



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School



Year Two - Recommended Reading



Year Two recommended reading list

- Below is a list of our recommended reads for Year Two. The children will be reading lots of brilliant books in school, but as always, reading at home is just as important, so if you are able to help your child read and enjoy some of these books, that would be great.
- This is not an exhaustive list, there are hundreds of wonderful books recommended for this age group, all of which provide quality reading material, exposing children to various genres and levels according to their interest and reading ability. The following websites offer plenty of other recommended reads for each year group, so please take a moment to peruse them when you can:
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-primary-school-pupils/>
- The Love reading website (<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>) has lots of downloadable reading resources and is free to join. You will be able to find most recommended reads on Amazon, but we also want to encourage you to make use of local Libraries, which are a brilliant but often underused resource for our children.
- Many of the books on each list may be suitable for other year groups, so please feel free to branch out if this suit your child's needs.
- We have included both fiction and non-fiction books as part of the list. The non-fiction books have been chosen because they are linked to the topics the children will be studying in school.
- We hope this is a useful list and will help you and your child enjoy reading together!

Fiction Books



Dear Dinosaur **By Chae Strathie**

After a trip to the museum, Max writes a letter to his favourite dinosaur, the mighty T. Rex - and the T. Rex writes back! As Max and T. Rex learn about each other's lives, a very unusual friendship develops in this funny and touching story from an award-winning duo. Dinosaur fans will love this interactive picture book with letters and cards to open, and dinosaur facts to discover along the way.



Dave Pigeon **By Swapna Haddow**

If you can read this, you obviously understand Pigeonese. You may read my book. If you're a cat and you've learnt Pigeonese . . . (HA HA HA! As if a cat would be smart enough to learn Pigeonese). This must mean if you are a cat and you are able to read this, you have taken a pigeon hostage so that you can trick them into translating the Pigeonese words into Meow. I demand you release the hostage pigeon now. My book contains TOP SECRET ideas that are NONE of a cat's business. Dave Pigeon is writing a book on how he defeated Mean Cat in order to help fellow pigeons everywhere. Cats beware!



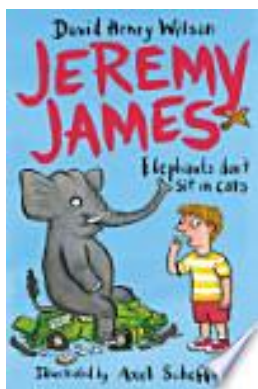
Granny Ting Ting **By Patrice Lawrence**

Nine-year-old Michael is coming from London to Trinidad to visit his grandmother, who is recovering from a difficult operation, and his ten-year-old cousin, Shayla. A fierce rivalry develops between the two children and everything becomes a competition - who can eat the hottest food, climb the tallest tree, tell the spookiest story. Michael wins each time and Shayla confesses to her mum that she feels Michael's life is much more exciting than hers in Arouca. She thought she was special, but everything she can do, Michael can do so much better. Luckily Shayla's mum has a plan that will make Shayla realise her own good qualities, and for cheering up her poor old granny in the process...



Ada Twist Scientist **By Andrea Beaty**

Ada has a boundless imagination and has always been hopelessly curious. Why are there pointy things stuck to a rose? Why are there hairs growing inside your nose? When her house fills with a horrific, toe-curling smell, Ada knows it's up to her to find the source. What would you do with a problem like this? Not afraid of failure, Ada embarks on a fact-finding mission and conducts scientific experiments, all in the name of discovery. But, this time, her experiments lead to even more stink and get her into trouble! Inspired by real-life makers such as Ada Lovelace and Marie Curie, Ada Twist, Scientist champions girl power and women scientists, and brings welcome diversity to picture books about girls in science.

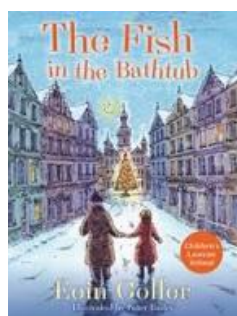


Jeremy James: Elephants Don't Sit on Cars

By David Henry Williams

Jeremy James always seems to be getting into mischief and is fed up with grown-ups never knowing the answer to important questions. Join Jeremy James as he navigates his way through messy pesky supermarkets, goes to a football game and discovers the consequences of eating too many sweets . . .

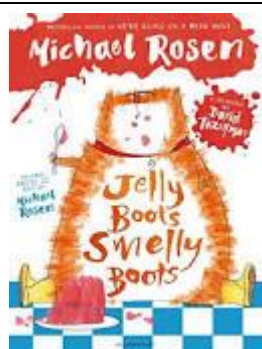
Illustrated throughout by the award-winning Axel Scheffler, David Henry Wilson's funny and gentle stories about the inimitable Jeremy James are much-loved classics, perfect for younger readers.



The Fish in the Bath Tub

By Eoin Colfer

A heartwarming story set in post-war Poland. Little Lucja's Grandpa Feliks has seen off the German army, and the Communists, and now he is looking forward to a long and peaceful retirement. He plans to begin with a tasty Christmas Eve dinner of carp. But when the carp arrives alive and takes up residence in the bathtub and Lucja's heart, has Grandpa Feliks finally met his match?



Jelly Boots, Smelly Boots

By Michael Rosen

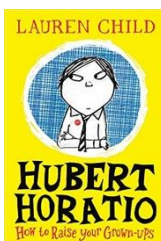
A riotous celebration of words – silly words, funny words, words you only use in your own family, new words, old words, and the very best words in the right order. Filled with colour illustrations and packed with silly rhymes, witty wordplay and thought-provoking story poems, this collection will delight children of all ages. Michael Rosen is the bestselling author of We're Going on a Bear Hunt, along with many other picture books and collections of poetry.



The Jolley-Rogers and the Monster's Gold

By Jonny Duddle

When Matilda discovers a treasure map inside an old bottle, she shows it to the Jolley-Rogers and they all set sail to find the mysterious island on the map. Unfortunately, they end up in the belly of the dastardly Pirate Cruncher! Can Matilda and the rest of the Jolly-Rogers rescue themselves before it is too late? Or will they end up trapped there forever? Expect adventure, laughs, and perhaps an almighty sneeze.

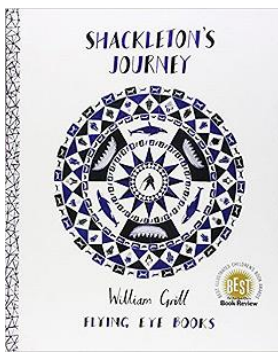


Hubert Horatio

By Lauren Child

Hubert Horatio is a genius at almost absolutely everything. His parents, on the other hand, aren't too good with money - and they fritter away the family fortune. It's up to Hubert and his friend to sort out the mess.

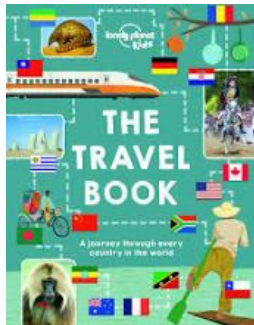
Non-fiction Books



Shackleton's Journey

By William Grill (*Information book*)

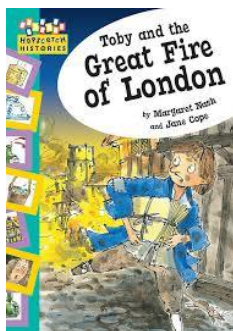
Young, up-and-coming illustrator William Grill weaves a detailed visual narrative of Shackleton's journey to Antarctica. Grill's beautiful use of coloured pencils and vibrant hues effortlessly evokes the adventure and excitement that surrounded the expedition. His impeccably researched drawings, rich with detail, fastidiously reproduce the minutiae of the expedition. Children will love examining the diagrams of the peculiar provisions and the individual drawings of each sled dog and packhorse. This book takes the academic and historical information behind the expedition and reinterprets it for a young audience.



The Travel Book: A journey through every country in the world **By Lonely Planet Kids** (*Information Book*)

Take a world tour through 200 countries with the bestselling kids' version of Lonely Planet's popular *The Travel Book*, loaded with thousands of amazing facts on wildlife, how people live, sports, hideous and mouthwatering food, festivals and a wide range of other quirky insights on every page.

Every single country gets its own dedicated page, and a mix of photography and beautiful illustrations brings each land to life. Perfect for keeping explorers entertained on the road.



Toby and the Great Fire of London

By Margaret Nash and Jane Cope

Toby has forgotten a delivery for Mr Pepys, but as he sets out across London he sees the sky is full of flames!

Hopscotch Histories are brand new stories in historical settings, told in under 400 words, perfect for children who are building up their reading confidence. Carefully controlled text interacts with stunning artwork to help develop visual literacy.