Year Three Recommended Reading List

Below is a list of high-quality books from the ‘100 fiction books every child should read before they leave primary school’ list and the love reading website which we recommend as good reading material.

• At Khalsa Primary School we are passionate about reading because lots of research shows that children who read regularly achieve more in school and have better life outcomes (https://ces-schools.net/10-benefits-reading-children-adults-read-often/ https://www.theguardian.com/books/booksblog/2013/sep/16/reading-improves-childrens-brains/).

• Your children will also be reading many wonderful books in school, but it would be great if they could also read some books from this list as we will not be studying these books in class.

• On the Lovereading website, which is free to join, you can also find free downloadable extracts of many of these books (http://www.lovereading4schools.co.uk/). The other books can be found on Amazon.

• These books should also be available in local libraries because they are very popular.

• Please be advised that many of the books will be suitable for more than one year group as they can be read with different levels of understanding.

• This is by no means an exhaustive list! There is a lot of high-quality children’s literature in the world and you can find helpful guidance on choosing appropriately from websites such as http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/ and your local library.

• We hope you and your children enjoy reading together!
| **Boy and a Bear in a Boat**  
**Dave Shelton**  
A boy and a bear go to sea, equipped with a suitcase, a comic book and a ukulele. They are only travelling a short distance and it really shouldn't take long. But their journey doesn't quite go to plan...Faced with turbulent storms, a terrifying sea monster and the rank remains of a very dangerous sandwich, the odds are against our unlikely heroes. Will the Harriet, their trusted vessel, withstand the violent lashings of the salty waves? And will anyone ever answer their message in a bottle? Brilliantly funny and tender, this beautiful book maps the growth of a truly memorable friendship and explores how, when all else is lost, the most unexpected joys can be found. |
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| **Buckle and Squash and the Monstrous Moat-dragon**  
**Sarah Courtauld**  
Here begins a tale of two sisters - Eliza, who dreams of becoming a swashbuckling hero, and Lavender, whose greatest wish is to be a pampered princess. When Lavender gets kidnapped in the Forest of Toothy, Vicious and Flatulent Dragons, the sisters must face a host of deadly enemies. |
| **Charlotte's Web**  
**E. B. White**  
Charlotte's Web is the classic children's story by E B White. The tale of how a little girl named Fern, with the help of a friendly spider, saved her pig Wilbur from the usual fate of nice fat little pigs |
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<td>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</td>
<td>Jeff Kinney</td>
<td>Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into a new year and a new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. Recorded in his diary with comic pictures and his very own words, this test of Greg and Rowley’s friendship unfolds with hilarious results.</td>
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<td>The Worst Witch</td>
<td>Jill Murphy</td>
<td>Mildred Hubble is a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, but she's making an awful mess of it. She keeps getting her spells wrong and crashing her broomstick. And when she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet into her worst enemy, chaos ensues...</td>
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<td>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</td>
<td>Roald Dahl</td>
<td>Mr Willy Wonka is the most extraordinary chocolate maker in the world. And do you know who Charlie is? Charlie Bucket is the hero. The other children in this book are nasty little beasts, called: Augustus Gloop - a great big greedy nincompoop; Veruca Salt - a spoiled brat; Violet Beauregarde - a repulsive little gum-chewer; Mike Teavee - a boy who only watches television. Clutching their Golden Tickets, they arrive at Wonka's chocolate factory. But what mysterious secrets will they discover?</td>
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<td>Just William</td>
<td>Richmal Crompton</td>
<td>In Richmal Compton's <em>Just William</em>, the Outlaws plan a day of nonstop adventure. The only problem is that William is meant to be babysitting. But William won't let that stop him having fun with his gang - he'll just bring the baby along! There is only one William. This tousle-headed, snub-nosed, hearty, loveable imp of mischief has been harassing his unfortunate family and delighting his hundreds of thousands of admirers since 1922.</td>
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<td>The Giant's Necklace</td>
<td>Michael Morpurgo</td>
<td>A tense and thrilling ghost story from the internationally acclaimed author of <em>War Horse</em>. It all began with a necklace, made of glistening pink cowrie shells. A long, long necklace that had taken Cherry days – weeks – of careful, painstaking work. It was nearly complete, and Cherry was determined it would be the longest necklace she had ever made; that it would be fit for a giant!</td>
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<td>Swallows and Amazins</td>
<td>Arthur Ransome</td>
<td>The Walker children - also known as Captain John, Mate Susan, Able-Seaman Titty, and Ship's Boy Roger - set sail on the <em>Swallow</em> and head for Wild Cat Island. There they camp under open skies, swim in clear water and go fishing for their dinner. But their days are disturbed by the Blackett sisters, the fierce Amazon pirates. The Swallows and Amazons decide to battle it out, and so begins a summer of unforgettable discoveries and incredible adventures</td>
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**The Twits**
Roald Dahl

Mr Twit is a foul and smelly man with bits of cornflake and sardine in his beard.

Mrs Twit is a horrible old hag with a glass eye.
Together they make the nastiest couple you could ever hope not to meet.

Down in their garden, the Twits keep Muggle-Wump the monkey and his family locked in a cage. But not for much longer, because the monkeys are planning to trick the terrible Twits, once and for all . . .

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**The Little Prince**
Antione De Saint-Exupery

A pilot stranded in the desert awakes one morning to see the most extraordinary little fellow standing before him. “Please,” asks the stranger, “draw me a sheep.”

And the pilot realises that when life’s events are too difficult to understand, there is no choice but to succumb to their mysteries. He pulls out a pencil and paper . . . and thus begins this wise and enchanting fable that, in teaching the secret of what is really important in life, has changed the world forever for its readers.

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**The Tunnel**
By Anthony Browne

Once upon a time there lived a brother and sister who were complete opposites and constantly fought and argued. One day they discovered the tunnel. The boy goes through it at once, dismissing his sister’s fears. When he doesn't return his sister has to pluck up the courage to go through the tunnel too. She finds her brother in a mysterious forest where he has been turned to stone...