

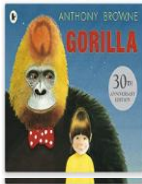
Dear Parents (and children),

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!



Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

Mr Fox is so clever that every evening he creeps down into the valley and helps himself to food from many farms and those ghastly farmers can't catch him.... or can they?



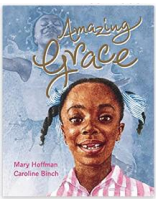
Gorilla by Anthony Browne

Hannah loves gorillas but has never seen one. Her father's too busy to take her to the zoo – or for anything else come to that. For her birthday, Hannah asks her father for a gorilla, she is disappointed when she discovers it is a toy one but then something extraordinary happens....



Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

One-night Max puts on his wolf suit and makes mischief of one kind or another, so his mother calls him 'Wild Thing' and send him to bed without his supper. That night a forest begins to grow in Max's room and an ocean rushes by.



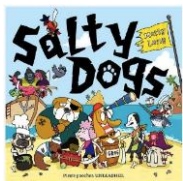
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

Grace loves to act out stories. Sometimes she plays the leading part, sometimes she is 'a cast of thousands.' When her school decides to perform Peter Pan, Grace is longing to play Peter but her classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black.



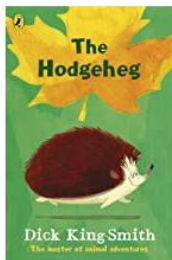
Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett

Sunny the meerkat lives with his enormous family in the Kalahari Desert. They are all very close... so close, in fact, that one day Sunny decided he's had enough and packs his bags. Where will he go and what will he see?



Salty Dogs by Matty Long

The Salty Dogs are a band of pirates constantly on the lookout for riches and treasure. Along the way, they meet outrageous sea monsters and a shop full of monkeys.



The Hedgehog by Dick King-Smith

Max is a hedgehog who live with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails. The busy road is dangerous, but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs?

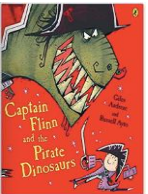
Tuesday by David Wiesner

In this ingenious and imaginative – nearly wordless – picture book, frogs in a pond lift off on their lily pads and fly to a nearby town where they zoom through a women's living room, encounter a dog playing in his yard, and distract a bathrobe clad citizen from his midnight snacks.



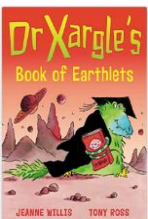
Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs by Golees Andreae

Flinn is at school looking in the art cupboard for some coloured pens to finish off his dinosaur drawing when he stumbles upon Captain Stubble, a real live Captain! He tells Flinn that his ship, the Acorn, has been stolen and he needs Flinn to help him rescue it back.



Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets by Tony Ross

"Good Morning Class, today we are going to learn about Earthlets."
In this way, Dr Xargle, our friendly alien teacher, begins to teach his class about humans and babies. This is a hysterically funny book, with a particularly wry look at the way we bring up babies: look out for the 'egg-mangle'. Will you ever want to eat egg again?



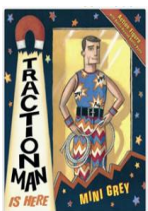
Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book? By Lauren Child

Now if you were going to fall into a book, a book of fairy tales would probably not be your first choice. Because in every story there is always a wicked this, an evil that or a hungry somebody. It could only happen to Herb, Beware of the Storybook Wolves.



Traction Man is Here by Mini Grey

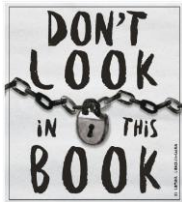
With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. Whether he is saving toys, searching the sink for the lost wreck of the sieve or rescuing damsels in distress, Traction Man is never less than stylishly turned out and expertly accessorised.



Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

Stanley Lambchop was just an ordinary boy – until a noticeboard fell on him. Now he is as flat as a pancake! Being flat is fantastic – he can be rolled up, sent in the post and even fly like a kite. But it's not all fun and games.... There are thieves in town. Can Flat Stanley be the hero?



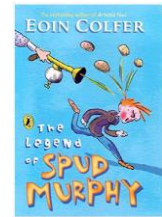
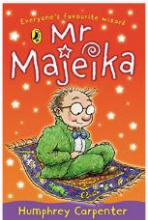


Don't Look in this Book by Samuel Langley-Swain

With an eye-catching cover and provocative title, this book is bound to appeal to reluctant readers. The artwork takes the reader on an imaginative journey through fantastical places including outer space and a luminous green sewer.

Mr Majeika by Humphrey Carpenter

Mr Majeika is no ordinary teacher. He arrives each day by magic carpet and turns the class clown into a frog. School is never the same again.

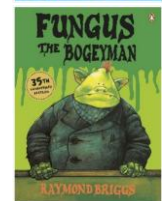
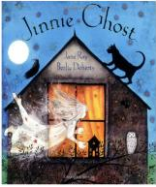


The Legend of Spud Murphy by Eoin Colfer

Not only does Will struggle to get any attention with four other brothers in the house, his mother decided to send them all to the library – in the holidays! The Librarian, Spud Murphy, is Will's worst nightmare!

Jinnie Ghost by Berlie Doherty

A captivation poem about Jinnie, a ghost who only exists in the daytime, who makes Charlotte's toys come to life and creates a giant who leads an expedition to a castle in the clouds.

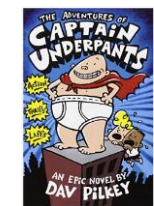
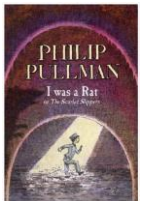


Fungus the Bogeyman by Raymond Briggs

Full of snot, slime, smells and much revoltingness! This book is bound to appeal to reluctant readers and give the whole family a giggle.

I was a Rat or, the Scarlet Slippers by Philip Pullman

A little boy turns up on the doorstep of Old Bob and his wife Joan, and when asked where he came from, says 'I was a rat!' An enthralling story with a clever twist.

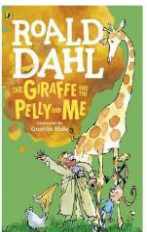


The Adventures of Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey

Two boys hypnotise their head teacher and create an alter ego – Captain Underpants – with wedgie power – fighting for good against evil!

The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl

A crazy story about Billy, who wants to own a sweet shop, and the Ladderless Window Cleaning Company run by a giraffe, a Pelly and a monkey!

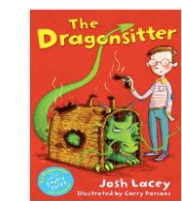
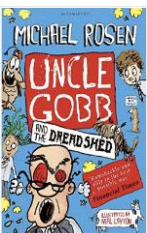


The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy

Each night, the mysterious Tear Thief takes away all the tears from every child who is unhappy. Where does the Tear Thief go, and what happens to all the tears?

Uncle Gobb and the Dread Shed by Michael Rosen

Malcolm is a normal boy, but all those around him are slightly strange. There's a school that tries hard to make everything boring, a genie who appears if you rub your nose, and a city called Ponky!

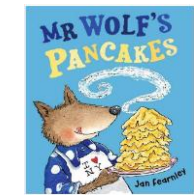


The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey

Young Edward has been asked to look after his uncle's pet while he goes on holiday. But it's no ordinary pet, it's a dragon – who eats Jemima!

Press Here by Herve Tullet

A book like no other. Push the yellow button, and the reader is faced with instructions and tasks to create an interactive experience. This book never reads quite the same way twice.



Mr Wold's Pancakes by Jan Fearnley

Traditional fairy tales, such as Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs are reworked in these extremely funny stories about a wolf who has some trouble making pancakes.

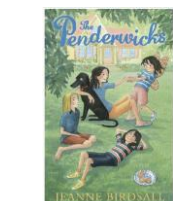
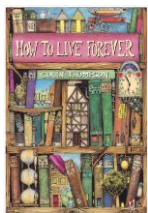
Year 2 Challenging Reads

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'?

How to Live Forever by Colin Thompson

A unique and imaginative book about Peter, who lives in a magical library and is on the search for a very special book entitled: "How to Live Forever".



The Penderwick by Jeanne Birdsall

The four Penderwicks sister are all very different. When their father takes them on holiday to a huge country house, they embark on adventures none of them will ever forget.

The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton

Could you choose between the Land of Birthdays and the Land of Toys? This is a classic and captivating story set in a magical land!

