



# St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School

## Recommended Reading List



We are often asked to recommend books so I thought it may be valuable to have a list of some super books - ones that should be read over and over, ones that have wonderful language/phrases for children to learn and use in their own writing. It is essential that children learn to read 'fluently' - this means without stumbling or sounding out words.

With repeated practice at reading the same book, they will eventually become fluent. It is only when they can read a book 'fluently' that they truly enjoy it and understand it. Remember it is recommended for you to read to them and with them too - read a page each. This is often great fun.

The list is in difficulty order. The first book within each age group list is easier than the last book within each list.

### Nursery

### 3-4 yrs

Title	Author
Where's Spot	Eric Hill
Dear Zoo	Rod Campbell
You Choose	Pippa Goodhart
We're going on a bear hunt	Michael Rosen
Brown bear, brown bear what do you see?	Eric Carle
Jasper's Beanstalk	Mike Inkpen
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy	Lynley Dodd
Each Peach Pear Plum	Janet Ahlberg
Hug	Jez AQLborough
The Train Ride	June Crebbin
Come on Daisy!	Jane Simmons

**Reception****4-5 yrs**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Owl Babies	Martin Waddell
The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson
Handa's Surprise	Eileen Browne
Mr Gumpy's Outing	John Burningham
Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins
Six Dinner Sid	Inga Moore
Mrs Armitage on Wheels	Quentin Blake
Whatever Next	Jill Murphy
On the Way Home	Jill Murphy
Farmer Duck	Martin Waddell
Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown
Shhh!	Sally Grindley

**Year 1****5-6 yrs**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Peace at Last	Jill Murphy
Can't You Sleep Little Bear	Martin Waddell
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak
The Elephant and the Bad Baby	Elfrida Vipont
Avocado Baby	John Burningham
The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr
Lost and Found	Oliver Jeffers
Knuffle Bunny	Mo Willems
Beegu	Alexis Deacon
Dogger	Shirley Hughes
Cops and Robbers	Alan and Janet Ahlberg
Elmer	David McKee

**Year 2**

6-7 yrs

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Traction Man is Here	Mini Grey
Meerkat Mail	Emily Gravett
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman
Pumpkin Soup	Helen Cooper
Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book?	Lauren Child
Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets	Tony Ross
Not Now Bernard	David McKee
Tuesday	David Wiesner
The Flower	John Light
Gorilla	Anthony Browne
Emily Brown and The Thing	Cressida Cowell
Frog and Toad Together	Arnold Lobel
The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson
The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me	Roald Dahl
Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl
The Hodgeheg	Dick King-Smith
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
Willa and old Miss Annie	Berlie Doherty

**Year 3**

7-8 yrs

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes
Cat Tales: Ice Cat	Linda Newberry
The Sheep-pig	Dick King-Smith
The Abominables	Eva Ibbotson
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	CS Lewis
The Battle of Bubble and Speak	Phillipa Pearce
Hansel and Gretel	Anthony Browne

**Year 4****8-9 yrs**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Bill's New Frock	Anne Fine
Charlotte's Web	EB White
Why the Whales Came	Michael Morpurgo
The Firework-Maker's Daughter	Phillip Pullman
The Snow Walker's Son	Catherine Fisher
Perry Angel's Suitcase	Glenda Millard
Voices in the Park	Anthony Browne

**Year 5****9-10 yrs**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken
Varjak Paw	SF Said
Wolf Brother	Michelle Paver
Street Child	Berlie Doherty
The Midnight Fox	Betsy Byars
Tom's Midnight Garden	Phillipa Pearce
FARThER	Grahame Baker-Smith

**Year 6****10-11 yrs**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
Holes	Louis Sachar
Clockwork	Philip Pullman
The Hobbit	JRR Tolkein
Skellig	David Almond
Fireweed	Jill Paton Walsh
River Boy	Tim Bowler
The Arrival	Shaun Tan