

St Cuthbert Mayne - Reading List

All the genres in this reading list are being covered in class with your child's class teacher.

Year 2 Text Recommendations

Traditional tales – fairy tales

Key texts:

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters - John Steptoe
Jamil's Clever Cat: a folktale from Bengal - Fiona French
The Willow Pattern Story - Alan Drummond

Further Suggestions:

The Jolly Postman - Janet and Allan Ahlberg (A good link to Letter Writing)
The Paper Bag Princess - Robert Munsch
The Boy Who Cried Wolf - Tony Ross
Into the Forest - Anthony Browne
Guess who's coming for dinner? - John Kelly
Little Red – A fizzingly good yarn - Lynne Roberts
Little Chicken Chicken - David Martin
Jasper's Beanstalk - Nick Butterworth

Stories with recurring literary language - refers to conventional narrative language that is not associated with everyday speech.

Key Texts:

That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown - Cressida Cowell
Meerkat Mail - Emily Gravett
Scaredy Squirrel - Melanie Watt
On the Way Home - Jill Murphy

Further Suggestions:

Once There Were Giants - Martin Waddell
Stars of Mine - Kevin Crossley-Holland
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! - Mo Willems
The smartest giant in town - Julia Donaldson
Traction Man is here - Mini Grey
A Dark, Dark Tale - Ruth Brown
Oi! Get Off Our Train - John Burningham

Traditional tales – myths (creation stories)

Key Texts:

Just So Stories: How the Leopard got his Spots (and others in the series) - Shoo Rayner

Further Suggestions:

How the Whale Became - Ted Hughes (Note: this is a challenging text for year 2)

Tiddalick the Frog - Susan Nunes

Ahmed and the Feather Girl - Jane Ray

How the zebra got its stripes - Justine & Ron Fontes

How the camel got its hump - Justine & Ron Fontes

How the turtle got its shell - Justine & Ron Fontes

Tinga Tinga Tales: why giraffe has a long neck

Tinga Tinga Tales: why lion ROARRRS!

Tinga Tinga Tales: why monkeys swing in the trees

Tinga Tinga Tales: why leopard has spots

Tinga Tinga Tales: why chameleon changes colour

Tinga Tinga Tales: why elephant has a trunk

+ some *Tinga Tinga Tales* are available on DVD

Aesop's Funky Fables - Vivian French and Korky Paul

Year 3 Text Recommendations

Traditional tales – fables

Key Texts:

The Very Best of Aesop's Fables - Margaret Clarke

War and Peas - Michael Foreman

I'll Take you to Mrs Col - Nigel Gray

The Dragon Machine - Helen Ward

The Great Kapok Tree - Lynne Cherry

Further Suggestions:

A Tale of Two Wolves - Kelly Susan

The Amazing Adventures of Idle Jack - Robert Leeson

Daedalus and Icarus - Geraldine McCaugrean

Rainbow Bird - Eric Maddern

Too much talk - Angela Medearis

The gift of the sun - Diane Stewart

The hare and the tortoise - Helen Ward

Rama and the Demon King, - Jessica Souhami

Tusk, Tusk - David McKee

Traditional tales – fairy tales (alternative versions)

Key texts:

The Stinky Cheese Man - Jon Scieszka
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs - Jon Scieszka
The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf - Eugene Trivizas
Jim and the Beanstalk - Raymond Briggs
The Lost Happy Endings - Carol Ann Duffy

Further suggestions:

The Iron Man - Ted Hughes
The Boy and the Tiger (and other stories for 9-11 year olds) - compiled by Pie Corbett
Ulf the Finger Eater - Dick King Smith
The Truth About Hansel and Gretel - Karina Law and Graham Philpot
The Truth about those Billy Goats - Karina Law
The Pea and the Princess - Mini Grey
Cinderboy - L.Anholt
Mixed up Fairy Tales - H. Harrison
Eco Wolf and the Three Little Pigs - Laurence Anholt

Adventure stories

Key texts:

The Snow Dragon - Vivien French
Flat Stanley - Jeff Brown
The Green Ship - Quentin Blake

Further Suggestions:

The Pirate Cruncher/The Pirate's Next Door/The Jolly Roger and the Ghostly Galleon - Jonny Duddle
The Invisible Boy (and others in the series) - Sally Gardner
It was a Dark and Stormy Night - Janet Ahlberg
Fantastic Mr Fox - Roald Dahl
Charlie Small - Charlie Small
Tuesday - David Weisner
Dimanche Diller - Henriette Blandford
The Jaws of Doom - Alex Cliff
Jolly Roger Captain Abdul's pirate school
Black Queen - Michael Morpurgo
Dominic's Discovery - Gervase Phinn
Gorilla City, The perfumed Pirates of Perfidy - Charlie Small
The Speckled Panic - Hazel Townson
Shipley manor, - Tim Walker
The Great Smile Robbery - Roger McGough
The Haunting of Pip Parker - Anne Fine
Julian, Secret Agent - Ann Cameron
The Secret of Weeping Wood - Robert Swindells

The Thing in the Basement - Michaela Morgan

Year 4 Text Recommendations

Traditional tales – quests (myths)

Key Texts:

The Orchard Book of Greek Myths, Geraldine McCaughrean

Greek Myths - Marcia Williams

Blackberry Blue and other fairy tales - Jamila Gavin

The Boy and the Cloth of Dreams - Jenny Koralek

East O the Sun and West O the Moon - PJ Lynch

Further suggestions:

The Firework Maker's Daughter - Phillip Pullman

The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone – J.K. Rowling

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis

Peter Pan in Scarlet - Geraldine McCaughrean

The Wooden Horse - Geraldine McCaughrean

Mission to marathon – Geoffrey Trease

Secret History of Tom Trueheart – Ian Beck (book trailer -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_BkZZI8Vn4

The Saga of Biorn <http://www.literacyshed.com/the-myths-and-legends-shed.html>

King Midas <http://www.literacyshed.com/the-myths-and-legends-shed.html>

Arachne <http://www.literacyshed.com/the-myths-and-legends-shed.html>

George and the dragon animation

http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/learning/inspired-by-the-collection/3d-animation/*/chooseMedia/3/

Journeys and quests - <http://www.pinterest.com/PrimaryEngEd/journeys-and-quests/>

Story settings

Key Texts:

Cloud Tea Monkeys (set in another country) - Mal Peet

The Butterfly Lion (historical setting) - Michael Morpurgo

Children of Winter (historical setting) - Berlie Doherty

The Ice Palace (imaginary worlds) - Robert Swindells

Further Suggestions:

Stories set in imaginary worlds

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - C S Lewis

The Dream Master - Theresa Breslin

Aquila (science-fiction) - Andrew Norriss

The Widow's Broom - Chris Van Allsburg

Dragon's Child - Jenny Nimmo

Seth and the Strangers - Jenny Nimmo

Set in other countries

Jane & Lewis Kurtz E.B. Mamo on the mountain – (Ethopia)
The true story of Balto - Natalie Staniford (Arctic)
Anna Hibiscus – Atinuke (Nigeria)
The Big Book of Betsey Biggalow - Malorie Blackman (West Indies)
Sophie and the Albino Camel - Stephen Davies (Sahara Desert)
Elephant child – Mary Ellis (African savannah)
Grandpa’s Indian Summer - Jamila Gavin (India)
The Colour of Home – Mary Hoffman (Somalia)
A fistful of pearls and other tales from Iraq – Elizabeth Laird

Historical settings

Street Child - Berlie Doherty
Across the Roman Wall - Theresa Breslin
The Time Travelling Cat - Julia Jarman
The Roman Eagle - Julia Jarman
The Tudor Treasure - Julia Jarman
The Egyptian Goddess - Julia Jarman
The Aztec Sacrifice - Julia Jarman
The Viking Terror - Julia Jarman
Roger’s War - Robert Swindells
Meet me by the steelmen - Teresa Tomlinson

Books with historical settings - <http://www.pinterest.com/PrimaryEngEd/books-with-a-historical-setting/>

Visual story starters - <http://www.pinterest.com/PrimaryEngEd/visual-story-starters/>

Story settings - <http://www.pinterest.com/PrimaryEngEd/story-settings/>

A story/stories with a theme

Key Texts:

Bill’s New Frock (gender stereotypes) - Anne Fine
Cloud Busting (friendship/bullying) - Malorie Blackman
Journey to Jo’burg (segregation) - Beverley Naidoo
Frog Belly Rat Bone (protecting the environment) - Timothy Basil

Further suggestions:

The Angel of Nitshill Road (bullying) – Anne Fine
Secret Friends (bullying/peer pressure) - Elizabeth Laird
The Forbidden Game (bullying) – Malorie Blackman
The Widow’s Broom (prejudice - being different/misunderstood) - Chris Van Allsburg
Prosper’s Mountain (prejudice - being different/misunderstood) - Henrietta Branford
Rat heaven - Jeanne Willis (different points of view)
Voices in the Park – Anthony Browne (different points of view)
Dear Mrs LaRue; Letters from Obedience School (being misunderstood/different points of view) - Mark Teague
Big Ben - Rachel Anderson (disability)

Fred (bereavement) – Posy Simmonds

Winter theme - <http://www.pinterest.com/PrimaryEngEd/winter-theme/>

Sports theme - <http://www.pinterest.com/PrimaryEngEd/sports-themed/>

Forbidden food - <http://www.pinterest.com/PrimaryEngEd/forbidden-food/>

Books with wishes - <http://www.pinterest.com/PrimaryEngEd/books-with-wishes/>

Year 5 Text Recommendations

Traditional tales – legends

Key Texts:

Sir Galwain and the Loathly Lady, Selina Hastings

Don Quixote, Marcia Williams

Arthur: The Seeing Stone, Kevin Crossley-Holland

Further suggestions:

Beowulf – K. Crossley-Holland

The Story of Robin Hood – R. Leeson

Athur, High King of Britain – Michael Morpurgo

The Tale of Tales – Tony Mitton

Myths and Legends – Anthony Horowitz

Arion and the Dolphin – Vikram Seth

Just So Stories – Rudyard Kipling

Suspense and Mystery

Suggestions:

Snow horse and other stories – Joan Aiken

Snaggletooth's mystery – Gene Kemp

Shock forest and other stories – Margaret Mahy

Room 13 – Robert Swindells

The London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd

No Such Thing as Dragons - Written and illustrated by Philip Reeve

Cosmic- Written by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Flood Child - Written by Emily Diamand

Fiction from our literary heritage

Suggestions:

Narnia Stories – CS Lewis

Harry Potter series – JK Rowling

Billy The Kid – Michael Morpurgo

Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo

Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens
Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo
A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
Stig of the Dump – Clive King
Snow Spider – Jenny Nimmo
Macbeth for Kids, Louis Burdett
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase – Joan Aiken
Peter Pan – J. M. Barrie
A Christmas Carol (Eyewitness classics) – Charles Dickens
The Hound of the Baskervilles – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (adapted by Chris Mould)
The Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame
The Jungle Book – Rudyard Kipling
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll
Mary Poppins – P.L. Travers
Stories from Dickens (ed Blishen)
Stories from Shakespeare (ed. Geraldine McCaughrean)

Year 6 Text Recommendations

Fiction Genres

Key Texts:

Choose from the genres below

Fantasy

Skellig – David Almond
The Various – Steve Augarde
Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer
The Bag of Bones – Vivian French
Inkheart trilogy – Cornelia Funke
Coraline – Neil Gaiman
The Weirdstone of Brisingamen – Alan Garner
Pure Dead Magic – Debi Gliori
Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver
Truckers – Terry Pratchett
The Spiderwick Chronicles – Lynne Reid Banks
Goblins series – Philip Reeve
Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick
The Amulet of Samarkand – Jonathon Stroud
The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien
The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making – Catherynne M. Valente
Tanglewreck – Jeanette Winterson

Science Fiction

Supernaturalist – Eoin Colfer
Grinny: Grinny and You Remember Me – Nicholas Fisk
Among the Hidden – Margaret Peterson Haddix
Double Identity – Margaret Peterson Haddix
Maphead – Lesley Howarth
The Giver – Lois Lowry
Other Worlds: 10 Amazing Sci Fi Stories – Rick Riordan ed.
Timesnatch – Robert Swindells
Hydra – Robert Swindells

Chilling Stories

The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman
Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror – Chris Priestley
Horowitz Horror – Anthony Horowitz
Breathe – Cliff McNish
At the Firefly Gate – Linda Newberry
Chill – Alex Nye
Tales from the Tunnel's Mouth – Chris Priestley
Tales of Terror From the Black Ship – Chris Priestley
Marianne Dreams – Catherine Storr

Real Life

Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman (science/ethics)
Tangerine – Edward Bloor (blindness)
The Eighteenth Emergency – Betsy Byars (bullying)
The 10PM Question – Kate De Gold (worry/anxiety)
Running on Cracks – Julia Donaldson (running from home – mature themes)
Step By Wicked Step – Anne Fine (step parenting)
Dead End in Norvelt – Jack Gantos (boredom, friendship)
Love, Aubrey – Suzanne LaFleur (family)
Hangman - Julia Jarman (bullying)
The View from Saturday – E.L. Konisburg (friendship)
The Other Side of Truth – Bevery Naidoo (refugee)
Wonder – R.J. Palacio (appearance)

Adventure

Noah Barleywater Runs Away – John Boyne
Ruby Holler – Sharon Creech

Danny: the champion of the world – Roald Dahl
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo
Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz
The Devil and his Boy – Anthony Horowitz
Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler – E. L. Konigsburg
Outlaw: the Legend of Robin Hood – Tony Lee
The Ghost of Thomas Kempe – Penelope Lively
Mortal Engines – Phillip Reeves
Varjak Paw – S. F. Said
The Invention of Hugo Cabret – Brian Selznick
Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick

War

Warboy – Michael Foreman
Once/Now/Then/After – Morris Gleitzman
Goodnight, Mr Tom – Michelle Magorian
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo
At the Firefly Gate – Linda Newberry
Johnny and the bomb – Terry Pratchett
My Friend the Enemy – Dan Smith
The Machine Gunners – Robert Westall
Carrie's War – Nina Bawden
Doodlebug Summer – Alison Price
Soldier Dog – Sam Angus

Mysteries

Chasing Vermeer – Blue Bailliett
The Crossroads – Chris Grabenstein
Silver Fin – Charlie Higson
The Case of the London Dragonfish – Joan Lennon
The Sign of the Black Dagger – Joan Lingard
Magnus Finn and the Selkie Secret – Janis Mackay
Out of the Depths – Cathy MacPhail
Flood and Fang – Marcus Sedgwick

Humour

How to Train Your Dragon - Cressida Cowell
How To Train Your Dragon <http://www.howtotrainyourdragonbooks.com/>
How to speak dragonese - Cressida Cowell
The Meanwhile Adventures – Roddy Doyle
Boom! – Mark Haddon
Ribblestrop – Andy Mulligan
Goblins series – Philip Reeve
Holes – Louis Sachar
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom – Loius Sachar
A Boy and a Bear in a Boat – Dave Shelton
Gangsta Granny – David Walliams

Ratburger – David Walliams

Animals

The Midnight Fox – Betsy Byars
The Tale of Despereaux – Kate DiCamillo
Charlotte’s Web – E.B.White
Flush – Carl Hiaasen
One Boy and His Dog – Eva Ibbotson
A Coyote in the House – Elmore Leonard
The Call of the Wild – Jack London
Going Home –Cliff McNish
Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips – Michael Morpurgo
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo
Catscape – Mike Nicholson
Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver
The Outlaw Varjack Paw – S.F. Said
Black Beauty – Anna Sewell

Narrative workshop

Key Texts:

The texts outlined across the range of fiction genres may be used to support the development of genre-specific settings or characterisation.

Further suggestions:

The Mysteries of Harris Burdick – Chris Van Allsburg
FArTHER – Grahame Baker-Smith
Journey – Aaron Becker
Train to Somewhere – Eve Bunting
The Princess Blankets – Carol Ann Duffy
The Gift –Carol Ann Duffy
The Wolves in the Walls – Neil Gaiman Illus. by Dave McKean
Wolves – Emily Gravett
Way home – Libby Hathorn
Beware, Beware – Susan Hill
The Red Tree – Shaun Tan
The Arrival – Shaun Tan
Tales from Outer Suburbia – Shaun Tan
Eric – Shaun Tan
Rules of Summer – Shaun Tan
The Lost Thing – Shaun Tan (book and animation)
How to Live Forever – Colin Thompson
The Tower to the Sun – Colin Thompson
Varmints –Helen Ward
Tuesday – David Wiesner
Flotsam – David Wiesner

Mr William Shakespeare's plays – Marcia Williams

GENERAL BOOKFINDING SITE

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/bookfinder/>

<http://scottishbooktrust.com/reading/book-lists/kids>

<http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site>

<http://www.devonsls.org.uk/booklists/>

Picture books for KS2

<http://www.pinterest.com/PrimaryEngEd/picture-books-for-ks2/>

100 Best Books: 9-11 year olds

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/booklists/243/>