



St Joseph and St Theresa Catholic Primary School

Year 3 Recommended Reading List

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, as well as being an enjoyable pastime, reading impacts hugely on all areas of children's learning and their writing ability. We encourage children to read as much as possible, both at home and in school.

To assist with the difficult task of choosing a new book, we have put together a recommended reading list for each year group across the school.

Whilst the children have access to a variety of books within each classroom, we are aware of the fact that not all of the below titles are available to the children in school. We are currently working on increasing the range of fiction books available to the children both in class and in the library. In the meantime, we also encourage them to bring in their own books from home, to visit their local library and to share some of the recommended books below between their friendship groups.

You will notice that this is not an exhaustive list, but it represents a cross-section of books suitable for your child's year group.

Happy reading!

Mr Pickering

Recommended books

Stories with familiar settings (school, home, etc)

- Bertagna, J- The Ice Cream Machine
- Browne, A- Gorilla, Voices in the Park
- Cameron, A- Julian Stories
- Cross, G- Posh Watson
- Dickinson, P- Chuck and Danielle
- Dunmore, H- Allie's Rabbit
- Fine, A- Care of Henry, Design a Pram, Diary of a Killer Cat, Jennifer's Diary, Loud Mouth Louis, Only a Show, Press Play
- French, V- Morris and the Catflap
- Haddon, M- Sea of Tranquility
- Hawkins, E- Hamster in Danger, Monster of a Hamster
- King-Smith, D- The Guard Dog, Happy Mouseday, Invisible Dog, The Hodgeheg, The Magic Carpet Slippers, Mr Potter's Pet
- Laybourn, E- Monster Shoes

- Lindgren, A- Lotta Says 'No'!
- Mark, J- The Snow Maze, Taking the Cat's Way Home
- Mooney, B- But You Promised, It's Not Fair, Promise Me You Won't Be Cross, Why Me?, Why Not?
- Tomlinson, J- The Cat Who Wanted to Go Home, The Otter Who Wanted to Know, The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark

Poetry: shape poems and poems based on observation and the senses

- Brownjohn, S- Both Sides of the Catflap
- Cook, H- Dream Time
- Corbett, P- Poems for Year 3
- Douthwaite, G- Picture a Poem
- Earl, A- Poems about Feelings
- Foster, J- Word Whirls and Other Shape Poems

Myths, legends, fables, parables, traditional stories and stories with related themes

- Agard, J- Brer Rabbit: Great Tug-o-war
- Ahlberg, A- Ten in a Bed
- Andersen, Hans Christian - any tales would be suitable.
- Anholt, L- Little Red Riding Wolf, Eco-wolf & the Three Pigs
- Barber, A- Mousehole Cat, Noah & the Ark
- Cresswell, H- The Sea Piper
- Croser, J- Baleen
- French, F- Anancy and Mr Drybone
- French, V- The Boy Who Walked on Water, Aesop's Funky Fables
- Brothers Grimm- any of their traditional stories would be suitable.
- Hoffman, M- Sun Moon & Stars
- Mitton, T- Excalibur the Magic Sword
- Naidu, V- Stories from India
- Patten, B- Beowulf & the Monster
- Whitfield, S- The legend of the Chinese Zodiac
- Wilkes, A- The Adventures of King Arthur
- Williams, M- King Arthur & the Knights of the Round Table
- Zeff, C- The Amazing Adventures of Hercules, Jason and the Gold Fleece

Humorous poetry and poems that play with words

- Agard, J- Another Day on Your Foot
- Crebbin, J- Cows Moo, Cars Toot
- Cookson, P- Let's Twist Again; Teachers' Pets; Tongue Twisters & Tonsil Twizzlers
- Foster, J- Teasing Tongue Twisters; Loopy Limericks; Crack another Yolk; Word Spinning; Firewords
- Patten, B- Juggling with Gerbils; Gargling with Jelly
- Rosen, M- You Can't Catch Me, Walking on the Bridge of Your Nose, Michael Rosen's Book of Nonsense

Adventure and Mystery Stories

- Allen, Judy- Seven Weird Days at Number 31
- Blackman, M- Wizziwig
- Blyton, E- any Famous Five title
- Bradman, T- Tommy Niner and the Mystery Spaceship
- Brennan, H- Eddie & the Bad Egg; Eddie & the Dirty Dogs
- Broad, M- Agent Amelia: Ghost Diamond
- Burlington, M- Lighthouse Joey
- Carpenter, H- any Mr Majeika title
- Defoe, D- Robinson Crusoe (retold by Angela Wilkes)
- Deary, T- Time Detectives series
- Morpurgo, M- Black Queen; Dancing Bear
- Mould, C- Treasure Island
- Odgers, D- Jack Russell: Dog Detective

Adventure and Mystery stories continued

- Offen, H- Rita and the Flying Saucer
- Paiba, H- Adventure Stories for Seven Year Olds
- Peyton, K- The Pony that Went to Sea
- Powling, C- Hoppity-Gap
- Rees, G- Mermaid Magic
- Ryan, M- Hover Boy: Missing Moggy Mystery
- Shire, P- Magic Pony Carousel: Flame

Classics/ Modern Classics

- White, E.B- Charlotte's Web
- Ahlberg, A- Cops and Robbers, Please Mrs Butler
- Dahl, R- Esio Trot, The Twits
- Cresswell, H- Mystery At Winklesea
- Mccaughrean, G- One Thousand And One Arabian Nights
- Murphy, J- The Worst Witch
- Child, L- Clarice Bean
- McDonald, M- Judy Moody series
- Proyson, A- Mrs Pepperpot