

SPRATTON HALL – YEARS 3 – 5 RECOMMENDED READING

Welcome to the English Reading List for Years 3 – 5!

To help you with the difficult task of choosing new books, I have put together this updated list, combining the best traditional literature with some modern material suitable for the first three years of Prep School. Clearly it is impossible to provide an exhaustive list, nor is it desirable as it is important that you, as readers, discover for yourselves the books you enjoy reading most. In many cases, only one or two books have been listed per author, but it is hoped that you will explore the many different books each has to offer.

I have targeted classic and contemporary literature to appeal to all. Those books marked * are aimed particularly at older or more advanced readers within the age group. Inevitably, all lists of this kind are out of date immediately, and it is my intention to update this list periodically with new titles.

I have arranged the books into categories, as many of you will already have formed preferences for one type of writing over another, but please explore the various different types of literature on this list. You may find that you like things you never even considered reading.

Happy reading!

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FANTASY & ADVENTURE

Barrie, JM	<i>Peter Pan</i>
Barry, J	<i>A Thief in the Village</i>
Branford, H	<i>Spacebaby</i>
Briggs, R	<i>The Fairytale Treasury</i>
Byars, B	<i>The Eighteenth Emergency</i>
Carroll, L	<i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*</i>
Colfer, E	<i>Artemis Fowl*</i>
Cooper, S	<i>The Boggart</i>
Crompton, R	<i>The William Stories</i>
Crossley-Holland, K	<i>Enchantment</i>
Dahl, R	<i>Boy</i>
Dahl, R	<i>Danny the Champion of the World</i>
Doherty, B	<i>Fairy Tales</i> <i>Tales of Wonder and Magic</i>
George, J	<i>My Side of the Mountain*</i>
Grahame, K	<i>Wind in the Willows</i>
Green, R	<i>The Adventures of Robin Hood</i>
Hughes, T	<i>The Iron Man</i>
Hunter, N	<i>The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm</i>
Ibbotsen, E	<i>Which Witch</i>
Jacques, B	<i>Redwall Series*</i>
Jarvis, R	<i>Deptford Mice Trilogy</i>
King-Smith, D	<i>The Hodgeheg</i> <i>The Sheep-Pig</i>
Lewis, C S	<i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i>
Lively, P	<i>Fanny and the Monsters</i>
Lofting, H	<i>The Story of Doctor Dolittle</i>

Mahy, M	<i>The Great Piratical Rumbustification</i>
Morpurgo, M	<i>Little Foxes</i> <i>Kensuke's Kingdom*</i>
Murphy, J	<i>The Worst Witch</i>
Nesbit, E	<i>The Enchanted Castle</i>
Pratchett, T	<i>Only You Can Save Mankind</i>
Pullman, P	<i>Northern Lights</i>
Ransome, A	<i>Swallows and Amazons*</i>
Rowling, J K	<i>The Harry Potter Series</i>
Sachar, L	<i>Holes</i>
Seth, V	<i>Beastly Tales from Here and There</i>
Smith, D	<i>The Hundred and One Dalmatians*</i>
Stevenson, R L	<i>Kidnapped</i>
Strong, J	<i>The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog</i> <i>Granny's Great Escape</i>
Tolkien, J R R	<i>The Hobbit</i>
Wilkinson, C	<i>Dragon Keeper</i>
Wilson, J	<i>Buried Alive</i>

WAR, CONFLICT AND HISTORY

Aiken, J	<i>The Cuckoo Tree</i>
Bawden, N	<i>Carrie's War*</i>
Doherty, B	<i>Children of Winter</i>
Donkin, A	<i>Harry's Battle of Britain</i>
Foreman, M	<i>After the War was Over</i>
Foreman, M	<i>War Boy</i>
Frank, A	<i>The Diary of a Young Girl (abridged version)</i>
French, J	<i>Hitler's Daughter</i>
George, J	<i>Escape from Germany</i>
Goscinnny, R	<i>Asterix</i>
Kerr, J	<i>When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit</i>
Leeson, R	<i>Tom's Private War</i>
Magorian, M	<i>Goodnight, Mr Tom*</i>
McCaughrean, G	<i>Rebels and Royals</i>
McCaughrean, G	<i>The Odyssey</i>
McKinley, P	<i>Tales of Wonder and Magic</i>
Morpurgo, M	<i>Private Peaceful</i>
Nimmo, J	<i>Thumbelina</i>
Paton Walsh, J	<i>Pepi and the Secret Names</i>
Serraillier, I	<i>The Silver Sword</i>
White, T H	<i>The Sword in the Stone</i>

HORROR, MYSTERY AND THRILLER

Almond, D	<i>The Fire Eaters</i>
Blackman, M	<i>Don't Be Afraid</i>
Childs, R	<i>Gone Fishing</i>
Cooper, L	<i>Storm Ghost</i>
Cooper, S	<i>The Boggart and the Monster</i>
Dowling, P	<i>Hide and Shriek</i>
Funke, C	<i>The Thief Lord</i>
Gaarder, J	<i>The Christmas Mystery</i>

Gaiman, N	<i>The Wolves in the Walls</i>
Hamley, D	<i>Dracula</i>
Hitchcock, A	<i>A Ghostly Gallery</i>
Horowitz, A	<i>Groosham Grange</i>
Huddy, D	<i>The Nearly Ghost Baby</i>
Hughes, S	<i>It's Too Frightening for Me</i>
Lawrence, C	<i>The Thieves of Ostia</i>
Masters, A	<i>Dead Man's Fingers</i>
Preece, P	<i>Halls of Mirrors</i>

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

Alcott, L M	<i>Little Women*</i>
Barrie, J M	<i>Peter Pan*</i>
Blackman, M	<i>Pig-Heart Boy*</i>
Blume, J	<i>The Fudge Series</i>
Byars, B	<i>The Eighteenth Emergency</i>
Daniels, L	<i>The Animal Ark Series</i>
Edwards, D	<i>My Naughty Little Sister</i>
Escott, J	<i>Double Take</i>
Exupery, A St	<i>The Little Prince</i>
Fine, A	<i>Loud Mouth Louis</i> <i>Only a Show</i>
Gavin, J	<i>The Three Indian Princesses</i>
Geras, A	<i>Little Swan Ballet Books</i>
Ibbotson, E	<i>Journey to the River Sea</i>
Ingalls Wilder, L	<i>Little House on the Prairie</i>
King Smith, D	<i>Babe</i>
Reid Banks, L	<i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i>
Simon, F	<i>Horrid Henry</i>
Spry, J	<i>Heidi</i>
White, E B	<i>Charlotte's Web</i> <i>Stuart Little</i>

GENERAL READING

Aiken, J	<i>A Handful of Gold</i> <i>Go Saddle the Sea</i>
Ashley, B	<i>Dinner Ladies Don't Count</i> <i>Little Soldier</i>
Atkinson, E	<i>Greyfriars' Bobby</i>
Barber, A	<i>The Mousehole Cat</i>
Blackman, M	<i>WhizzWig</i>
Blake, Q	<i>The Story of the Dancing Frog</i>
Blyton, E	<i>The Famous Five</i>
Bond, M	<i>A Bear Called Paddington</i>
Boston, L	<i>The Children of Green Knowe</i>
Brown, J	<i>Flat Stanley and Other Adventures</i>
Buckeridge, A	<i>Jennings' Stories</i>
Carpenter, H	<i>Mr Majeika Stories</i>
Cresswell, H	<i>Lizzie Dripping</i>
Cross, G	<i>The Demon Headmaster</i>
Dahl, R	<i>Fantastic Mr Fox</i>

	<i>The Witches*</i> <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>
Dann, C	<i>The Animals of Farthing Wood</i>
Deary, T	<i>Horrible Histories</i>
Dicks, T	<i>The Littlest Dinosaur</i>
Edwards, D	<i>My Naughty Little Sister</i>
Fine, A	<i>Bill's New Frock</i> <i>Diary of a Killer Cat</i> <i>The Angel of Nitshill Road</i>
Hill, S	<i>I'm the King of the Castle</i>
Kipling, R	<i>Just So Stories</i>
Marryat, C	<i>The Children of the New Forest</i>
Milne, AA	<i>Winnie the Pooh</i>
Morpurgo, M	<i>Farm Boy</i>
Reid Banks, L	<i>The Bongleweed</i>
Streatfield, N	<i>Ballet Shoes</i> <i>Gemma</i>
Wilson, J	<i>Sleepovers</i> <i>Cliffhangers</i>

POETRY

Agard, J	<i>Under the Moon and Over the Sea</i>
Aliberg, A	<i>The Mights Slide/Please Mrs Butler/Heard it in the Playground</i>
Berry, J	<i>Only One of Me</i>
Creech, S	<i>Love That Dog</i>
McGough, R	<i>100 Best Poems for Children</i>
Moses, B	<i>Are We Nearly There Yet?</i>
Nichols, G	<i>Give Yourself a Hug</i>
Rosen, M	<i>No Breathing in Class</i>
Stevenson, R, L	<i>A Child's Garden of Verses</i>
Zephaniah, B	<i>Wicked World</i>