

Reading List

Year 3&4

Charlotte's Web (E.B. White)

Young girl adopts a pig who is the runt of the litter and thought as too weak to live. Tells the story of the livestock pig named Wilbur and his friendship with a spider named Charlotte who helps him to escape the slaughter house.

The Iron Man (Ted Hughes)

Young boy discovers the Iron Man devouring farm machinery and farmers rise up against him to lure him into a trap and bury him underground. A classic fairy tale.

Roald Dahl books

All incredible. Include 'Going Solo' which is autobiographical.

Michael Morpurgo books

All of his books are fabulous. Has written 20+ books. Some are about World War 1 and 2. All fantastic. Check out 'Kensuke's Kingdom' or 'War Horse'.

Paddington series (Michael Bond)

After his home in Peruvian rainforest being destroyed by a deadly earthquake, a young bear travels to England in search of a new home.

Olga da Polga (Michael Bond)

Trilogy of a guinea-pig and her adventures with her friends. Laugh out loud funny.

Winnie the Pooh (A. A. Milne)

Honey-loving, good-natured bear who lives in the forest with his friends surrounding the Hundred Acre Woods.

The Magic Faraway Tree books (Enid Blyton)

Three siblings move to live near a large wood where they one day discover an enormous tree whose branches seem to reach into the clouds.

Usborne Young Reading.

These books are abridged versions of classics. They give the child the rich vocabulary and ideas of the original book but are easier to engage with. It also (possibly) means the child may read the book in the original when they are older as they will have had a taster of the story. Good examples would be: The Railway Children, Journey to the Centre of the Earth and Oliver Twist.

The Firework Maker's Daughter (Philip Pullman)

Challenging book but well worth the effort. Adventure of a young girl who wants to become a firework-maker like her father, but he thinks it is an unsuitable job for a girl.

The Chronicles of Narnia (C.S. Lewis)

Don't dismiss the other books. The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe is not the only one. Read all the other books – 'The Voyage of the Dawn Treader' is fantastic.

101 Dalmatians (Dodie Smith)

Two dogs' puppies go missing and so the Dearly family set off to find them, with many adventures on the way, eventually coming head to head with Cruella de Vil, her boss.

The Little Prince (Antoine de Saint-Exupery)

A prince recounts the story of his life on his tiny planet as he is stranded in the desert for eight days, while the narrator tries to repair his plane.

Emil and the Detectives (Eric Kastner)

Emil and his friends set out in pursuit of the thief, Emil needs to get the money back!

The Borrowers (Mary Norton)

A family of tiny people live under the stairs and they borrow things from the house. One day everything changes when Arrietty makes friends with the "boy upstairs"