St John's CofE Primary School

Teachers' Reading Challenge - Reader Profiles

This document aims to signpost teaching staff, parents and carers to books that could be enjoyed by their child. Using various reader profiles, you can identify genres, authors or series which children in your care could read to either spark a love of reading or fuel an already burning flame!

This document has been curated by the entire teaching staff at St John's to incorporate a vast wealth of children's literature knowledge.

Happy reading!

Reluctant Reader – Sports Fan

Traits:

- Avoids long books
- Motivated by real-world interests
- Likes fast-paced action

Look for:

- Short chapters
- Sports themes (football, athletics, etc.)
- Clear, simple language

Teachers' recommended reads!

World at your Feet

When I Grow Up

Mini Movers and Shakers

The Dinosaur that Popped a Football

Spooky Soccer

Football School Series

Confident Reader – Fantasy Lover

Traits:

- Reads independently with ease
- Enjoys imagination and world-building
- Will commit to longer books

Look for:

- Fantasy series
- Rich settings and magical elements
- Continuing story arcs

Teachers' recommended reads!

George and the Dragons

The Magic Faraway Tree

The Nowhere Emporium

Cosmic

How to Train your Dragon

Narnia

Impossible Creatures

Developing Reader – Animal Enthusiast

Traits:

- Building fluency
- Strong interest in animals
- Likes emotional or adventure stories

Look for:

- Animal protagonists
- Illustrated chapter books
- Straightforward plots

Teachers' recommended reads!

A Friend for Dragon

Harry Stevenson

The Snappy Shark

Dragon Girls

Killer Creatures

Bug World

Super Unicorn Princess

Fluent Reader – Mystery Solver

Traits:

- Enjoys problem-solving
- Likes clues and twists
- Reads steadily

Look for:

- Mystery series
- Puzzle-driven plots
- Cliff-hangers

Teachers' recommended reads!

Unicorn Academy

Famous Five

Anisha Accidental Detectives

The Clockwork Conspiracy

The Nowhere Thief

Murder Most Unladylike

Clockwork Conspiracy

The London Eye Mystery

Developing Reader – Loves Humour

Traits:

- Enjoys silly or exaggerated stories
- Gains confidence from fun reading
- May reread favourites

Look for:

- Funny books
- Short chapters
- Strong characters and voice

Teachers' recommended reads!

Simon gets Sneezed

Mantastic Mr Fox

Supertato

The Fart that Saved the Universe

Diary of the Big Bad Wolf

Horrible Histories

Loki – A Bad God's Guide

Confident Reader – History Curious

Traits:

- Interested in the past
- Enjoys learning through story
- Can handle more complex texts

Look for:

- Historical fiction
- Biographies
- Fact-based narratives

Teachers' recommended reads!

The Story of Slavery

Percy Jackson

When the Sky Falls

War Dog

The Dragon Painter

The Indestructible Story of Tom Crean

The Truly Terrible History of the Toilet

The Midnight Guardian

Advanced Reader – Deep Thinker

Traits:

- Enjoys big ideas and moral questions
- Reads widely and critically
- Likes discussion

Look for:

- Complex characters
- Layered themes
- Longer novels

Teachers' recommended reads!

Wonder

Mortal Engines

Pig Heart Boy

Murder Most Unladylike

Timeline of Everything

Trash

Windrush Child

Reluctant Reader – Visual Learner

Traits:

- Prefers images over dense text
- Struggles with long paragraphs
- Engages more with humour

Look for:

- Graphic novels
- Illustrated books
- Comic-style storytelling

Teachers' recommended reads!

Alex Rider: Storm breaker – The Graphic Novel
Artemis Fowl: The Graphic Novel
The Last Kids on Earth
Amulet
Wings of Fire: The Graphic Novel
Hilo
Investigators
The Bad Guys
City of Dragons
The Odyssey: A Graphic Novel