



Recommended Books: Year 4

The following books are recommended for children aged 8-9, although are often enjoyed by older children too! They include a substantial collection of stories from a range of genres, and stories with morals and messages to help children deal with new experiences and emotions. They will also link to some of the topics and subject knowledge they may cover in class. Some of these stories will be read and focused on in school, and most are available in the Learning Centre.

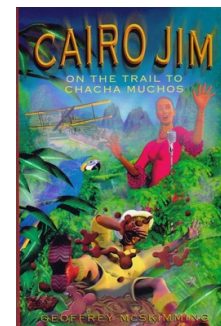
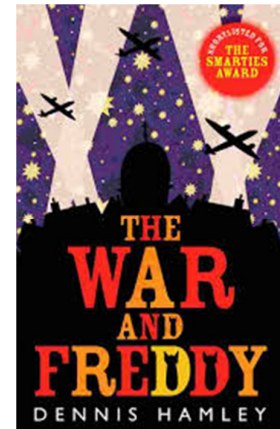
While the list here primarily focuses on fiction, it is important that your child is exposed to and reads a range of texts. Encourage your child to read non-fiction to find information, to read and perform poems aloud, and to read print in the environment to make sense of the world around them.

If you are looking for more recommendations, there are some helpful websites which provide up-to-date links to award winning authors and texts, book reviews and age-related recommendations:

<http://www.amightygirl.com/>
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>
<https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/childrens>
<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/awardwinners>

Popular Authors

David Almond	The Boy Who Climbed to the Moon My Dad's a Birdman The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas
Kate DiCamillo	The Magician's Elephant The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane Because of Winn Dixie The Tale of Despereaux
Anne Fine	Under a Silver Moon How to Write Really Badly Goggle Eyes Bill's New Frock
Philip Pullman	Clockwork The Firework Maker's Daughter The Scarecrow and His Servant Aladdin

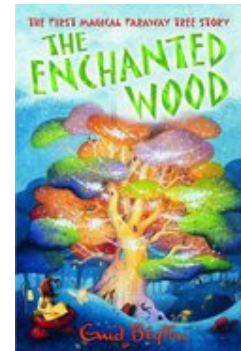


Chris Van Allsburg
 The Mysteries of Harris Burdick
 Queen of the Falls
 The Polar Express
 Jumanji

David Walliams
 Mr Stink
 The Boy in the Dress
 Billionaire Boy
 Gangsta Granny
 Moon

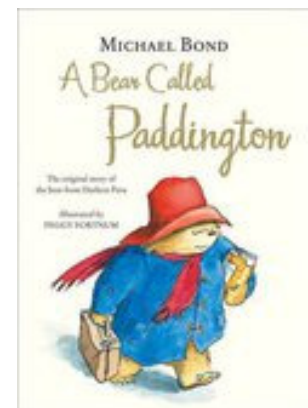
Stories with Historical Settings

Floella Benjamin Coming to England
 Sonya Harnett Silver Donkey
 Shirley Hughes Lion & the Unicorn
 Julia Jarman The Time Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess
 Caroline Lawrence The Thieves of Ostia
 Sophie McKenzie Time Train to the Blitz
 Michael Morpurgo The Mozart Question
 Michael Morpurgo Not Bad for a Bad Lad
 Linda Newbery Polly's March
 Josephine Poole Anne Frank
 Faith Ringgold Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky
 Marcia Williams Archie's War
 Marcia Williams Flossie's War Diary



Stories Set in Imaginary Worlds

Marcus Sedgwick Flood and Fang
 Cornelia Funke Igraine the Brave
 Fergus Crane Chris Riddell and Paul Stewart
 Wiley Miller Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Basil
 Ian Beck Secret History of Tom Trueheart Boy Adventurer
 Lemony Snickett A Bad Beginning
 Tony DiTerlizzi The Field Guide
 Charlie Small Gorilla City
 Phillip Pullman Firework Maker's Daughter
 Phillip Pullman Clockwork
 Sue Monroe The Magnificent Moon Hare
 Philip Reeve There's No Such Thing as Dragons



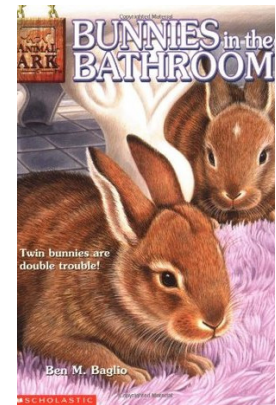


Stories from Other Cultures

Jeannie Baker	Mirror (dual language book in Arabic)
Sally Pomme Clayton	Amazons: Women Warriors of the World
Sally Pomme Clayton	Tales told in Tents
Niki Daly	Pretty Salma
Malachy Doyle	Tales from Old Ireland
Tornie diPaola	Adelita: a Mexican Cinderella Story
Frane Lessac	The Fire Children
Margaret Mayo & Louise Brierley	The Orchard Book of Creation Stories
Gcina Mhlophe	African Tales
Shenaaz Nanji	Indian Tales
Mal Peet	Cloud Tea Monkeys
Philip Pullman	Aladdin
Jane Ray	Ahmed and the Feather
Marcia Williams	Greek Myths for Young Children

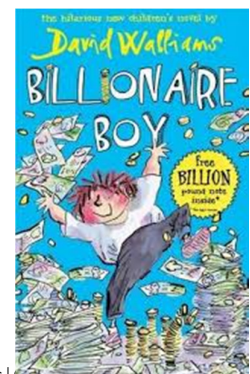
Stories that Raise Issues/Dilemmas

David Almond	My Dad's a Birdman (Bereavement/Mental Health)
Jeanne Baker	Window (Environment)
Gavin Bishop	The House That Jack Built (Imperialism)
Anne Fine	Bill's New Frock (Gender)
Kes Gray	Mum and Dad Glue (Divorce)
Elizabeth Laird	Secret Friends (Bullying)
Karin Littlewood	When Dad Was Away (Parent in Prison)
Charlotte Moundlic	The Scar (Bereavement)
Dr Seuss	My Many Coloured Days (Feelings)
Shaun Tan	The Red Tree (Depression)
David Walliams	The Boy in the Dress
Jeanne Willis	Fat Cat and Slobby Dog (Health)



Plays

Roald Dahl	The Twits (play edition)
Roald Dahl	Fantastic Mr Fox (play edition)
Roald Dahl	James and the Giant Peach (play edition)
Roald Dahl	The BFG
Ted Hughes	Collected Plays for Children
Julia Donaldson	Bombs and Blackberries
Carol Ann Duffy	Grimm Fairy Tales
Kaye Umansky	Let's Go to London
Michael Morpurgo	Kensuke's Kingdom
Julia Donaldson	Play Time





Older Picture Books

David Wiesner
Colin Thomson
Raymond Briggs
Judith Loske
Shirley Hughes
Carol Ann Duffy
Libby Hathorne

Flotsam
Paperbag Prince
Fungus the Bogeyman
Sadako's Cranes
The Lion and the Unicorn
The Princess' Blankets
Way Home

Poetry

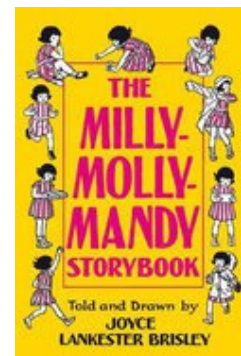
John Agard & Grace Nicholls
Paul Cookson
Dragon Poems
Michael Rosen
Charles Causley
Michael Morpurgo
Ted Hughes
John Agard
Roger McGough

A Caribbean Dozen
The Works
John Foster & Korky Paul
Centrally Heated Knickers
I Had a little Cat
Because a Fire Was in My Head
Poems for Children
From Mouth to Mouth
100 Best Poems for Children

Additional Chapter Books

Allan Ahlberg
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Nina Bawden
Lucy. M Boston
Henrietta Branford
Caroline Binch
Jill Bennett
Lewis Carroll
Eoin Colfer
Helen Cresswell
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Gillian Cross
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Kevin Crossley-Holland
Lucy Daniels
Kenneth Grahame
Pippa Goodhart
Dennis Hamley
Anthony Horowitz

The Clothes Horse
It Was A Dark and Stormy Night
The Peppermint Pig
The Children of Green Knowe
Spacebaby
Gregory Cool
A Pot of Gold
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth
Lizzie Dripping
The Sea Piper
The Crazy Shoe Shuffle
The Demon Headmaster
Beowulf
Animal Ark Series
The Reluctant Dragon
Flow
The War and Freddy
I Know What You Did Last Wednesday





Susan Jeffers & Chief Seattle
Erich Kastner
Carolyn Keene
Clive King
Dick King-Smith
Jaffrey Madhur
Robert Leeson
C S Lewis
Patricia MacLachlan
Anthony Masters
Geoffrey McSkimming
Michael Morpurgo
Alexandra Moss
Jenny Nimmo
Robert C O'Brien
Stephan Pastis
Phillipa Pearce
Edizioni Piemme
Liz Pichon
Arthur Ransome
Ron Roy
Patrick Skene Catling
Steve Stevenson
Robert Louis Stevenson
David Walliams
Laura Ingalls Wilder
Jacqueline Wilson

Brother Eagle, Sister Sky
Emil and the Detectives
Nancy Drew, Girl Detective
Stig of the Dump
The Invisible Dog
Robi Dobi
Smart Girls
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe
Sara, Plain and Tall
The Ghost Blades
Cairo Jim
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips
Royal Ballet School Diaries
The Dragon's Child
Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Timmy Failure
Dog So Small
Geronimo Stilton (series)
Tom Gates (series)
Swallows and Amazons
A to Z Mysteries (series)
The Chocolate Touch
Agatha : Girl of Mystery
A Child's Garden of Verse
Billionaire Boy
Little House on the Prairie
The Suitcase Kid

