

Reading List for Year 4

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

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

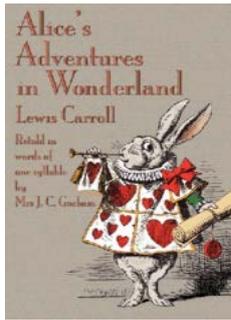
1. **Go and browse in bookshops.** Your children can look at the cover, look at the blurb and have a look inside to see if it is going to be the right book for them.
2. **Go and browse in libraries.** This is the best (and cheapest) way to get new books. Ask the librarians for recommendations.
3. **Speak to other parents and children.** Many of the books on this list have been recommended by pupils in the school.
4. **Speak to teachers.** If you are still struggling to find books that will suit your child then speak to the teachers.
5. **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.

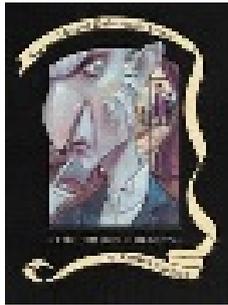
- **Graphic novels** and **picture books** should not be ignored. These are often a good way into difficult subject matters and a great resource for looking at inference. They can read **Manga Shakespeare** or an **Agatha Christie** mystery in graphic novel form.



Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Lewis Carroll

Alice tumbles down a rabbit hole and finds herself in a strange land where she meets peculiar characters including the Mad Hatter and The Cheshire Cat.



A Series of Unfortunate Events:

Lemony Snicket

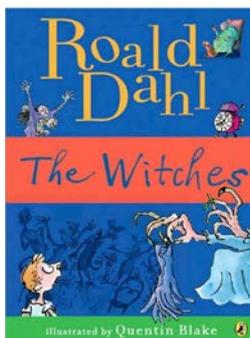
The Baudelaire children have lost their parents in a terrible accident, but when they go to live with Count Olaf they have many more dangers to face.



Coraline

Neil Gaiman

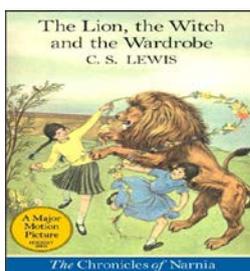
While exploring her new home, a girl called Coraline discovers a door. Behind the door is an alternate world which closely mirrors her own.



The Witches

Roald Dahl

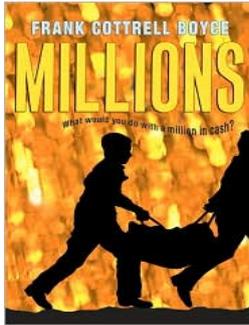
This book tells the story of a brave young boy and his Norwegian grandmother who have to try to foil the plans of some truly despicable witches.



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

C.S.Lewis

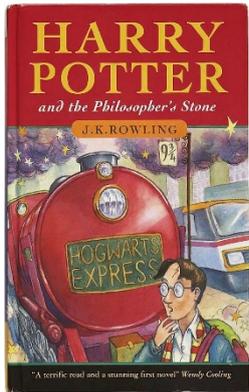
When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy step through a wardrobe they find themselves in the magical land of Narnia.



Millions

Frank Cottrell Boyce

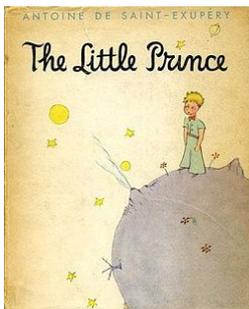
One night, a bag containing a lot of money falls from the sky. Damian thinks it might be a gift from God. What should he do with it?



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

J.K. Rowling

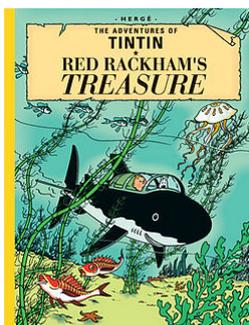
After the misery of life with his horrible aunt and uncle, Harry discovers he is a wizard and embarks on an exciting new life at Hogwarts School of Wizardry and Witchcraft.



The Little Prince

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

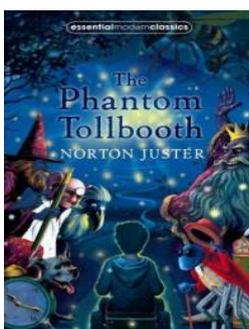
An air pilot makes a forced landing deep in the Sahara Desert. There, he meets a mysterious Little Prince, who tells him a series of wise and enchanting stories.



The Adventures of Tintin

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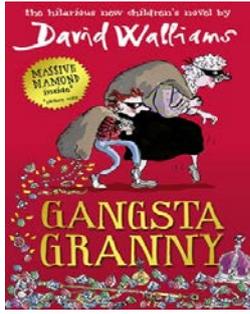
Resourceful reporter Tintin embarks on a series of exciting international adventures accompanied by his faithful dog Snowy.



The Phantom Tollbooth

Norton Juster

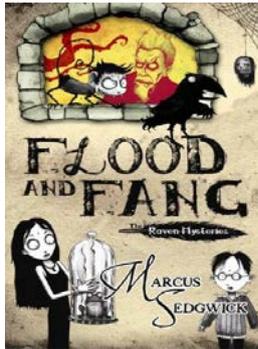
One day Milo comes home to find a strange package in his room. Once he has opened it he embarks on a magical adventure through strange and wonderful lands.



Gangsta Granny

David Walliams

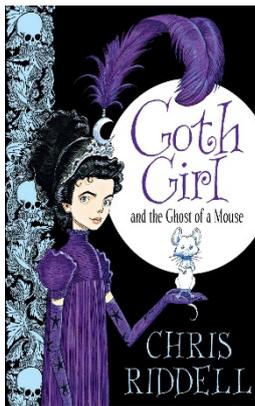
Ben hates staying with Grandma because he thinks she is really boring. Little does he know that she is leading an exciting double life.



Flood and Fang (Raven Mysteries)

Marcus Sedgwick

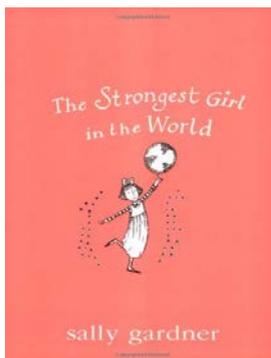
Meet the wonderfully weird Otherhand family and their faithful guardian, Edgar the raven, and discover the dark secrets of Castle Otherhand.



Goth Girl

Chris Riddell

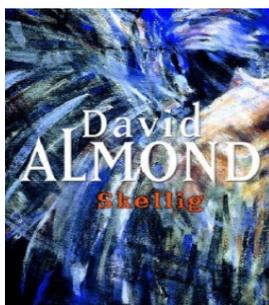
Ada Goth is the only child of Lord Goth. Ada is a little lonely but soon she befriends a mouse called Ishmael and they begin to unravel the dastardly plot of Maltravers.



The Strongest Girl in the World

Sally Gardner

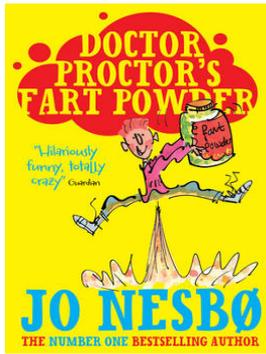
Josie Jenkins seems to be an ordinary little girl, but she suddenly discovers she can lift a table, a car and even a bus. Soon she is famous, but how will she cope with her new-found fame?



Skellig

David Almond

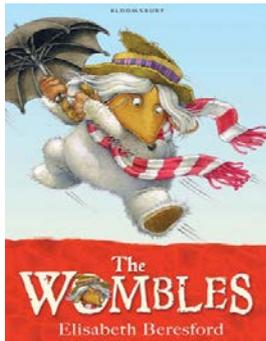
When Michael and his family move house he discovers a strange creature living in the garage. It seems to be part man, part angel and part owl.



Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder

Jo Nesbo

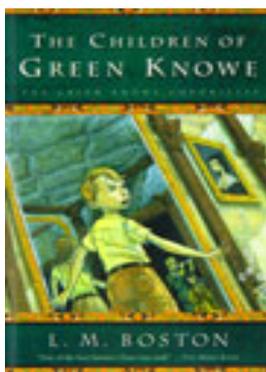
This is the tale of two children, Nilly and Lisa, who help Doctor Proctor with his wonderful new invention.



The Wombles

Elisabeth Beresford

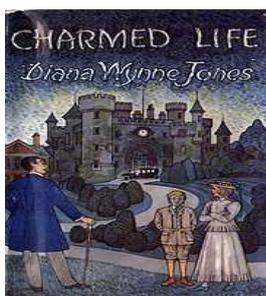
The Wombles is the first ever Wombles book and introduces the stern but kindly Great Uncle Bulgaria; Orinoco, who is particularly fond of his food and a subsequent forty winks; general handyman extraordinaire Tobermory, who can turn almost anything that the Wombles retrieve from Wimbledon Common into something useful;



The Children of Green Knowe

Lucy Boston

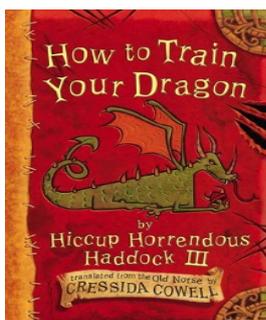
Tolly goes to stay at the house of his great grandmother and while there meets some new friends, children who actually lived centuries ago.



Charmed Life

Diana Wynne Jones

Gwendolen is a witch. Her brother Cat does not think that he can use magic, but when they are orphaned and go to live with an enchanter, Chrestomanci, life becomes even more magical.



How to Train Your Dragon

Cressida Cowell

Hiccup Horrendous the Third has to capture and train a dragon in order to be part of his tribe, but Toothless is an unusual dragon to train.