



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School



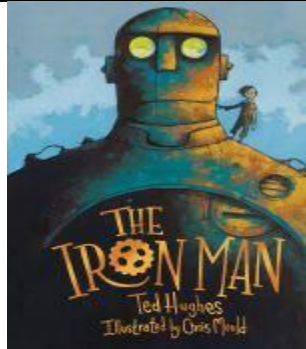
Year Three - Recommended Reading



Year Three recommended reading list

- Below is a list of our recommended reads for Year Three. 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 offers 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-fictions 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



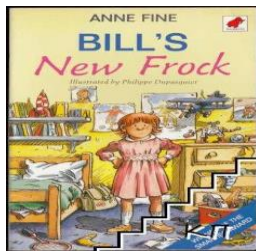
The Iron Man

By Ted Hughes

'Where had he come from? Nobody knows.'

'How was he made? Nobody knows.'

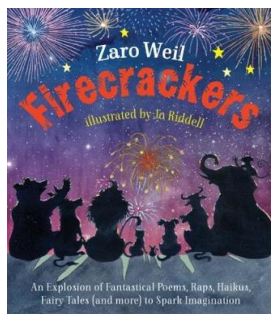
Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction caused by the Iron Man. A trap is set for him, but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world.



Bills New Frock

By Anne Fine

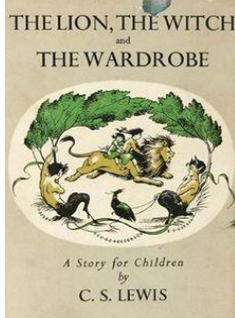
One morning, almost as if in a dream, Billy wakes up to find that he has turned into a girl! His mother casually dresses him in a pink dress and sends him off to school, where he realizes how differently girls are treated. A unique story that will serve as a springboard for discussions among young readers.



Firecrackers

By Zoro Weil

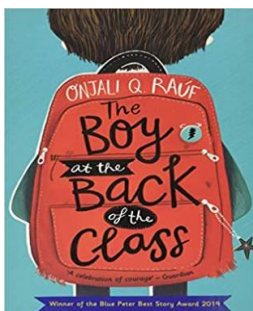
The 101 poems, rhymes, raps, haikus, ballads, little plays, fairy tales and tall tales in Firecrackers pulse with excitement and wonder. It is a book where experience is turned upside-down: questions are answers, tomorrow is yesterday, and tears are laughter. Every page invites the reader into an enticing world where concepts, language and rhythms conspire to spark imagination.



The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

By C.S. Lewis

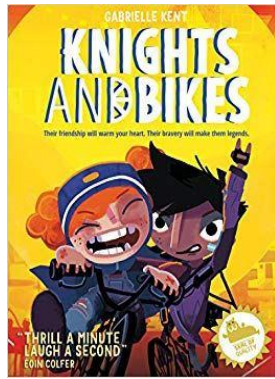
In the never-ending war between good and evil, The Chronicles of Narnia set the stage for battles of epic proportions. Some take place in vast fields, where the forces of light and darkness clash. But other battles occur within the small chambers of the heart and are equally decisive. Journeys to the ends of the world, fantastic creatures, betrayals, heroic deeds and friendships won and lost — all come together in an unforgettable world of magic.



The Boy at the Back of the Class

By Onjali Rauf

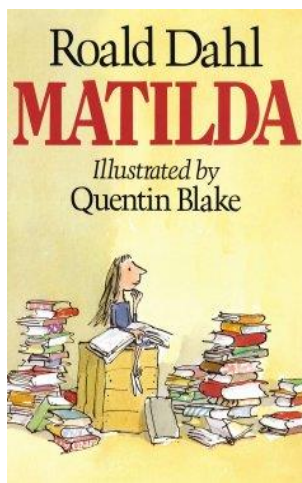
Told with heart and humour, The Boy at the Back of the Class is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.



Knights and Bikes

By Gabrielle Kent

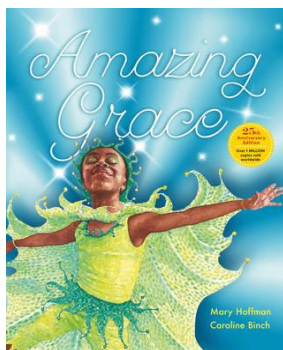
Welcome to the sleepy island of Penfurzy, where nothing exciting ever really happens. OR DOES IT? Adventure awaits Demelza and her new best friend in the whole world, Nessa, as they explore the island and uncover the mysteries of the Penfurzy Knights. With a honking pet goose sidekick, quirky islanders and a legendary treasure to find, it's up to Nessa and Demelza to ride their bikes, solve the puzzles before them, and face down danger with frisbees, water-balloons, feathers and a toilet plunger.



Matilda

By Roald Dahl

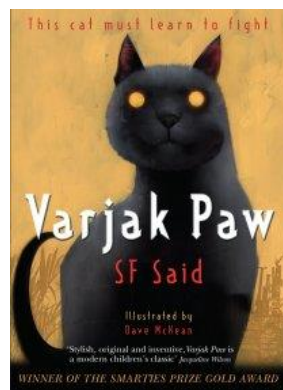
Matilda is a little girl who is far too good to be true. At age five-and-a-half she's knocking off double-digit multiplication problems and blitz-reading Dickens. Even more remarkably, her classmates love her even though she's a super-nerd and the teacher's pet. But everything is not perfect in Matilda's world. For starters she has two of the most idiotic, self-centered parents who ever lived. Then there's the large, busty nightmare of a school principal, Miss ("The") Trunchbull, a former hammer-throwing champion who flings children at will and is approximately as sympathetic as a bulldozer. Fortunately for Matilda, she has the inner resources to deal with such annoyances: astonishing intelligence, saintly patience, and an innate predilection for revenge.



Amazing Grace

By Mary Hoffman

Grace loves to act out stories. Sometimes she plays the leading part, sometimes she is 'a cast of thousands.' When her school decides to perform Peter Pan, Grace is longing to play Peter, but her classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black...But Grace's Ma and Nana tell her she can be anything she wants if she puts her mind to it.

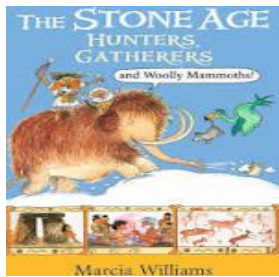


Varjak Paw

By S.F.Said

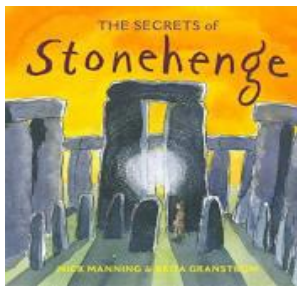
Mesopotamian Blue cat, Varjak Paw, has never been Outside before; he and his family have always lived in the isolated house at the top of the hill. But Varjak is forced out into the city when the sinister Gentleman and his two menacing cats take over his home. With help from his mystical ancestor, Jalal, Varjak manages to overcome challenges such as self-survival and a threat from the gangland cats, and he ultimately discovers the terrifying secrets behind the Vanishings. But can he save his own family from their fate?

Non-fiction Books



The Stone Age: Hunters, Gatherers and Woolly Mammoths **By Marcia Williams** (*Comic-style information book*)

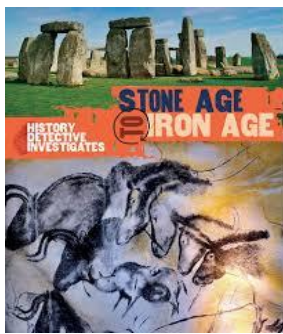
Marcia Williams embraces the Stone Age topic with her distinctive comic-book style. This informative text covers a range of sub-topics including prehistoric animals, hunter-gatherers and Stone Age tools. This is a book with a high level of visual appeal and is particularly popular for engaging reluctant readers.



The Secrets of Stonehenge

By Mick Manning & Brita Granström (*Information book*)

The Secrets of Stonehenge is a fascinating information text full of images, questions and captions that probe deeply into the mysteries of Stonehenge. This engaging non-fiction text is easy to understand, visually appealing and bursting with interesting facts and theories about the mysteries of Stonehenge.



The History Detective Investigates: Stone Age to Iron Age **By Clare Hibbert** (*Information Book*)

An accessible information text designed especially for the National Curriculum, this is a text pitched for teachers and pupils of lower KS2. Taking an investigative approach to history, The History Detective Investigates Stone Age to Iron Age examines key questions and pieces of evidence from the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages in order to build a picture of life in prehistoric times.