

Years 3 & 4
Hall Grove Reading List
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Years 3 and 4 are an absolutely vital time for developing good reading habits; this is the time when most children are becoming independent readers (although some arrive at this stage in Year 2). Children want to read a range of interesting, fun, engaging texts, and they want to be able to share that interest with their family and friends. No matter what the reading ability of a child in Year 3 or 4, he or she needs to know that there is a vast universe of books to be discovered.

How is this achieved? Regular reading, both in and, perhaps more importantly, out of school is the key. It is best to set aside a dedicated time daily for reading - it should never be seen as a chore as the battle is lost before even begun. Having four children myself, I've seen that the time they most value for reading, either being read to or reading for themselves, is after tea and baths - they're relaxed, looking forward to a book, but not so tired that they'll stop after ten minutes. An environment in which children see parents also reading is one in which books are visibly valued; given the world and our culture today, fostering the skills of focus, concentration and an ease with dealing with all manner of texts will give our children that edge which will make a difference in their adult lives.

Most of the list consists of fiction - some texts aimed at this age group in particular, others a little more challenging technically. There is a range of non-fiction and poetry in this list, and I would particularly appreciate further suggestions from parents of books your children have enjoyed. Within each year list I have aimed for breadth - of style, of genre, of difficulty; consequently the list is not prescriptive and a Year 4 child should feel happy to look at the Year 3 list and vice versa. I have also grouped the texts under three headings to make it easier to select approximately appropriate levels - although this is partially to do with difficulty, it is also concerned with the quantity of text and level of commitment needed to read it. The lists for older children are also available, either by contacting me or through the school web-site - www.hallgrove.co.uk - go to the Academic section, English, and there are links to all Reading Lists on the right of the page.

This list is revised to take account of the deluge of new books that can threaten to overwhelm. Please let me know if you find errors, feel that there are important omissions, or wish to simply comment on these; perhaps more importantly if you have recommendations as you and your child discover a new book I'd be delighted to know about this.

It is always worth looking in newspapers, magazines and web-sites for recommended new books. You may find www.lovereadings.co.uk and www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk (the children's section) useful websites - these have extracts from new books, discounts on books and regular email newsletters to keep you informed. Also published is *1001 Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up*, edited by Julia Eccleshare - I've found this sending me back to books I loved as a child, and making new discoveries. It's part of the '1001' series, all interesting lists of recommendations for albums, films, books, buildings and so on.

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Year 3

Level 1

Allan Ahlberg	The Woman Who Won Things It Was a Dark and Stormy Night Jeremiah in the Dark Woods
Alison Allen-Gray	The Lost Kitten
Laurence Anholt	Cinderboy The Rather Small Turnip
Terence Blacker	Whizzwig Ms Wiz
Tony Bradman	Dilly the Dinosaur
Jeff Brown	Flat Stanley
Anne Fine	Loudmouth Louis Notso Hotso
Maeve Friel	Witch in Training,
Ann Jungman	Twitta and the Ferocious Fever Clottus and the Ghostly Gladiator
Tessa Krailing	Supersnail
Tony Mitton	King Arthur and the Mighty Contest (and others in series) Amazing Machines series
Jill Murphy	The Worst Witch series
Margaret Ryan	Littlest Dragon
Francesca Simon	Horrid Henry series
Jeremy Strong	There's a Pharaoh in Our Bath
Jill Tomlinson	The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark
Level 2	
Roy Apps	How to Handle Your Brother / Sister
Phyllis Arkle	The Railway Cat
Antonia Barber	Dancing Shoes series
Kay Barnham	Koda's Story
Judy Blume	Freckle Juice
Michael Bond	Paddington Bear series
Tony Bradman	Ghost Teacher Revenge at Ryan's Reef
Jeff Brown	Flat Stanley
Annette & Nick Butterworth	Jake Jake Again
Humphrey Carpenter	Mr Majeika
Rob Childs	The Big Star (and others)
Peter Clover	Sheltie Stories
Michael Cox	Nightmare On Eck Street (Vampire Vigilantes series - <i>possibly difficult to find</i>)
Roald Dahl	The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me Fantastic Mr Fox The Twits
Lucy Daniels	Puppy in the Pantry
Hunter Davies	Flossie Teacake series
Dorothy Edwards	My Naughty Little Sister series
Anne Fine	Bill's New Frock How to Write Really Badly
Vivian French	Adventures of the Little Wooden Horse
Kes Gray	Daisy and the Trouble With Kittens / Life / Zoos / Christmas (nice, funny series)
Ernest Henry	Ernest Henry's Miserable Poems
Shirley Hughes	Here Comes Charlie Moon
Pat Hutchins	Follow That Bus (<i>difficult to find</i>)
Terry Jones	Nicobobinus
Dick King-Smith	A Mouse Called Wolf All Because of Jackson Lightning Fred

Sophie's Snail
The Hodgeheg
The Swoose
Joyce
Lankester-Brisley
L Lethbridge
Colin McNaughton
Daisy Meadows
Phillip Pullman
John Ryan
Catherine Storr
Jeremy Strong
Ian Whybrow
Jacqueline Wilson
Milly-Molly-Mandy series
Florence Nightingale
Wish You Were Here (And I Wasn't) - A Book of Poems and Pictures for Globe Trotters
Rainbow Magic series
The Firework Maker's Daughter
Captain Pugwash series
Polly and the Wolf
The Hundred-Mile an Hour Dog
Little Wolf's Book of Badness (Little Wolf series)
The Werepuppy on Holiday
Double Act
Cliffhanger

Level 3

Enid Blyton	Famous Five Stories The Faraway Tree Stories
Simon Chapman	Explorers Wanted series: In The Desert, In The Himalayas and others
Eoin Colfer	Artemis Fowl series
Bruce Coville	Russell Troy: Monster Boy (Magic Shop series) Unicorn Chronicles series
Helen Cresswell	A Gift from Winklesea
Gillian Cross	The Demon Headmaster series
Roald Dahl	Danny, the Champion of the World James and the Giant Peach
Colin Dann	The Animals of Farthing Wood
Terry Deary	Horrible Histories: The Awesome Egyptians (and others) Attack of the Tentacled Terror
Susan Gates	The Reluctant Dragon
Kenneth Grahame	Mr Ape
Dick King Smith	Just So Stories
Rudyard Kipling	The Story of Doctor Dolittle (series)
Hugh Lofting	How To Avoid Kissing Your Parents In Public
Lindsay Macrae	Jimmy Zest, Super Pest
Sam McBratney	Winnie the Pooh
A A Milne	Why Not?
Bel Mooney	Kensuke's Kingdom
Michael Morpurgo	The Sandman and the Turtles Cool!
Magdalen Nabb	The Enchanted Horse
Marjorie Newman	Michael and the Jumble Sale Cat
Alf Prøysen	Mrs Pepperpot series
Phillip Pullman	Spring-heeled Jack
Louis Sachar	Sideways Arithmetic from Sideways School (series, maths problems in story)
Jeremy Strong	There's a Viking in My Bed Viking at School
Robert Swindells	The Ice Palace
E B White	Stuart Little
Laura Ingalls Wilder	Little House in the Big Wood
Gene Zion	No Roses for Harry

Year 4

Level 1

Allan Ahlberg Woof
 Lauren Child Utterly Me, Clarice Bean
 Roald Dahl Matilda
 The Magic Finger
 John Foster & Magic Poems
 Korcky Paul (eds) Fantastic Football Poems
 Ann Jungman Vlad the Drac
 Lucy and the Big Bad Wolf

Level 2

Nick Arnold Wild Lives
 Horrible Science - Blood, Bones and Body Bits
 Horrible Science - Nasty Nature
 Please, Mrs Butler (poetry collection)
 Allan Ahlberg The Indian in the Cupboard
 Lynne Reid Banks Superfudge
 Judy Blume The Midnight Fox
 Betsy Byars Soccer at Sandford
 Rob Childs Ramona the Brave
 Beverly Cleary How to Train Your Dragon
 Cressida Cowell How to be a Pirate
 Sharon Creech Love That Dog
 Roald Dahl George's Marvellous Medicine
 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
 Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator
 Danny the Champion of the world
 Lucy Daniels Animal Ark series
 Hunter Davies Snotty Bumstead
 Carol Ann Duffy Another Night Before Christmas (poetry)
 Anne Fine A Sudden Puff Of Glittering Smoke
 A Sudden Swirl Of Icy Wind
 A Sudden Glow Of Gold
 Crummy Mummy and Me
 Susan Gates Revenge of the Toffee Monster
 Ted Hughes The Iron Man
 The Iron Woman
 Pete Johnson Trust me, I'm a Troublemaker
 Rescuing Dad
 Dick King-Smith The Sheep-Pig
 The Queen's Nose
 Hilary McKay Saffy's Angel
 Livi Michael Frank and the Black Hamster of Narkiz
 Michael Morpurgo War Horse
 Friend or Foe
 The Best Christmas Present in the World
 S F Said Varjak Paw
 David Henry Wilson Never Say Moo to a Bull (and others)
 Jacqueline Wilson The Lottie Project
 Buried Alive!

Level 3

Philip Ardagh Unlikely Exploits series
 Steve Barlow & Steve Skidmore Vernon Bright series
 Nina Bawden The Peppermint Pig
 Malorie Blackman Deadly Dare
 Operation Gadgetman!
 Lucy M Boston The Children of Green Knowe
 Sheila Burford The Incredible Journey
 Lewis Carroll Alice in Wonderland
 Zouzou Corder Lion Boy
 Richmal Crompton Just William
 Gillian Cross The Demon Headmaster (series)
 Colin Dann Journey to Freedom
 Terry Deary Horrible Histories series

Tony DiTerlizzi & Holly Black The Spiderwick Chronicles
 (5 books in the series)
 The Giggler Treatment
 Roddy Doyle War Boy
 Michael Foreman The Family from One End Street
 Eva Garnett Blabbermouth
 Morris Gleitzman Asterix The Gaul series
 Goscinny & Uderzo The Last Vampire
 Willis Hall Tintin series
 Hergé Beaver Towers
 Nigel Hinton Last Castaways
 Harry Horse Oswain Tales
 John Houghton Seasons of Splendour: Tales, Myths and Legends of India
 Madhur Jaffrey The Gizmo series
 Paul Jennings Fantastic Stories
 Terry Jones The Knight and the Squire
 Pat Hutchins The House that Sailed Away
 (*difficult to find*)
 Clive King Stig of the Dump
 Caroline Lawrence Roman Mysteries series
 Robert Leeson Tom's War
 C S Lewis The Chronicles of Narnia
 Livi Michael Frank and the Chamber of Fear
 Michael Morpurgo King of the Cloud Forests
 The Ghost of Grania O'Malley
 E Nesbit Five Children and It
 Mary Norton The Borrowers series
 Ian Ogilvy Measle and the Wrathmonk
 Ian Ogilvy Wolf Brother
 Michelle Paver The Way to Sattin Shore (*difficult to find*)
 Philippa Pearce
 Kjartan Poskitt Murderous Maths - The Essential
 Arithmetricks - How To + - x ÷
 Willard Price Lion Adventure (and others)
 Phillip Pullman The Scarecrow and the Servant
 I Was A Rat! ...or The Scarlet Slippers
 Count Karlstein (either version)
 Emily Rodda Deltora Quest series
 J K Rowling Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
 Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
 101 Dalmatians
 Dodie Smith A Series of Unfortunate Events series
 Lemony Snicket Heidi
 Johanna Spyri Fergus Crane
 Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell Charlotte's Web
 E B White Sniff series
 Ian Whybrow The Happy Prince and Other Stories
 Oscar Wilde Little House on the Prairie
 Laura Ingalls Wilder The Bed and Breakfast Star and many others
 Jacqueline Wilson