

SRS Recommended Reads



		Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Year R	Core Texts (taught in school)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Giraffes Can't Dance</i>, Mark Warner - <i>The Christmas Story</i>, Ian Beck - <i>Hurray for Diwali</i>, Anita Raina - <i>Kitchen Disco</i>, Clare Murphy - <i>Rap a Tap Tap</i>, Leo Dillon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Naughty Bus</i>, Jan Oke - <i>Violet the Pilot</i>, Steve Breen - <i>Mr Grumpy's Car</i>, John Burningham - <i>The Train Ride</i>, June Crebbin and Stephen Lambert - <i>Whatever Next</i>, Anne Glenconner 			
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Each Peach Pear Plum</i>, Janet and Allan Ahlberg - <i>Handa's Surprise</i>, Eileen Browne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Guess How Much I Love You</i>, Sam McBratney and Anita Jeram 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Look Out, Suzy Goose</i>, Petr Horacek - <i>The Gingerbread Man</i>, Catherine McCafferty and Doug Bowles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Little Polar Bear</i>, Hans de Beer - <i>Who Sank the Boat?</i> Pamela Allen - <i>Pumpkin Soup</i>, Helen Cooper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!</i> Mo Willems - <i>Dr Seuss' ABC</i>, Dr Seuss - <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>, Maurice Sendak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Rotten and Rascal: The Two Terrible Pterosaur Twins</i>, Paul Geraghty - <i>The Emperor of Absurdia</i>, Chris Riddell

Year 1	Core Texts (taught in school)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Silly Billy</i>, Anthony Browne - <i>The Story of Christmas</i>, Jane Ray - <i>Knuffle Bunny</i>, Mo Willems - <i>Toys in Space</i>, Mini Grey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>You Choose in Space</i>, Pippa Goodhart - <i>Toys in Space</i>, Mini Grey - <i>Aliens Love Underpants</i>, Claire Freedman - <i>The Journey</i>, Francesca Sanna 			
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?</i> Bill Martin Jr and Eric Carle - <i>Titch</i>, Pat Hutchins - <i>I Like It When</i>, Mary Murphy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>A Dark, Dark Tale</i>, Ruth Brown - <i>Mouse Moves House</i> (Usborne Phonics Readers), Phil Roxbee Cox and Stephen Cartwright 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>There's a Nightmare in My Closet</i>, Mercer Mayer - <i>Meg and Mog</i>, Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Penguin, Polly</i> Dunbar - <i>Not Now, Bernard</i>, David McKee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Jump, Frog, Jump!</i> Robert Kalan and Byron Barton - <i>The Magic Porridge Pot</i> (Read It Yourself: Level 1) Ladybird 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>How to Catch a Star</i>, Oliver Jeffers - <i>A Fly Went By</i>, Mike McClintock and Fritz Seibel - <i>A Color of His Own</i>, Leo Lionni
Year 2	Core Texts (taught in school)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Where We Live</i>, Kingfisher Readers - <i>The Great Fire of London</i>, Liz Gogerty 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Jim and the Beanstalk</i>, Raymond Briggs - <i>The Bear</i>, Raymond Briggs - <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>, Melanie Joyce 			
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr Archimedes' Bath</i>, Pamela Allen - <i>Van Gogh and the Sunflowers</i> (also titled as <i>Camille and</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Where the Forest Meets the Sea</i>, Jeannie Baker - <i>When a Monster Is Born</i>, Sean Taylor and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Valley of the Dinosaurs</i>, <i>Magic Tree House</i> (also titled as <i>Dinosaurs Before Dark</i>), 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Borka</i>, John Burningham - <i>The Little House</i>, Virginia Lee Burton - <i>Tashi and the Giants</i>, Anna and Barbara 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Living with Vampires</i>, Jeremy Strong - <i>The Eyes of Gray Wolf</i>, Jonathan London and Jon Van Zyle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Poison Island (Zac Power)</i>, H I Larry - <i>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale</i>, John Steptoe

		<i>the Sunflowers</i>), Laurence Anholt	Nick Sharratt	Mary Pope Osborne - <i>The Dinosaur's Packed Lunch</i> , Jacqueline Wilson and Nick Sharratt -	Fienberg and Kim Gamble	- <i>The Lighthouse Keeper's Rescue</i> , Ronda and David Armitage	
Year 3	Core Texts (taught in school)		- <i>Stig of the Dump</i> , Clive King - <i>Stone Age Boy</i> , Satoshi Kitamura	- <i>The Thieves of Ostia</i> , Caroline Lawrence			
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	- <i>A Is for Africa</i> , Ifeoma Onyefulu - <i>Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye</i> , Geronimo Stilton	- <i>The Shrinking of Treehorn</i> , Florence Parry Heide and Edward Gorey - <i>Badger's Parting Gifts</i> , Susan Varley	- <i>The Monster Crisp-Guzzler</i> , Malorie Blakman and Sami Sweeten - <i>The Milk Makers</i> , Gail Gibbons	- <i>George Saves the World by Lunchtime</i> , Jo Readman and Ley Honor Roberts - <i>Sophie Hits Six</i> , Dick King-Smith	- <i>Fantastic Mr Fox</i> , Roald Dahl - <i>The Diary of a Cat Killer</i> , Anne Fine	- <i>Judy Moody Was in a Mood</i> , Megan McDonald and Peter H Reynolds - <i>The World According to Humphrey</i> , Betty G Birney
Year 4	Core Texts (taught in school)		- <i>The Girl Who Stole an Elephant</i> , Nizrana Farook	- <i>The Battle of Bubble and Squeak</i> , Philippa Pearce			
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	- <i>The Worst Witch</i> , Jill Murphy - <i>Daisy Dawson Is on Her Way!</i> Steve Voake	- <i>Monster Stones: The Story of a Dinosaur Fossil (Science Works)</i> , Jacqui	- <i>Nim's Island</i> , Wendy Orr and Kerry Millard	- <i>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</i> , Eleanor Coerr	- <i>The Little Prince</i> , Antoine de Saint-Exupery - <i>Just the Right Size (Animal</i>	- <i>You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!</i> Andy Stanton - <i>Journey to Jo'Burg: A South African</i>

		and Jessica Meserve	Bailey and Matthew Lilley	- <i>The Legend of Spud Murphy</i> , Eoin Colfer	- <i>The Butterfly Lion</i> , Michael Morpurgo	<i>Science</i>), Nicola Davies and Neal Layton	<i>Story</i> , Beverley Naidoo
Year 5	Core Texts (taught in school)		- <i>Viking Boy</i> , Tony Bradman - <i>Beowulf</i> , Michael Morpurgo	- <i>The Wizard of Ozz</i> , L. Frank Baum			
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	- <i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i> , Patricia MacLachlan - <i>Who Was Albert Einstein</i> , Jess Brallier and Robert Andrew Parker	- <i>My Life with the Chimpanzees</i> , Jane Goodall - <i>Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIMH</i> , Robert C O'Brien	- <i>Emil and the Detectives</i> , Erich Kastner - <i>The Breadwinner</i> , Deborah Ellis - <i>Mama's Bank Account</i> , Kathryn Forbes	- <i>The Firework-Maker's Daughter</i> , Philip Pullman - <i>Love That Dog</i> , Sharon Creech	- <i>The Cay</i> , Theodore Taylor, - <i>My Side of the Mountain</i> , Jean Craighead George	- <i>The Toothpaste Millionaire</i> , Jean Merrill - <i>The Saga of Erik the Viking</i> , Terry Jones
Year 6	Core Texts (taught in school)		- <i>Carrie's War</i> , Nina Bawdon	- <i>Sky Song</i> , Abi Elfinstone - <i>Shackleton's Journey</i> , William Grill			
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	- <i>Anne of Green Gables</i> , L M Montgomery - <i>Castle Diary</i> , Richard Platt and Chris Riddell - <i>Ramona Forever</i> , Beverley Cleary	- <i>Journey to the River Sea</i> , Eva Ibbotson - <i>Harriet the Spy</i> , Louise Fitzhugh	- <i>The Borrowers</i> , Mary Norton - <i>Artemis Fowl</i> , Eoin Colfer	- <i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> , Katherine Paterson - <i>Odious Oceans (Horrible Geography)</i> , Anita Ganeri	- <i>Black Beauty</i> , Anna Sewell - <i>River Boy</i> , Tim Bowler - <i>The Sign of the Beaver</i> , Elizabeth George Speare	- <i>Keeper</i> , Mal Peet - <i>George's Secret Key to the Universe</i> , Lucy and Stephen Hawking

Year 7	Core Texts (taught in school)	- <i>Oliver Twist</i> , Charles Dickens		- <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> , William Shakespeare		- <i>Fog</i> , Carl Sandburg - <i>November Night</i> , Adelaide Crapsey - <i>Sally</i> , Phoebe Hesketh - <i>Pigeons</i> , Richard Kell - <i>The Eagle</i> , Alfred Lord Tennyson - <i>The Tyger</i> , William Blake	
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	- <i>The Number of the Stars</i> , Lois Lowry - <i>The Iliad and the Odyssey</i> , Marcia Williams	- <i>The Incredible Journey</i> , Sheila Burnford - <i>Skellig</i> , David Almond	- <i>The Summer of the Swans</i> , Betsy Byars - <i>Volcanoes (100 Facts)</i> , Chris Oxlade	- <i>Walkabout</i> , James Vance Marshall - <i>Wolf Brother (Chronicles of Ancient darkness)</i> , Michelle Paver	- <i>The House of Dies Drear</i> , Virginia Hamilton - <i>The Red Pony</i> , John Steinbeck - <i>A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms</i> , Paul B Janeczko (ed.) and Chris Raschka	- <i>The Railway Children</i> , E Nesbit - <i>Framed</i> , Frank Cottrell Boyce - <i>Treasure Island</i> , Robert Louis Stevenson
Year 8	Core Texts (taught in school)	- <i>The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</i> , Arthur Conan Doyle		- <i>The Tempest</i> , William Shakespeare		- <i>Animal Farm</i> , George Orwell	
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	- <i>The Philosophy Files</i> , Stephen Law and Daniel Postgate - <i>The Yearling</i> , Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings	- <i>Del-Del</i> , Victor Kelleher - <i>The Ghost of Thomas Kempe</i> , Penelope Lively - <i>Z for Zachariah</i> , Robert C O'Brien - <i>Face</i> ,	- <i>The Old Man and the Sea</i> , Ernest Hemingway - <i>Tales of the Greek Heroes</i> , Roger Lancelyn Green	- <i>Madame Doubtfire</i> , Anne Fine - <i>Chinese Cinderella</i> , Adeline Yen Mah	- <i>The Bad Beginning (A Series of Unfortunate Events)</i> , Lemony Snicket - <i>Goodnight Mister Tom</i> , Michelle Magorian	- <i>A Little History of the World</i> , E H Gombrich - <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> , Mildred D Taylor

			Benjamin Zephaniah				
Year 9	Core Texts (taught in school)	- <i>Small Island</i> , Andrea Levy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>There's nothing creative or individual about robotic entrance exams</i> (The Guardian), David Baddiel - <i>Bradford</i>, Bill Bryson - <i>A Mother's Duty</i> (19C source), Anon - <i>The London Marathon</i>, Matthew Parris - <i>A Public Execution</i>, Charles Dickens - <i>Letter to Hitler</i>, Mahatma Ghandi - <i>Born this Way?</i> Lady Gaga - <i>As athletes, we are role models. Tyson Fury has no excuse</i>, John Amaechi - <i>Address to the United Nations</i>, Emma Watson 		- <i>DNA</i> , Dennis Kelly	Extracts from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>'I've got it nice,' says killer as he brags of easy life in jail'</i>, Eugene Henderson - <i>'A visit to Newgate'</i>, Charles Dickens - <i>'A hanging'</i>, George Orwell - <i>'A full and particular account of the Sale of a Woman'</i>, Scottish Broadside Newspaper (1828) - <i>The Good Wife Guide</i>, Ladies Homemaker Monthly (1956)
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	- <i>The Diary of a Young Girl (The Definitive Edition)</i> , Anne Frank	- <i>Chemical Chaos (Horrible Science)</i> , Nick Arnold and Tony De	- <i>So Much to Tell You</i> , John Marsden	- <i>Rebecca</i> , Daphne du Maurier	- <i>Kidnapped</i> , Robert Louis Stevenson	- <i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> , William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
				- <i>Across the Nightingale Floor (Tales of</i>	- <i>The Thirty-Nine Steps</i> , John Buchan	- <i>Of Mice and Men</i> , John Steinbeck	

		- <i>One Thousand and One Arabian Nights</i> , Geraldine McCaughrean	- <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> , Mark Twain	<i>the Otori</i>), Lian Hearn			- <i>Don't Know Much About Geography</i> , Kenneth C David - <i>The Dark is Rising (The Dark is Rising Sequence)</i> , Susan Cooper
Year 10	Core Texts (taught in school)	- <i>Macbeth</i> , William Shakespeare		Extracts from: - <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> , Harper Lee - <i>The Pearl</i> , John Steinbeck - <i>The Girl on the Train</i> , Paula Hawkins - <i>The Road</i> , Cormac McCarthy - <i>Z for Zachariah</i> , Robert O'Brien - <i>Northern Lights</i> , Phillip Pullman - <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> , JD Sallinger - <i>Enduring Love</i> , Ian McEwan - <i>Children of Men</i> , PD James - <i>Jurassic Park</i> , Michael Crichton - <i>A Monster Calls</i> , Patrick Ness - <i>The Da Vinci Code</i> , Dan Brown - <i>The Sniper</i> , Liam O'Flaherty - <i>The Lovely Bones</i> , Alice Sebold		- <i>Charge of the Light Brigade</i> , Lord Tennyson - <i>Bayonet Charge</i> , Ted Hughes - <i>Ozymandias</i> , Percy Shelley - <i>Remains</i> , Simon Armitage - <i>War Photographer</i> , Carol Ann Duffy - <i>Exposure</i> , Wilfred Owen - <i>My Last Duchess</i> , Robert Browning - <i>Storm on the Island</i> , Seamus Heaney - Extract from <i>The Prelude</i> , William Wordsworth - <i>Poppies</i> , Jane Weir	
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	- <i>Cool Architecture</i> , Simon Armstrong - <i>All Creatures Great and Small</i> , James Herriot - <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> ,	- <i>Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World</i> , Jennifer Armstrong - <i>The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> , Douglas Adams	- <i>A Taste of Honey</i> , Shelagh Delaney - <i>Princess & The Hustler</i> <i>Chinoneyerem Odimba</i> - <i>Leave Taking</i> , Winsome Pinnock	- <i>My Name is Leon</i> , Kit de Waal - <i>Never Let Me Go</i> , Kazuo Ishiguro - <i>An Inspector Calls</i> , JB Priestley	- <i>Little Women</i> , Louisa M Alcott - <i>Seven Wonders of the Industrial World</i> , Deborah Cadbury	- <i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i> , Jules Verne - <i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i> , Oscar Wilde - <i>The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr</i>

		Madeleine L'Engle				- <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> , Ray Bradbury	<i>Hyde</i> , Robert Louis Stevenson
Year 11	Core Texts (taught in school)	- <i>A Christmas Carol</i> , Charles Dickens	- <i>Kamikaze</i> , Beatrice Garland - <i>Checking Out Me History</i> , John Agard - <i>Tissue</i> , Imtiaz Dharker - <i>The Emigree</i> , Carol Rumens - <i>London</i> , William Blake	N/A		N/A	
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	- <i>The Joy Luck Club</i> , Amy Tan - <i>Jane Eyre</i> , Charlotte Bronte	- <i>Flowers for Algernon</i> , Daniel Keyes - <i>Brighton Rock</i> , Graham Greene	- <i>Silent Spring</i> , Rachel Carson - <i>Wild Sargasso Sea</i> , Jean Rhys - <i>Cat's Cradle</i> , Kurt Vonnegut	- <i>Cider with Rosie</i> , Laurie Lee - <i>The Chrysalids</i> , John Wyndham	- <i>The Knife of Never Letting Go (Chaos Walking)</i> , Patrick Ness - <i>The Time Machine</i> , H G Wells	- <i>The Dispossessed</i> , Ursula Le Guin - <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> , Harper Lee - <i>Empire of the Sun</i> , J G Ballard
Year 12 (A Level English Literature)	Core Texts (taught in school)	- <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> , Tennessee Williams - <i>Dracula</i> , Bram Stoker		- <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> , Ken Kesey - <i>The Bloody Chamber and Other Stories</i> , Angela Carter		- <i>Rapture</i> , Carol Ann Duffy	
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	- <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> , J D Salinger - <i>To Sir, with Love</i> , E R Braithwaite	- <i>The Code Book</i> , Simon Singh - <i>The Great Gatsby</i> , F Scott Fitzgerald	- <i>Nineteen Eighty-Four</i> , George Orwell - <i>Hedda Gabler</i> , Henrik Ibsen	- <i>Maud</i> , Lord Tennyson - <i>The Reluctant Fundamentalist</i> , Mohsin Hamid	- <i>Alias Grace</i> , Margaret Atwood - <i>White Teeth</i> , Zadie Smith	- <i>Things Fall Apart</i> , Chinua Achebe - <i>The Motorcycle Diaries</i> , Ernesto 'Che' Guevara

Year 13 (A Level English Literature)	Core Texts (taught in school)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Tempest</i>, William Shakespeare - <i>The Duchess of Malfi</i>, John Webster - <i>Paradise Lost, Books 9 & 10</i>, John Milton 		N/A		N/A	
	Recommended Texts (to be read outside of lessons)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Into Thin Air</i>, Jon Krakauer - <i>The Secret Life of Walter Mitty and Other Pieces</i>, James Thurber 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>, Jane Austen - <i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>, Erich Maria Remarque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Metamorphosis and Other Stories</i>, Franz Kafka - <i>The Spy Who Came in from the Cold</i>, John le Carre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>New Selected Poems 1966-1987</i>, Seamus Heaney - <i>An Unsuitable Job for a Woman</i>, P D James 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Brave New World</i>, Aldous Huxley - <i>Heart of Darkness</i>, Joseph Conrad - <i>On the Road</i>, Jack Kerouac 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Fall of the House of Usher and Other Writings</i>, Edgar Allan Poe - <i>The Death of Ivan Ilyich</i>, Leo Tolstoy

How are the recommended reads chosen?

The books are:

- Those that we think will be enjoyable!
- May have been selected because they are award-winning or recognised as a literary classic
- Represent a range of genres and styles

The books have been ordered by year and term to help you see which books are more difficult than others. The older the year group and the later in the year it is, the more challenging the book will be; books that are promoted in Reception are those which can be read aloud, whereas those suggested in later years are often examples of seminal literature. It is designed in this way so that you are able to select a book that is appropriate – i.e., we believe you will both enjoy reading that book and also feel as though you are progressing with your reading.

This list is not exhaustive and we welcome your feedback as to which books you have read, enjoyed, and believe should be added!