

Key Stage 3 Booklist

Welcome to the Key Stage 3 Booklist. Whether you are an occasional, regular or avid reader we hope you will find something here to whet your appetite and widen your reading experience. Reading will be a central part of your Key Stage 3 studies, but it can also be of immense value outside the classroom, helping you to relax your mind; understand different cultures; empathise with others; and of course, absorb new words, phrases and ideas without even realising you're doing it!

The English team have loved putting this list together, discussing our favourites and suggesting books to each other, and we invite you to do the same. If you've read a book that you think your classmates might enjoy please email the details and a brief overview to Mrs Walker and it will be added to the list for your peers to enjoy too.

We really hope this will get you thinking and talking about books!

Thanks and enjoy!
The English Team

****Pupil recommendations highlighted in blue****

Author	Title	Brief summary/recommendation	Genre	Copies available in school library? Y/N
Almond, David	Skellig	A touching story about a boy who strikes up a friendship with a man he finds living in the dusty garage of his new house. But there is more to this man than first meets the eye....	Fiction/Fantasy	Y
Baddiel, David	The Person Controller	This book is really up-to-date.	Fiction/ Adventure	
Blackman, Malorie	Noughts and Crosses	Society has been split in two - the haves (the Crosses) and thelks not-haves (the Noughts). As tensions build between the two sides, two	Action/ Adventure	Y

		young people find themselves, and their relationship, caught in the crossfire. First of trilogy.		
Collins, Suzanne	The Hunger Games Trilogy	You may have read the first title in Year 7, but if you haven't read the rest of story don't delay! The sequels tell of gripping adventure as Katniss battles to bring justice to the districts and an end to the torment of the Hunger Games.	Action/Adventure	Y
Dahl, Roald	The Twits	A husband and wife play pranks on each other, until one day their pranking backfires...	Fiction/Comedy	
Dashner, James	The Kill Order	Prequel to <i>The Maze Runner</i> , this is a really tense adventure book with lots of cliff hangers. Once you've picked it up you'll never want to put it down!	Adventure	Y
Dick, Phillip K	Man in the High Castle	This is quite a sad story	Sci-Fi	
Evans, Maz	Who Let the Gods Out?	I would recommend this book to my friends because it is funny, interesting and enjoyable over all. It also has great cliff-hangers. You can learn a lot of facts about God.	Fantasy/Adventure	Y
Fay Wolfe, Sean	The Elementia Chronicles: Book One Quest for Justice	The book is fun and adventurous and fans of Minecraft Player 1 might have fun reading it. The book can also help people play Minecraft.	Fantasy/Adventure	Y
Gleizman, Maurice	The Once Series	A series based on a young Jewish boy in wartime Poland. Can he escape the fate of millions of his fellow Jews during WWII, and if he does, what will become of him?	Fiction/Historical	Y

Horowitz, Anthony	Alex Rider's Stormbreaker	This book is full of action, adventure and adrenaline	Fiction/Adventure	Y
Hunter, Erin	Warrior Cats	This is an entertaining book and you read a bit you want to read more.	Adventure	Y
Keyes, David	Flowers of Algernon	I would recommend this book to people because it describes how if you think you're intellectually gifted and want to be a genius, you may not end up being happy. For example Charlie goes from being able to have a good laugh with his friends to being a brainiac who couldn't understand others and wanted to get back to being his old self.	Non fiction	Y
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of Greg Heffley's Best Friend	I would recommend this book because it's good to know how some friends are to each other.	Fiction/Comedy	
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of the Wimpy Kid: The Getaway	This book has a good sense of humour and the sketched drawings are good	Fiction/Comedy	Y
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of the Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown	This is a 'get your mind stuck in a book' kind of book.	Fiction/Comedy	Y
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of the Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules	Good book for this age group and is funny and interesting.	Fiction/Comedy	Y
Lampard, Frank	Totally Frank	This book is very inspirational and teaches you a lot about football.	Non-fiction	
Morpurgo, Michael	Kensuke's Kingdom	Eleven-year-old Michael is living the dream, sailing round the world with his parents and dog, Stella. But one stormy night things go badly wrong and Michael and Stella are swept overboard into the black, forbidding ocean. Do they survive and what becomes of them? Only one way to find out...	Fiction/Adventure	Y

Morpurgo, Michael	Private Peaceful	Gripping war-time book about brotherly relationships, love and loss. The author's clever use of narrative keeps the reader on tenterhooks right to the end.	Fiction/ Historical	Y
Muchamore, Robert	Grey Wolves	I would recommend this book because parts of the book contain comedy as well as serious problems, which means there is a bit for everyone. Also the book is packed making it enjoyable to read.	Adventure	Y
Orlov, Aleksandr	A Simples Life	Fictional autobiography of the Meerkats from Compare The Meerkat.com	Fiction	
Oxlade, Chris	How Things Work	I suggest this book because it is packed with so many facts and knowledge. Non-fiction books are sometimes thought to be boring but it shows reality and teaches us what surrounds us in the world. For example on page 30 it shows how a rocket engine works. I believe that knowledge makes you great!	Non-fiction	
Palacio, R. J.	Wonder	Follow a young boy's journey through school as he struggles to fit in at school for reasons beyond his control. A very moving story.	Fiction	Y
Pastis, Stephen	Timmy Failure	A very funny and enjoyable read.	Fiction	Y
Pichon, Liz	Tom Gates. Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Dog Zombies Rule	This book comes highly recommended	Fiction	Y
Pichon, Liz	Tom Gates. Diary of a Wimpy	He goes on a long road trip.	Fiction	Y

	Kid - the Road Trip			
Riordan, Rick	Percy Jackson and the Sea Monsters	This is a book for those who want to explore the ways of Greek Gods.It brings them to life!	Fantasy/Adventure	Y
Rowling, J.K	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	I never got bored reading it	Fantasy/Adventure	Y
Rowling, J.K	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	It's Harry's third year at Hogwarts; not only does he have a new "Defense Against the Dark Arts" teacher, but there is also trouble brewing. Convicted murderer Sirius Black has escaped the Wizards' Prison and is coming after Harry.	Fantasy/Adventure	Y
Sachar, Louis	Holes	A teenage boy is sent to Camp Green Lake for an offence he hasn't committed. However there is no Green Lake, just lots of holes to be dug. What are the holes for? And can his family's history of bad luck turn good and help him out? If you like a story where all the loose ends are tidied up, this is the book for you!	Fiction/Adventure	Y
Sachar, Louis	Small steps	Sequel to Holes, featuring "Armpit" as he tries to make a new life for himself after leaving Camp Green Lake.	Fiction/Adventure	Y

Simon, Francesca	Horrid Henry and the Mummy's Curse	This is a good book if you like people who are mean to their brothers and get told off a lot	Fiction/Comedy	
Stine, R.L	Goosebumps Don't Feed the Vampire	Set in a boys room he starts to get into his costume only to find fake blood...	Adventure/Horror	
Tolkien, J.R.R	Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers	This is a fascinating book with lots of twists and turns. It has extremely unpredictable main characters (hobbits or halflings) and a very mysterious villain (Sauron)	Adventure	Y
Valentine, Jenny	The Ant Colony	Story of the residents of a block of flats, and how, through a vulnerable young girl, their paths begin to cross and they find themselves examining themselves and their lives.	Fiction	N
Walliams, David	Billionaire boy	A boy has everything his heart can desire but is it really what he wants?	Fiction/Comedy	Y
Walliams, David	Gangsta Granny	It is a great read and really engages the reader.	Fiction/Comedy	Y
Walliams, David	The Ice Monster	This is a very funny book!	Fiction/Comedy	Y
Walliams, David	The Midnight Gang	I found this book easy to read and understand. All of the kids in the hospital seem to do what they want!	Fiction/Comedy	Y
Wellford, Ross	Time Travelling with a Hamster	Humorously-written and imaginative book about a boy whose dead father leaves him a secret time machine in the cellar. Can he go back and change the past? And is it a good idea to take a hamster along for the ride?	Fiction/Adventure	Y

Wellford, Ross	What not to do if you turn invisible	A teenage girl combines a dodgy acne medicine with too much time on the sun bed and suddenly finds herself invisible. Can she use this unique power to her advantage to deal with the school bullies and get to the bottom of the mysteries in her homelife?	Fiction/ Adventure	Y
Wells, H. G.	The Island of Dr Moreau	This book has a strong storyline and can significantly improve one's vocabulary	Sci-Fi/ Adventure	
Williams, Michael	Now Is The Time For Running	Set in war-torn Africa, this book follows the fortunes of Deo and his brother as they are forced to flee their village after a massacre. Tragic yet heart-warming.	Fiction/Cultural/ Adventure	Y
Various	Forgotten- Last of the Kriegies	A story about British Nazi prisoners and what they experienced.	Historical	