

KS3 – Recommended Reading List

Action/Adventure

BRADFORD Chris	Young Samurai series
FUNKE Cornelia	The Thief Lord
GERAS Adele	Troy
HOROWITZ Anthony	Alex Rider novels (Stormbreaker etc)
MCKENZIE Sophie	Blood Ties
MUCHAMORE Robert	Cherub series
RYAN Chris	Alpha Force Series

Animal Stories

ADAMS Richard	Watership Down
CORDER Zizou	Lion Boy
GROGAN John	Marley and Me
IBBOTSON Eva	One Dog and His Boy
LONDON Jack	White Fang
MARTEL Yann	Life of Pi
MORPURGO Michael	Shadow, and others
MYRON Vicki	Dewey
WILLIAMSON Henry	Tarka the Otter

Biography/Autobiography

DAHL Roald	Boy
FRANK Anne	Diary of Anne Frank
KERR Judith	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
MCCOURT Frank	Angela's Ashes
PELZER David	A Child Called 'It'
YEN MAH Adeline	Chinese Cinderella
YOUSAFZAI Malala	I am Malala

Classics/Modern Classics

ALCOTT Louisa May	Little Women
AUSTEN Jane	Pride and Prejudice
BARRIE J M	Peter Pan
BAUM Frank	The Wizard of Oz
BAWDEN Nina	Carrie's War
BURNETT Frances Hodgson	The Secret Garden
CARROLL Lewis	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
DICKENS Charles	Oliver Twist, Great Expectations etc
SEWELL Anna	Black Beauty
TOLKIEN J R R	The Hobbit & Lord of the Rings Trilogy

Crime/Mystery

CASSIDY Anne	Looking for JJ etc.
DOWD Siobhan	The London Eye Mystery
DOYLE Sir Arthur Conan	Sherlock Holmes
LANE Andrew	Young Sherlock series
MASON Simon	Running Girl
SLATER Kim	Smart
STROUD Jonathan	Lockwood & Co series

Dyslexia Friendly

BARLOW Steve & SKIDMORE iHorror series
BRADFORD Chris Ninja series
MCGOWAN Anthony The Fall
PALMER Tom Secret FC and Scrum

Dystopian

BERGIN Virginia The Rain
COLLINS Suzanne The Hunger Games trilogy
CROSS Gillian After Tomorrow
ROTH Veronica Divergent series
YOUNG Moira The Blood Red Road

Fantasy

COLFER Eoin Artemis Fowl
FUNKE Cornelia Inkheart
HEARN Lian Across the Nightingale Floor
LEWIS C S Narnia
LANDY Derek Skulduggery Pleasant series
NICHOLSON William The Wind of Fire Trilogy
NIX Garth Sabriel, Mr Monday etc
PAOLINI Christopher Eragon
PAVER Michelle Wolf Brother (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness)
PRATCHETT Terry Nation and his Discworld series
PULLMAN Phillip Northern Lights (His Dark Materials)
STEWART & RIDDELL The Edge Chronicles & Stormchasers
TOLKIEN J R R The Hobbit

Film/TV Tie-Ins

BOYCE Frank Cottrell Millions
CABOT Meg The Princess Diaries
DAHL Roald Matilda + Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
LEWIS C S The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
ROSOFF How I Live Now
ROWLING J K Harry Potter series
SACHAR Louis Holes
SNICKET Lemony A Series of Unfortunate Events
WILSON Jacqueline The Story of Tracy Beaker

Historical

BAWDEN Nina Carrie's War
BOYNE John The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
BRESLIN Theresa Remembrance
CASTOR H M VIII
GARDNER Sally I, Coriander
GLEITZMAN Morris Once, Then, Now and After
MAGORIAN Michelle Goodnight Mr Tom
MORPURGO Michael Private Peaceful
PULLMAN Phillip Ruby in the Smoke
SERRAILLIER Ian The Silver Sword
SUTCLIFFE William The Wall
ZUSAK Marcus The Book Thief

Humour

DAHL Roald	Many!
KINNEY Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid
LOWERY Mark	Socks are Not Enough
MERES Jonathan	World of Norm
PICHON Liz	Tom Gates series
RENNISON Louise	Georgia Nicholson series
RUSSELL Rachel Renee Russell	Dork Diaries series
SMALE Holly	Geek Girl
STEVENS Rob	Would the Real Stanley Carrot Stand Up?
TOWNSEND Sue	The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole
WALLIAMS David	Mr Stink, Demon Dentist etc

Other Cultures

BLACKMAN Malorie	Noughts and Crosses
CROSS Gillian	Where I Belong
IBBOTSON Eva	Journey to the River Sea
LAIRD Elizabeth	The Garbage King/Kiss the Dust
MULLIGAN Andy	Trash
NAIDOO Beverley	The Other Side of Truth
ZEPHANIAH Benjamin	Refugee Boy

Prize winners

BOYCE Frank Cottrell	Millions
CHAMBERS Aidan	Postcards from No Man's Land
CREECH Sharon	Ruby Holler
GIBBONS Alan	The Edge
HADDON Mark	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night
LANDMAN Tanya	Buffalo Soldier
LOWRY Lois	The Giver
RUNDELL Katherine	Rooftoppers
SAUNDERS Kate	Five Children on the Western Front

Real Life/Issues

BROOKS Kevin	Martyn Pig
BURGESS Melvin	Junk
CROSSAN Sarah	Apple and Rain
DHAMI Narinder	Bhangra Babes
GREEN John	The Fault in our Stars
HADDON Mark	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night
HOPKINS Cathy	Mates, Dates etc
MCKAY Hilary	Saffy's Angel
NESS Patrick	A Monster Calls
SACHAR Louis	Holes
WILSON Jacqueline	Lola Rose, Vicky Angel, Tracy Beaker

Science-Fiction

BOYCE Frank Cottrell	Cosmic
BUSHNELL Niel	Sorrowline
DASHNER James	Maze Runner series
LORE Pittacus	I Am Number Four (Lorien Legacies)
NESS Patrick	Chaos Walking series
PATTERSON James	Daniel X series

ROBINSON Jon	Nowhere series
SAID S.F.	Phoenix
SCARROW Alex	Time Riders series
WALDEN Mark	H.I.V.E. series
WESTERFIELD Scott	Uglies

Supernatural and Scary Stuff

HARDINGE Frances	Cuckoo Song
HIGSON Charlie	The Enemy series
MCKAY Kirsty	Undead
HILL Susan	The Woman in Black
HILL Will	Department 19 series
MEAD Richelle	Vampire Academy series
MEYER Stephanie	Twilight Saga
REES Celia	The Vanished
SEDGWICK Marcus	My Swordhand is Singing
SHAN Darren	Many!

We have a selection of “quick read” books, dyslexia friendly, Manga and graphic novels in the LRC, in addition to an extensive collection of non-fiction.

Useful Websites

<https://warwickshiresls.wheelers.co/>

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<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Libraries> Free and you can join online

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

<http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site>

<http://www.lovereadng4schools.co.uk/>

What can parents do to support literacy at home?

Let your child see you reading.

Discuss books, articles, magazines, websites etc.

Ask your child to recommend something to read.

Visit your public library and a bookshop.

Buy a book as a gift.

Encourage reading time – turn off all screens!

Sport can offer a way in, e.g. reading match reports, sports magazines, autobiographies. Other non-fiction, such as The Guinness World Records, Ripley’s Believe it or Not! etc. are also great for sharing and discussing.