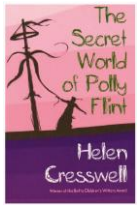
Leon finds out what happens to the rabbit which appears from a hat and where the magician's assistant disappears to – but can he find his way back from the 'place between'?



Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne

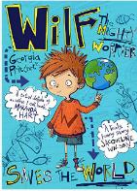
A clever book which looks at the same story from different perspectives, this is a picture book which is ideal to provoke discussion.





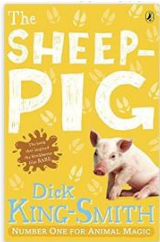
The Secret World of Polly Flint by Helen Cresswell

The imaginative story of Polly Flint who can see things other children cannot, including a village and its inhabitants which disappeared long ago.



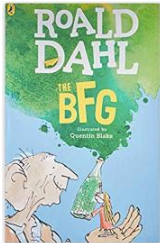
Wilf the Mighty Worrier saves the World by Georgia Pritchett

Wilf worries about everything- plush toys, peanut butter, the man next door – but then he has to contend with Alan, the Evil Lunatic. Can Wilf save the day?



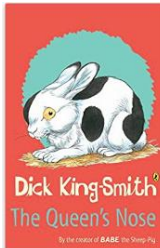
The Sheep-Pig by Dick King-Smith

When Babe, the little orphaned piglet, is won at a fair by Farmer Hogget, he is adopted by Fly, the kind-hearted sheep-dog. Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. He knows he can't be a sheep-dog. But maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.



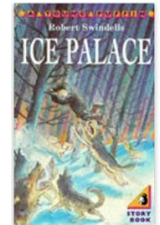
The BFG by Roald Dahl

The BFG is no ordinary bone-crunching giant. He is far too nice and jumbly. It's luck for Sophie that he is. Had she been carried off in the middle of the night by the Bloodbottler, or any other giants, she would have soon become breakfast.



The Queen's Nose by Dick King-Smith

Harmony's uncle sends her on a treasure trail – which ends in finding a 50p piece. But the coin is a magic one, and when you rub the queen's nose, your wishes will come true.

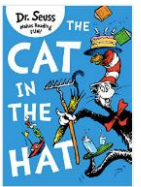


Ice Palace by Robert Swindells

An extremely fast-paced adventure which won't leave the reader bored for a second. When the King of Winter, Ivan sets out on an epic and dangerous quest to get him back.

The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

Possibly the coolest cat in existence, he can turn the most boring day into a fun adventure for Sally and her brother.



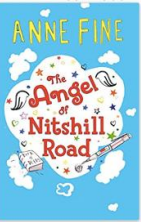
Hansel and Gretel by Anthony Browne

Hansel and Gretel is perhaps the darkest and greatest of the fairytales. This extraordinary book brings the classic childhood tale to a new generation courtesy of one of the world's greatest picture book artists.



Angel of Nitshill Road by Anne Fine

Until the angel came, Penny, Mark and Marigold were bitterly unhappy. Barry Hunter was bullying them and everyone at Nitshill Road School knew about it. But the angel brings a clever solution...Life as school is going to be very different from now on.



Arthur and the Golden Rope (Brownstone's Mythical Collection) by Joe Todd Stanton

Follow the epic journey of Brownstone's earliest ancestor, Arthur, and travel back to the age of the Vikings where this bookish young adventurer must find the courage to save his village and defeat the mighty beast Fenrir.



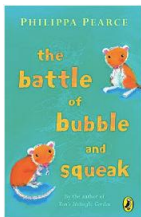
Beaver Towers by Nigel Hinton

This is the first adventure in the 'Beaver Towers' series. A magic spell whisks Philip away on his new kite to a far-off island where he meets the Beavers. They tell him of the terrible danger that threatens them, the wicked witch Oyin who has imprisoned most of the island's inhabitants. Can Philip save the day?



The Battle of Bubble and Squeak by Philippa Pearce

Sid, Peggy and Amy adore the two gerbils, Bubble and Squeak, but their mother detests them. A major family battle results, and its clear life is never going to be the same again.

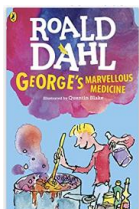


Year 3 Challenging Reads



I Ate Sunshine for Breakfast by Michael Holland and Philip Giordano

A breath-taking illustrated book that looks at how plants affect our lives – from providing raw materials for food, medicine, sport and music; to ensuring the health of the planet by releasing oxygen, absorbing chemicals and safeguarding the water cycle.



George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl

George Kranky's Grandma is a miserable grouch. One Saturday morning, George is in charge of giving Grandma her medicine... George knows exactly what to do!

Continue the magical journey with the Harry Potter series by J.K Rowling

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child – Parts One and Two

