

Early Years/Year1

Picture books:

Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae

Gruffalo and everything else by Julia Donaldson

Mr Wolf's Pancakes by Jan Fearnley

The Great Dog Bottom Swap by Peter Bentley

Dawn Chorus by Suzanne Barton

Oi Frog! By Kes Gray

Paddington (picture books)

Hairy McClary/Slinki Malinki books – Linley Dodd

Little Red Train series by Benedict Blaythwayt

Charlie & Lola picture books by Lauren Child

Years 2 and 3

Usborne Early Readers classic stories – e.g. Alice In Wonderland, Peter Pan, Heidi

I Can Read series (some with accompanying CDs)

Bananas series (graded into Blue/Green/Red & by good authors such as Morpurgo, Wilson & Jeff Brown)

Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

Mudpuddle Farm books by Michael Morpurgo

Winnie The Pooh & other AA Milne titles

Hundred Mile An Hour Dog (and other titles) – Jeremy Strong

Clarice Bean (older books) by Lauren Child

Giggler Treatment by Roddy Doyle

Sophie books by Dick King Smith

Year 4

Lob by Linda Newbery

Madame Pamplemousse by Rupert Kingfisher

Murray The Horse by Gavin Puckett

Worst Witch series by Jill Murphy

Milly Molly Mandy series by Joyce Brisley

Beast Quest/Dinosaur Cove series

Tom Palmer Football Academy series

Paddington classic stories (for older readers) by Michael Bond

Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo

Tumtum & Nutmeg series by Emily Bearn

Year 5

Darcy Burdock series (Laura Dockrill) – crazy but highly intelligent series with wacky artwork

Clarice Bean older series (Lauren Child) – similar to Darcy

Princess & The Foal (and other books) by Stacey Gregg – true story with local flavour (the princess now lives in Newmarket)

Stonebird by Mike Revell (a boy discovers a gargoyle which seems to be telling him something...)

Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin (boy squares up to the PM – will appeal to fans of David Walliams)

Just William series by Richmal Crompton (old favourite but still very popular)

Varjak Paw by SF Said (great story about a cat with attitude and amazing dreams – fantastic artwork too)

Measle & The Wrathmonk by Ian Ogilvy (a boy gets trapped inside his evil uncle's train set)

Time Travelling Cat series by Julia Jarman (includes Viking story with references to Bury St Edmunds)

Double Act by Jacqueline Wilson (widowed father finds new girlfriend and his twin daughters don't like her – plus other younger Jacqueline Wilson titles)

Year 6

Wonder by RJ Palacio (boy with disfigured face goes to school for the first time – EXTRAORDINARY!)

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo (Robinson Crusoe updated with WW2 angle - plus other Morpurgo titles)

Journey To The River Sea/One Dog & His Boy – Eva Ibbotson (two great old fashioned adventure stories)

How To Train Your Parents by Pete Johnson (irreverent look at family life – plus other similar titles)

Mr Stink, Gangsta Granny (and other titles) by David Walliams

Spellhorn by Berlie Doherty (unicorn fantasy)

Flora & Ulysses by Kate di Camillo (the adventures of a girl and her pet squirrel which can type!)

At The Firefly Gate – Linda Newbery (ghost story set at WW2 airfield in Lincolnshire)

Hetty Feather series – Jacqueline Wilson (girl grows up in Victorian London)

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit – Judith Kerr (author's own story of her childhood on the run from the Nazis)

High achieving readers

The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis (girl outwits the Taliban by dressing up as a boy to help her family survive)

Stoneheart by Charlie Fletcher (boy brings statues to life outside the Natural History Museum – with startling results!)

London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd (three children go on London Eye – and one disappears – FANTASTIC!)

Girl In The Attic – Valerie Mendes (Gripping, spooky story)

I, Coriander by Sally Gardner (see what happens when you hide in a trunk – high adventure!)

Lionboy (trilogy) – Zizou Corder (London, Venice, tigers and high drama)

Valley Of Secrets – Charmian Hussey (boy inherits huge estate in Cornwall – children’s answer to Eden Project)

The Flask by Nicky Singer (12-year-old girl unlocks mysteries and secrets when she finds an old flask in a chest of drawers)

Gladiator series – Simon Scarrow (exciting historical series based in Ancient Rome)

Thief Lord – Cornelia Funke (Oliver Twist-like adventure set in Venice)