

Reading List for Year 3

This list is only a **guide** and a **starting point**.

If your children cannot read these books independently you can **read them to your child**. It is really important to **keep reading to them** even when they can read by themselves.

There are lots of ways to find new and exciting books for your children to read:

Go and browse in bookshops. Your children can look at the cover, look at the blurb and have a look inside to see if it is going to be the right book for them.

Go and browse in libraries. This is the best (and cheapest) way to get new books. Ask the librarians for recommendations.

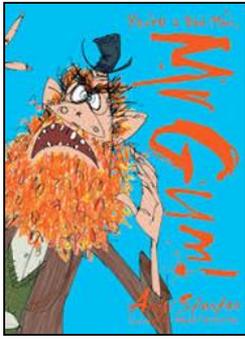
Speak to other parents and children. Many of the books on this list have been recommended by pupils in the school.

Speak to teachers. If you are still struggling to find books that will suit your child then speak to the teachers.

Use the internet. There are lots of websites that have suggestions for young readers. One website which is particularly helpful is www.whonextguide.com This website allows you to type in the name of an author and then it gives you suggestions about who you can read next.

This list has not included any **poetry** or **non-fiction**.

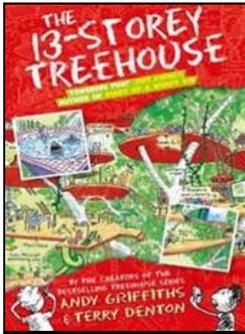
- It is not hard to find age-appropriate **poetry** in shops and libraries. Look for an anthology that appeals to your child. Nonsense poems and funny poems can often be a good place to start.
- In terms of non-fiction then it is often good to start with newspapers, like **First News**. They can also look for magazines and books about **topics that interest them**. There are good reference sections in bookshops and libraries.
- When your children can read longer books, don't stop reading **picture books**. These books are great to share and discuss with your children. Talking about the pictures can help with inference.



You're a Bad Man Mr Gum

Andy Stanton

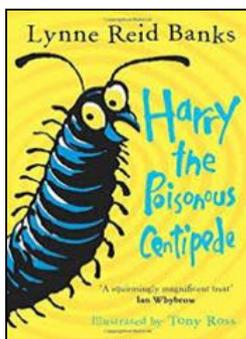
Mr Gum is a truly nasty old *man*. He's absolutely grimsters. But this book's not just about him. There's also a little girl called Polly, an absolute winner called Friday O'Leary, an evil butcher, heroes and sweets and stuff, and a furry wobbler of a dog called Jake WHO MUST BE SAVED FROM TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE EVIL.



13 Storey Tree House

Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

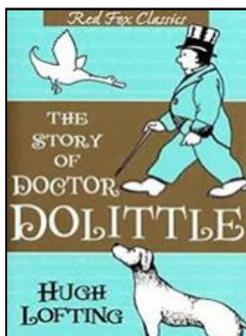
Andy and Terry live in the WORLD'S BEST treehouse! It's got a *giant* catapult, a *secret underground* laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're *hungry!*



Harry the Poisonous Centipede

Lynne Reid Banks

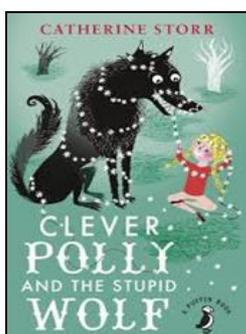
This is the adventure of Harry the poisonous centipede, who befriends George, another centipede, learns how to swim and discovers the dangers of going up the 'down pipe' and faces the greatest danger of all: hoo-mins



Dr Dolittle

Hugh Lofting

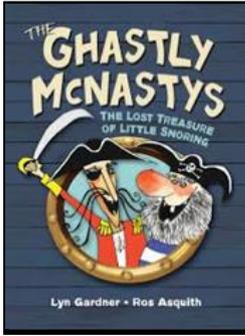
When a swallow arrives in Puddleby-on-the-Marsh with the news that the monkeys of Africa are ill and only the doctor who talks with animals can save them, Doctor Dolittle and such good friends as Jip, his loyal dog, and Dab-Dab, his housekeeper duck, face their greatest challenge. Together they must sail to Africa, to help save them all.



Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf

Catherine Storr

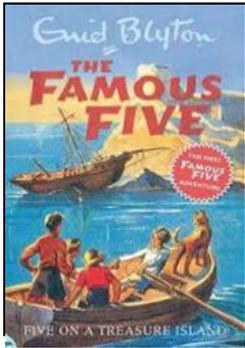
One day the front door bell rang and *Polly* went to open the door. And there was a great black *wolf* who said he had come to eat her up. But *Clever Polly* isn't frightened. She always thinks of something to foil the *stupid wolf*.



The Ghastly McNastys

Lyn Gardner and Ros Asquith

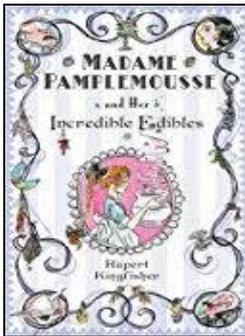
The Ghastly McNastys are the worst kind of pirates. They enjoy making people walk the plank and are generally horrible to their parrot and second mate Mrs Slime. The one thing they love is treasure and they're on their way to Little Snoring, determined to discover its lost treasure. However, two feisty children, Tats and Hetty are there to try to foil their plans.



Five on a Treasure Island

Enid Blyton

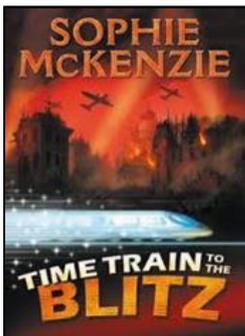
Julian, Dick and Anne are spending the holidays with their tom-boy cousin George and her dog, Timothy. One day, George takes them to explore nearby Kirrin Island, with its rocky little coast and old ruined castle on the top. Over on the island, they make a thrilling discovery, which leads them deep into the dungeons of Kirrin Castle on a dangerous adventure. Who – and what – will they find there?



Madame Pamplemousse and her Incredible Edibles

Rupert Kingfisher

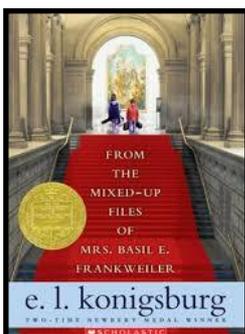
Madeleine washes dishes in her uncle's posh restaurant. She occasionally gets a chance to cook too - which she shows a real skill for. Her foul uncle feels threatened by her talent, so he treats her horribly. One day she stumbles across Madame Pamplemousse's hidden, dark, but thrilling **shop, which is** packed with wonderful food.



Time Train to the Blitz

Sophie McKenzie

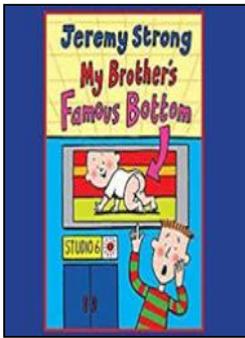
It all starts when a *mysterious* train appears in the park. Before they know what's happening, Joe and Scarlett are whisked away on a journey back in time. Magically transported to the Second World War. They're given a mission: to save a young boy's life.



From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs Basil E. Franweiler

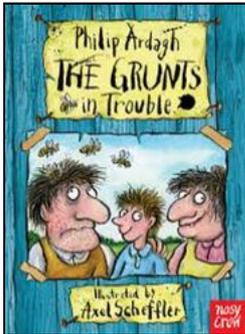
E.L.Konigsberg

Claudia and Jamie Kincaid run away to live in New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art. In one eventful week, they confirm that the museum's newly acquired angel statue is by Michelangelo and meet a surrogate grandmother.



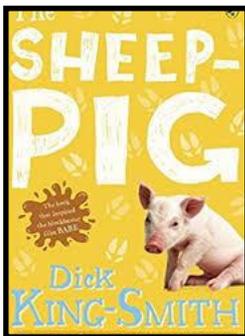
My Brother's Famous Bottom Jeremy Strong

Nicholas's dad has a plan to make some fast cash. Nappies! Some disposable-nappy people are looking for a beautiful botty for their new advert - and all Nicholas's baby brother has to do is pass the audition. What could possibly go wrong?



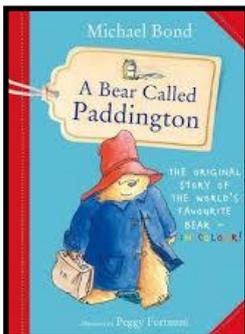
The Grunts in Trouble

Mr and Mrs Grunt, who are neither clean nor clever, live with their adopted – in fact, abducted – son, Sunny, in a donkey-drawn caravan. Together the unusual family find themselves in very funny adventures involving bendy railings, double-barrelled shotguns, full-fat yoghurt and a beard of bees.



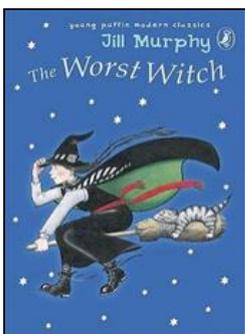
The Sheep Pig Dick King-Smith

Babe is a little pig who doesn't quite know his place in the world. With a bunch of odd friends, like Ferdinand the duck who thinks he is a rooster and Fly the dog he calls mom, Babe realizes that he has the makings to become the greatest *sheep pig* of all time, and Farmer Hoggett knows it.



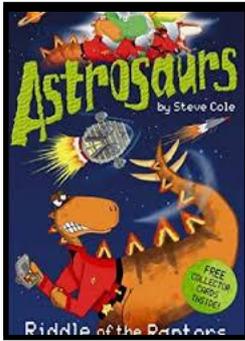
A Bear called Paddington Michael Bond

Paddington Bear had travelled all the way from Darkest Peru when the Brown family first met him on Paddington Station. Since then their lives have never been quite the same ... for ordinary things become quite extraordinary when *a bear called Paddington* is involved.



The Worst Witch Jill Murphy

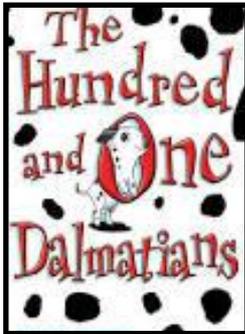
Mildred Hubble is a trainee witch at Miss Cackle's Academy, and she's making an awful mess of it. She's always getting her spells wrong and she can't even ride a broomstick without crashing it. Will she ever make a real witch?



Astrosuars

Steve Cole

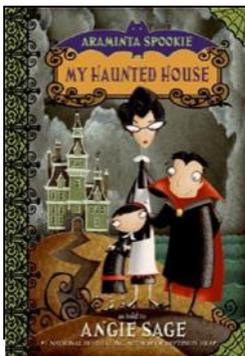
When a greedy gang of meat-eating *raptors* raid the Sauropod and kidnap two top athletes, Teggs and his crew race to the rescue. But there's more to the *raptors'* plot than meets the eye. Can Teggs solve their rascally *riddle* in time?



101 Dalmatians

Dodie Smith

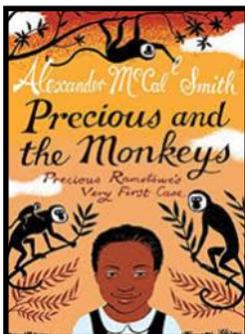
Pongo and Perdita have a litter of 15 puppies. Cruella De Vil takes a fancy to the pups, and wants to get hold of them, as well as more pups, to make herself a lovely Dalmatian skin coat... Cruella hires some thugs to kidnap the pups and hold them at her mansion. Will Pongo and Perdita find them in time ?



Araminta Spook

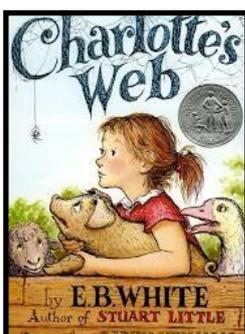
Angie Sage

Araminta Spookie lives in a wonderful old haunted house, but her Aunt Tabby wants to move. Tabby is determined to sell their house—Araminta "has" to stop her! With the help of a haunted suit of armor , a ghost named Edmund, and a lot of imagination, Araminta hatches a plot for an Awful Ambush that is so ghoulish, it just might work!



Precious and the Monkeys Alexander McCall Smith

This is the tale of a young schoolgirl in Botswana (Africa). She goes by the name of Precious, and uses her detective instincts to solve a mystery at her school and catch the thief, who is stealing delicious treats from her friends, which they have brought to eat after lunch.



Charlotte's Web

E.B. White

This is the story of a little girl named Fern who loved a little pig named Wilbur and of Wilbur's dear friend, Charlotte ,a beautiful large grey spider. With the unlikely help of Templeton the rat, and a wonderfully clever plan of her own, Charlotte saves the life of Wilbur, who by this time has grown up to be quite a pig.