



## Holy Trinity School Recommended Reading - Fiction & Poetry

*A list of good books for children to read, either at home or as school books.*

### Picture Books for younger children -to share with parents

Janet and Alan Ahlberg - Each Peach Pear Plum, Peepo!, The Jolly Postman,  
It was a Dark and Stormy Night, Funnybones.

Giles Andreae - Rumble in the Jungle, Commotion in the Ocean

Jez Alborough - Some Dogs Do, Duck in the Truck, Captain Duck, etc

David Bedford - It's a George Thing

Floella Benjamin - Coming to England

Raymond Briggs - Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age, Fungus the Bogeyman

Anthony Browne - The Tunnel, Gorilla, Zoo, Changes, Willy's Stories (*a great  
introduction to classic literature for younger children*)  
and all other books.

Eric Carle - The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Bad-Tempered Ladybird.

Julia Donaldson/Axel Scheffler - The Gruffalo, The Smartest Giant in

Town, Tiddler, Charlie Cook's Favourite Book, A Squash and a Squeeze and The Highway Rat

Julia Donaldson/Lydia Monks - What the Ladybird Heard

Chris Hadfield - The Darkest Dark

Shirley Hughes - Dogger

Simon James - Dear Greenpeace, Baby Brains, Leon and Bob

David Litchfield - The Bear and the Piano

Sam McBratney - Guess how much I Love you?

David McKee - Not Now Bernard, Elmer the Elephant, Two Can Toucan, Two Monsters, Mr Benn stories

Marcus Pfister - The Rainbow Fish

Chris Riddell - Wendell's Workshop, The Emperor of Absurdia, Once Upon a Wild Wood

Michael Rosen - We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Rob Scotton - Splat the Cat

Mark Sperring - Captain Buckleboots on the Naughty Step

Joseph Theobald - Marvin Wanted More (there is a sequel!!)

Martin Waddell - Owl Babies

David Walliams - There's a Snake in my School!

Chris Wormell - The Saddest King

Ian Whybrow - Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs and other books in the series.

### **Picture books for Older readers**

Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (illustrated by Chris Riddell)

Michael Foreman - Seal Surfer, War Game, War Boy

Neil Gaiman - The Wolves in the Walls, The Day I swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish

William Grill - Shackleton's Journey, The Wolves of Currumpaw

Libby Hathorn - Way Home

Oliver Jeffers - Here we are

Torben Kuhlmann - Armstrong, Edison, Lindbergh

Michael Morpurgo - Blodin the Beast, Joan of Arc, Dolphin Boy

Ethan and Vita Murrow - The Whale (no words)

Barack Obama - Of Thee I Sing

JK Rowling - The Tales of Beadle the Bard (illustrated by Chris Riddell)  
Quidditch Through the Ages (illustrated by Emily Gravett)  
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (illustrated by Olivia Lomenech Gill)

Chris Riddell - Alienography

Shaun Tan - The Arrival, Rules of Summer

Colin Thompson - How to Live Forever, Falling Angels, The Paperbag Prince,  
Ruby

Chris Van Allsburg - The Polar Express, Jumanji, The Queen of the Falls,  
Probuti, The Sweetest Fig,

Helen Ward and Ian Andrews - The Boat

Susan Wojciechowski - The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey

### **Shorter Readers**

Enid Blyton - Famous Five Stories, The Magic Faraway Tree.

Jeff Brown - Flat Stanley, Stanley and the Magic Lamp - *a good introduction  
to shorter chapter books*

Roald Dahl - The Twits, Fantastic Mr Fox,

Anne Fine - Bill's New Frock

Neil Gaiman - Fortunately the Milk....

Ted Hughes - The Iron Man (illustrated by Chris Mould)

Dick King-Smith - The Finger Eater, The Sheep-Pig, Emily's Legs, Ace

Gervaise Phinn - Bad Becky,

Chris Riddell - Ottoline and the Yellow Cat (the Ottoline series), Goth Girl

David Roberts & Alan McDonald - Dirty Bertie series - *good for developing  
children's expression*

Francesca Simon - Horrid Henry - *good for developing children's expression*

David Solomons - My Brother is a Superhero

Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell - Fergus Crane, Corby Flood, Hugo Pepper

Jeremy Strong - The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog, There's a Viking in my Bed

Jill Tomlinson - The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark.

### Longer Readers

David Almond - The Tale of Angelino Brown

Jasbinder Bilan - Tamarind & The Star of Ishta

Enid Blyton - Mallory Towers, Famous Five,

Peter Bunzl - Cogheart, Moonlocket

Rachel Campbell-Johnson - The Child's Elephant

Emma Carroll - Letters from the Lighthouse, When We Were Warriors

Frank Cottrell Boyce - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again, Cosmic, The  
Astounding Broccoli Boy

Mackenzie Crook - The Windvale Sprites

Kevin Crossley-Holland Arthur: The Seeing Stone, Arthur at the Crossing  
Place, King of the Middle March, Norse Myths

Roald Dahl - Matilda, James and the Giant Peach, Charlie and the Chocolate  
Factory, The BFG, Danny Champion of the World, Boy, Going  
Solo.

Helen Dunmore - Ingo

Simon Farnaby - The Wizard in my Shed

Natasha Farrant - Voyage of the Sparrowhawk

Nizrana Farook - The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, The Boy Who Met a Whale

Anne Fine - Flour Babies

Tom Fletcher - The Christmasaurus

Cornelia Funke - Inkheart, Ghost Knight (*story set in Lacock and Salisbury*)

Nicholas Gannon - The Doldrums

Francesca Gibbons - A Clock of Stars

Hannah Gold - The Last Bear

Elizabeth Goudge - The Little White Horse.

Michelle Harrison - A Pinch of Magic

Charlie Higson - Silverfin, Blood Fever, Double or Die, Hurricane Gold, By Royal Command (Young Bond series)

Christopher William Hill - Osbert the Avenger

Anthony Horowitz - The Falcon's Malteser (Diamond Brothers series), The Switch, Granny, Alex Rider stories (Skeleton Key, Eagle Strike, Scorpia, Scorpia Rising and Russian Roulette)

Eva Ibbotson - Journey to the River Sea

Terry Jones - Fairy Tales and Fantastic Stories, Nicobobinus, Erik the Viking, The Knight and the Squire, The Lady and the Squire

Andrew Lane - Death Cloud, Red Leech, Black Ice (Young Sherlock Holmes series)

Caroline Lawrence - the Thieves of Ostia and other books from the Roman Myseries series

M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman - The Highland Falcon Thief, Kidnap on the California Comet

C.S. Lewis - The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe, and 6 other books in the series.

Michael Morpurgo - Kensuke's Kingdom, Toro! Toro! The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips, Beowulf, Dear Olly, Listen to the Moon, Pinocchio, The Elephant in the Garden, Born to Run, Flamingo Boy, In the Mouth of the Wolf, War Horse, The Puffin Keeper

Mary Norton - The Borrowers

Terry Pratchett - The Wee Free Men, A Hatful of Sky,

Phillip Pullman - I was a Rat, Clockwork

Rick Riordan - Percy Jackson and the Lightning thief (and other books in the series), The Kane Chronicles series and The Heroes of Olympus series

JK Rowling - Harry Potter series, The Tales of Beadle the Bard, Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, Quiddich through the Ages

Katherine Rundell - The Good Thieves

Angie Sage - Magyk and other Septimus Heap stories, Araminta Spook stories

Brian Selznick - The Invention of Hugo Cabret, Wonderstruck

Lauren St. John - The White Giraffe, Dead Man's Cove and other stories

Maudie Smith - Opal Moonbaby

Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell - Beyond the Deepwoods, & the rest of The Edge Chronicles series, Muddle Earth

Tim Tilley - Harklights

Hana Tooke - The Unadoptables

Katie and Kevin Tsang - Dragon Mountain

EB White - Charlotte's Web

David Walliams - The Boy in the Dress, Mr Stink, Gangsta Granny and The Demon Dentist

Ian Whybrow - Little Wolf series

Jacqueline Wilson - The Lottie Project

**Poetry:**

Alan Ahlberg - Heard it in the Playground, Please Mrs Butler (poetry)

Lewis Carroll - The Hunting of the Snark (illustrated by Chris Riddell)

Clare and Michael Morpurgo - Where my Wellies Take Me (anthology)

The Works - Paul Cookson (ed.)

The Works 2 - Brian Moses & Pie Corbett (eds).

The works for Key Stage 1 Pie Corbett (Ed)

Steve Turner - The Day I Fell Down the Toilet and other Poems.

**Stories for older children**

Katya Balen - October, October

John Boyne - Stay where you are and then leave, The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, The Boy at the top of the Mountain



Horatio Clare - Aubrey and the Terrible Yoot

Frank Cottrell Boyce - Millions

Abi Elphinstone - Sky Song

Neil Gaiman - Coraline

Morris Geitzmann - Once, Then, Now

Eva Ibbotson - The Journey to the River Sea

Dick King-Smith - The Crowstarver

Gill Lewis - A Story Like the Wind

Geraldine McCaughreen - The Kite Rider and other stories

Hilary McKay - The Skylarks' War, The Time of Green Magic

Michael Morpurgo - Private Peaceful, Alone on a Wide Wide Sea

R J Palacio - Wonder

Lesley Parr - The Valley of Lost Secrets

Michelle Paver - Wolf Brother, Spirit Walker, Gods and Warriors series

Sara Pennypacker - Pax

Philip Pullman - Ruby in the Smoke (and the Sally Lockhart mysteries)  
Northern Lights, The Subtle Knife, Grimm Tales

Christopher Paolini - Eragon and other stories from the series

William Nicholson - The Wind Singer and other books in the series

Katherine Rundell - The Explorers, Wolf Wilder

Simon Scarrow - *Gladiator series*

Brian Selznick - *The Marvels*

Ian Serrallier - *Silver Sword*

Alex Shearer - *The Stolen*

Nicky Singer - *Feather Boy*

Robert Louis Stevenson - *Treasure Island*

Jonathan Stroud - *The Amulet of Samarkand, The Golem's Eye, Ptolemy's Gate, The Screaming Staircase*

Scarlett Thomas - *Dragon's Green*

JRR Tolkien - *The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings*

Efua Traore - *Children of the Quicksands*

### **Others**

The Lion Storyteller Bible (key stage 1)

The Lion Book of 1000 Prayers (currently given to school leavers in Y6)

The Good News Bible

Shakespeare: 'The Animated Tales' series. Abridged versions of Shakespeare's plays.

Chris Hoy - *Be Amazing: An Inspiring Guide to Being your own Champion.*

Matthew Syed - *You are Awesome, Dare to be You*