



SUGGESTED FICTION READING MATERIALS

CUNNINGHAM HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

These suggestions are intended to give ideas for books the children in each year group might be encouraged to read.

The books organised into 'genres' will often compliment the units of writing taught in that year group.

This is not a compulsory reading list and is certainly not exhaustive.

These are simply suggestions of quality texts that hopefully, your children may enjoy and may support your children to develop their reading and writing skills further. Many, but not all, are in our school library or in our classrooms.

If a book is on your child's Year Group list, it does not mean they are expected to be able to read independently at this level. Some children may be able to, others may like to read with you and some may like to have the books read to them.



BOOK SUGGESTIONS -YEAR THREE

FABLES

The Very Best of Aesop's Fables - Margaret Clarke
War and Peas - Michael Foreman
I'll Take you to Mrs Cole - Nigel Gray
The Dragon Machine - Helen Ward
The Great Kapok Tree - Lynne Cherry
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 AND ALTERNATIVE VERSIONS TO FAIRY TALES

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
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
Hansel and Gretel -Anthony Browne

ADVENTURE STORIES

The Snow Dragon - Vivien French
Flat Stanley - Jeff Brown
The Green Ship - Quentin Blake
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 (should this be library)
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

POETRY COLLECTIONS

Please Mrs Butler - Allan Ahlberg
The Dragons are Singing Tonight - Jack Prelutsky
Poems to Perform - Julia Donaldson
Off By Heart - Roger Stevens

SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS

The Last Slice of Rainbow - Joan Aiken
A Dollop of Ghee and a Pot of Wisdom - Chitra Soundar
The Magic Hare - Lynne Reid Banks
Fortunately, the Milk - Neil Gaiman
Dolphin Boy - Michael Morpurgo

HISTORY CURRICULUM LINK

Across the Roman Wall - Theresa Breslin

The Roman Eagle - Julia Jarman

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR YEAR THREE

Books by Roald Dahl

The Water Horse - Dick King-Smith

Mr Popper's Penguins - Richard and Florence Atwater

A Bear Called Paddington - Michael Bond

The One and Only Ivan - Katherine Applegate

The Witch's Tears - Jenny Nimmo

The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog- Jeremy Strong

You're A Bad Man, Mr Gum- Andy Stanton

Stuart Little - E. B. White

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark - Jill Tomlinson

Lob - Linda Newbury

The Worst Witch series - Jill Murphy

Mr Badger series - Lee Hobbs

Ottoline and the Yellow Cat - Chris Riddell (series)

Cat Tales: Ice Cat - Linda Newbery

The Sheep-pig Dick King Smith

The Abominables - Dick King Smith

The Battle of Bubble and Squeak - Philippa Pearce

The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane - Kate DiCamillo

The Whales' song - Dylan SHeldon

BOOK SUGGESTIONS - YEAR FOUR

TRADITIONAL TALES (QUESTS AND MYTHS)

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
The Firework Maker's Daughter - Phillip Pullman
Peter Pan in Scarlet - Geraldine McCaughrean
The Wooden Horse - Geraldine McCaughrean
Mission to marathon - Geoffrey Trease
Secret History of Tom Trueheart - Ian Beck

STORIES WITH STRONG STORY SETTINGS

Cloud Tea Monkeys (set in another country) - Mal Peet
Children of Winter (historical setting) - Berlie Doherty
The Ice Palace (imaginary worlds) - Robert Swindells

STORIES SET IN IMAGINARY WORLDS

The Dream Master - Theresa Breslin
The Widow's Broom - Chris Van Allsburg
Dragon's Child - Jenny Nimmo
Seth and the Strangers - Jenny Nimmo

STORIES 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

STORIES WITH HISTORICAL SETTINGS

The Tudor Treasure - Julia Jarman
The Viking Terror - Julia Jarman
Roger's War - Robert Swindells
Meet me by the Steelmen - Teresa Tomlinson

STORIES THAT FOCUS ON ISSUES

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
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

SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS

Just so Stories - Rudyard Kipling
The Fib and other stories - George Layton
The Grimm Tales - Philip Pullman

POETRY COLLECTIONS

An Imaginary Menagerie - Roger McGough
The Magic Box : Poems for Children - Kit Wright
The Puffin Book of utterly Brilliant Poetry - Brian Patten ed.
Where the Sidewalk Ends - Shel Silverstein
Werewolf Club Rules - Joseph Coelho
Michael Rosen's A to Z

OTHER SUGGESTED POEMS

Hill rolling - Andrew Taylor

Muddy Boots - Philip Paddon

How to Catch Newts - John Walsh

The Human Tyrants - Alison Murdoch

I am a wasp - Michael Rosen

The Marrog - R E Scriven

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR YEAR FOUR

The Snow Walker's Son - Catherine Fisher

Perry Angel's Suitcase - Glenda Millard

Why the Whales Came - Michael Morpurgo

Charlotte's Web/Stuart Little - E. B. White

The Imaginary - A. F. Harrold

The Bad Beginning - Lemony Snicket

Because of Winn Dixie - Kate Di Camillo

Mary Poppins - P L Travers

The Fastest Boy in the World - Elizabeth Laird

The Ogre of Oglefort - Eva Ibbotson

Malkin Moonlight - Emma Cox

Varjack Paw - S. F.Said

How to Train Your Dragon - Cressida Cowell

How to Speak Dragonese - Cressida Cowell

Little House on the Prairie - Laura Ingalls Wilder

The Phantom Tollbooth -Norton Juster

Pippi Longstocking - Astrid Lingred

BOOK SUGGESTIONS - YEAR FIVE

TRADITIONAL TALES - LEGENDS

Don Quixote, Marcia Williams
Arthur: The Seeing Stone, Kevin Crossley-Holland
Beowulf - K. Crossley-Holland
The Story of Robin Hood - R. Leeson
Arthur, 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

MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE

Snow horse and other stories - Joan Aiken
Snaggletooth's mystery - Gene Kemp
Shock forest and other stories - Margaret Mahy
Room 13 - Robert Swindells
No Such Thing as Dragons - Written and illustrated by Philip Reeve
Cosmic- Written by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Flood Child - Written by Emily Diamand
Mystery Stories (Kingfisher Story library) – Helen Cresswell ed.

CLASSIC LITERACY TEXTS FROM OUR LITERARY HERITAGE

Narnia Stories - CS Lewis
Harry Potter series - JK Rowling
Billy The Kid - 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
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)

COLLECTIONS OF POETRY

Enormous Smallness (together with selected e.e. cummings) - Matthew Burgess

Hot Like Fire - Valerie Bloom

Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats - T.s. Eliot

Sensational - Roger McGough

FURTHER POEM SUGGESTIONS

The Bully Asleep - John Walsh

Hot Cake - Shu his (translated by Arthur Waley)

A Small Dragon - Brian Patten

The Knight in Prison - William Morris

Lone Dog - Irene McCloud

The Highwayman - Alfred Noyes

SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS

The Princess Blankets - Carol Ann Duffy

Seasons of Splendour - Madhur Jaffrey

Arabian Nights - Geraldine McCaugheran

Oscar Wilde's Stories for Children

LINKING TO HISTORY CURRICLUM

The Egyptian Goddess - Julia Jarman

The Time Travelling Cat - Julia Jarman

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR YEAR 5

Frindle - Andrew Clements

I Was a Rat - Philip Pullman

The Midnight Fox - Betsy Byars

Black Beauty - Anna Sewell

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief - Rick Riordan

The Magician's Daughter - Kate Di Camillo

Varjak Paw - S. F. Said

Wolf Brother - Michelle Paver

Street Child - Bertie Doherty

Tom's Midnight Garden - Philippa Pearce

BOOK SUGGESTIONS - YEAR 6

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 Weirdestone of Brisingamen - Alan Garner
Pure Dead Magic - Debi Gliori
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
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
The Invention of Hugo Cabret - Brian Selznick
Wonderstruck - Brian Selznick

WAR (HISTORY CURRICULUM LINK)

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

MYSTERY

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
The Mysteries of Harris Burdick - Chris Van Allsburg

HUMOUR

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 - Louis Sachar
A Boy and a Bear in a Boat - Dave Shelton
Gangsta Granny - David Walliams
Ratburger - David Walliams

ANIMALS

The Tale of Despereaux - Kate DiCamillo
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
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips - Michael Morpurgo
Catscape - Mike Nicholson
Wolf Brother - Michelle Paver
The Outlaw Varjack Paw - S.F. Said
Black Beauty - Anna Sewell

SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS

Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror - Chris Priestley

The Daydreamer - Ian McEwan

Blackberry Blue and other Fairy Tales - Jamilla Gavin

Chasing the Sun - Veronique Tadjo

Anderson's Fairy Tales - Hans Christian Anderson (originals)

The Chronicles of Harris Burdick - various

Beyond the Stars - Sarah Webb ed.

The God Beneath the Sea (Greek Myths retold) - Leon Garfield

All Summer in a Day/The Sound of Thunder - Ray Bradbury

Guys Read: Thriller/: Other Worlds - ed. Jon Scieska

Mystery Stories (Kingfisher Story library) - Helen Cresswell ed.

POETRY COLLECTIONS

Poetry for Young People Series: Maya Angelou / Robert Frost / W B Yeats / Langston Hughes/ Emily Dickinson etc

Collected Poems for Children - Ted Hughes

Love That Dog - Sharon Creech

New and Collected Poems for Children - Carol Ann Duffy

Little Johnny takes a trip to another planet - Brian Patten

Elephants are different to different people - Carl Sandburg

Water - Jonathon Kingsman

Seaweed / Spray / Little Fish - D H Lawrence

FURTHER SUGGESTED POEMS

A Smuggler's Song - Rudyard Kipling

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Clockwork - Philip Pullman

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
Rooftoppers/Wolf Wilder - Katherine Rundell
The Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson Burnett
Pax - Sarah Pennypacker
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright - Christopher Edge
Northern Lights - Philip Pullman
Oranges in No Man's Land - Elizabeth Laird
River Boy - Tim Bowler
Fireweed - Jill Paton Walsh