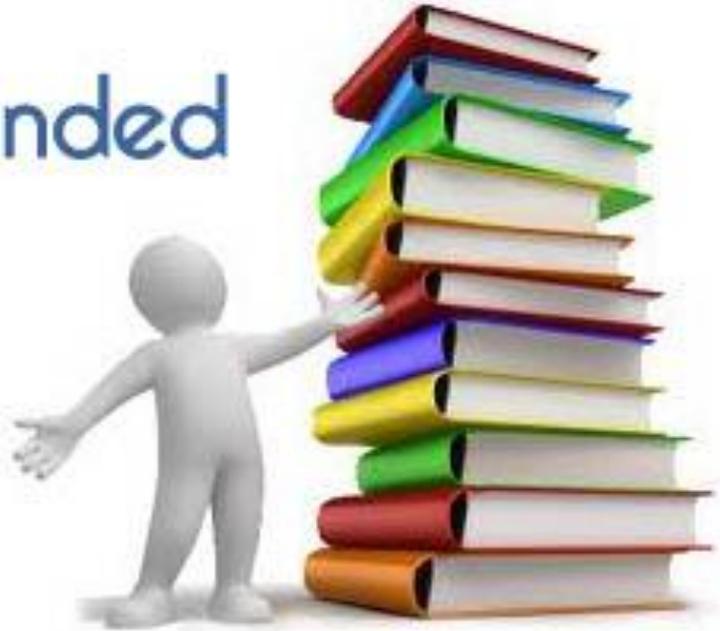




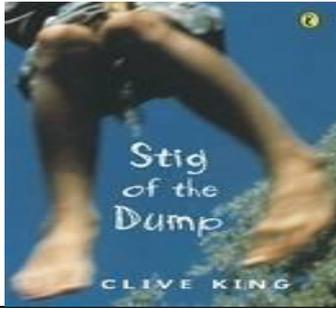
Recommended Reading...



Year Four Recommended Reading List

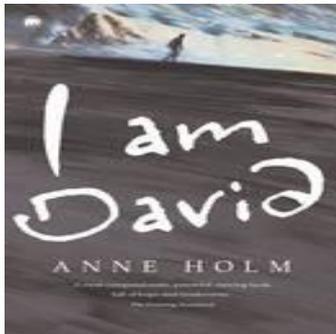
Below is a list of high-quality books from the '100 fiction books every child should read before they leave primary school' list and the love reading website which we recommend as good reading material.

- 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!



Stig of the Dump
By Clive King

Nobody believes Barney when he says he's discovered a boy living wild in the dump. But for Barney, Stig is totally real. They become great friends, learn each other's ways and embark on a series of exciting adventures.

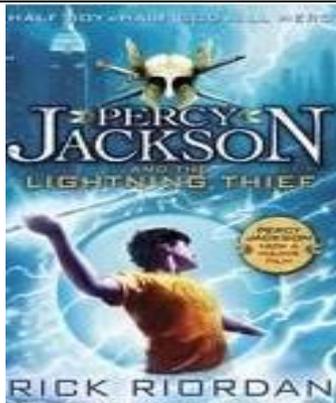


I am David
By Anne Holm

'You must get away tonight,' the man had told him. David escapes from the concentration camp where he has spent his entire life and flees across Europe.

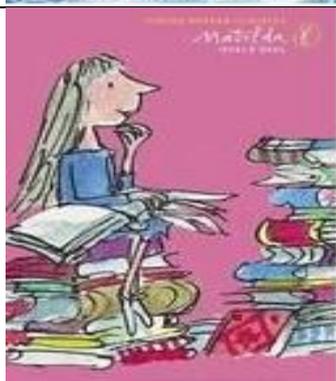
He is utterly alone - who can he trust? What will await him? And all the while, how can he be sure that they won't catch up with him ... This is the remarkable story of David's introduction to the world:

sea, mountains and flowers, the colours of Italy, the taste of fruit, people laughing and smiling, all are new to David. David learns that his polite manner, his haunted eyes and his thin features are strange to other people. He must learn to fend for himself in this strange new world.



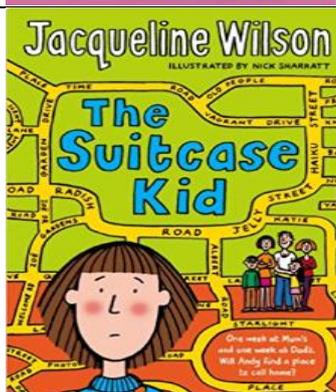
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief
By Rick Riordan

Half boy. Half God. All Hero. Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. I never asked to be the son of a Greek God. I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. Now I spend my time battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive. This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt - and making Zeus angry is a very bad idea.



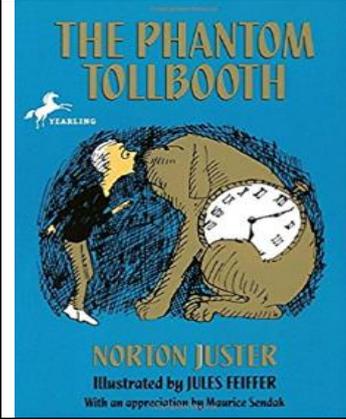
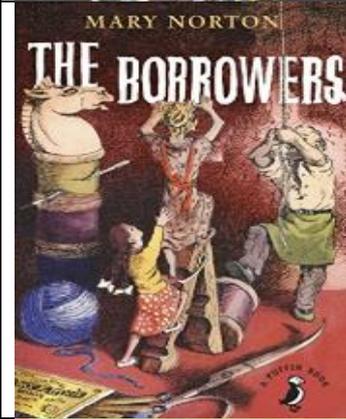
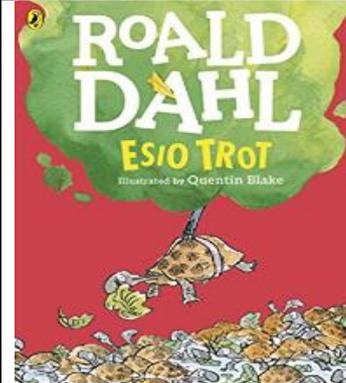
Matilda
By Roald Dahl

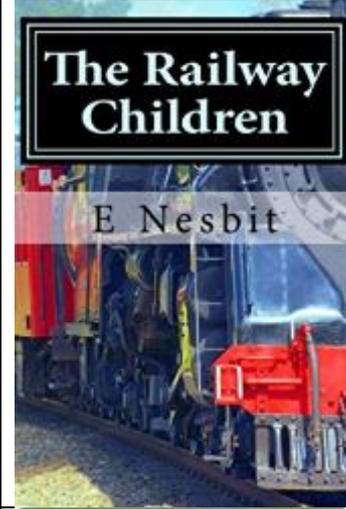
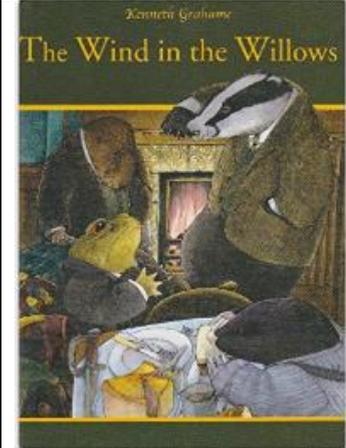
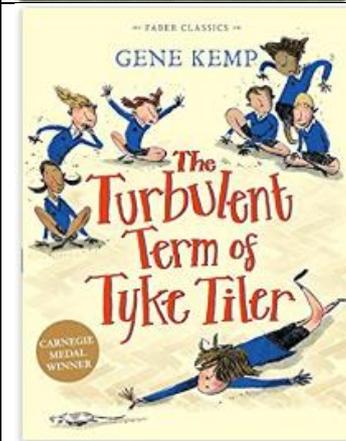
Matilda is a brilliant and sensitive child, but her parents think of her only as a nuisance. Even before she is five years old, she has read Dickens and Hemingway and still her parents think of her as a pest. So she decides to get back at them.



The Suitcase Kid
By Jacqueline Wilson

My family always lived at Mulberry Cottage. Mum, Dad, me - and Radish, my Sylvanian rabbit. But now Mum lives with Bill the Baboon and his three kids. Dad lives with Carrie and her twins. And where do I live? I live out of a suitcase. One week with Mum's new family, one week with Dad's.

	<p>The Phantom of the Tollbooth By Norion Juster</p> <p>This ingenious fantasy centers around Milo, a bored ten-year-old who comes home to find a large toy tollbooth sitting in his room. Joining forces with a watchdog named Tock, Milo drives through the tollbooth's gates and begins a memorable journey. He meets such characters as the foolish, yet lovable Humbug, the Mathemagician, and the not-so-wicked "Which, " Faintly Macabre, who gives Milo the "impossible" mission of returning two princesses to the Kingdom of Wisdom...</p>
	<p>The Secret Garden By Frances Hodgson Burnett</p> <p>On the grounds of Misselthwaite, her Uncle Archibald's estate near the Yorkshire moors, nine-year-old Mary Lennox finds a walled-in garden that has been locked securely for years. With the help of Dickon Sowerby, a young local boy who can charm animals, Mary cultivates the garden, and experiences that both improves her health and raises her spirits. Ultimately, the secret garden proves beneficial not only to Mary, but to her sickly cousin Colin. Nurtured with love and tenderness, the secret garden proves it has the power to heal the heart.</p>
	<p>The Borrowers By Mary Norton</p> <p>The Borrowers live in the secret places of quiet old houses; behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock. They own nothing, borrow everything, and think that human beings were invented just to do the dirty work. Arrietty's father, Pod, was an expert Borrower. He could scale curtains using a hatpin, and bring back a doll's teacup without breaking it. Girls weren't supposed to go borrowing but as Arrietty was an only child her father broke the rule, and then something happened which changed their lives. She made friends with the human boy living in the house...</p>
	<p>Esio Trot By Roald Dahl</p> <p>High up in a tall building lives Mr Hoppy all alone. Downstairs lives Mrs Silver. Mr Hoppy loves her. And Mrs Silver loves her tortoise, Alfie. Oh, if only Mr Hoppy could perform some great feat that would make him a hero in her eyes! Then one day his mind goes <i>click</i> and an amazing idea rushes into his head.</p> <p>With the help of a magical spell, some cabbage leaves and one hundred and forty tortoises, can shy Mr Hoppy win Mrs Silver's heart?</p>

	<p>The Railway Children By E.Nesbit The Railway Children by E.Nesbit is a classic childrens story about family who move to live by a railway station where they meet new friends and have a touching adventure. This is a classic tale that has been much loved by many for generations.</p>
	<p>Wind in the Willows By Kenneth Graham Join Mole, Ratty, Badger and Mr. Toad in their adventures and antics, from venturing into the dark and dangerous Wild Wood to larking about in their boats, in this enchantingly illustrated edition of Kenneth Grahame's timeless classic. Complete and unabridged, this is a beautiful gift to be treasured and shared year after year.</p>
	<p>The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler By Gene Kemp Tyke Tiler and Danny Price are best friends, much to the despair of the headmaster of Cricklepit Combined School - because wherever the pair go, trouble is never far behind. Stolen money, a sheep's skeleton, fights in class . . . And somehow it's always trouble that Tyke has to sort out.</p> <p>Can Tyke help the hapless Danny stay out of trouble for their last term? And what final surprise does Tyke have in store?</p>