

Ideas for books to read for children in KS2:

Note - these books get increasingly challenging

All of these books are fiction (with the odd poetry book thrown in for good measure!) and I have read 99% of them. They are all of a good quality and will challenge your child's reading. There are plenty of non fiction books out there for reading, too. Please encourage all non fiction reading to children as this is equally as important to fictional reading.

For further recommendations, visit:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/>

Set One:

- The Last Castaway - Harry Horse
- The Last Polarbears - Harry Horse
- The Hodgeheg - Dick King-Smith
- The Sheep Pig - Dick King-Smith
- The Boy who Grew Dragons - Andy Shepherd
- Football Crazy - Tony Bradman
- The Diary of a Killer Cat - Anne Fine
- The Worst Witch - Jill Murphy
- The Boy Who Grew Dragons - Andy Shepherd
- Mustard Custard, Grumble Belly and Gravy - Michael Rosen
- The Stinky Cheese Man and other fairly stupid tales - Jon Scieszka
- The Pied Piper of Hamelin - Michael Morpurgo
- Revolting Rhymes - Roald Dahl
- My Dad's a BirdMan - David Almond
- The Boy Who Climbed to the Moon - David Almond

Set Two:

- The Legend of Spud Murphy - Eoin Colfer
- Ottoline and the Yellow Cat - Chris Riddell
- The Ice Palace - Robert Swindells
- The Water Horse - Dick King-Smith
- Shakespeare - The Animated Tales - Leon Garfield
- The Mousehole Cat - Antonia Barber
- Aquilla - Andrew Norris
- The Kindlekrax - Philip Ridley

Set Three:

- Igrane the Brave – Cornelia Funke
- The Creakers - Tom Fletcher
- The Butterfly Lion - Michael Morpurgo
- Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun - Tola Akogwu
- Viking Boy - Tony Bradman

- Wayside school – Louis Sachar
- Wargame - Michael Foreman
- Fairytales - Terry Jones
- Odd and the Frost Giants - Neil Gaiman
- The Firework Maker's daughter - Philip Pullman
- The Clockwork Crow - Catherine Fisher
- The Boy at the Back of the Class - Onjali Rauf
- Tales from Outer Suburbia - Shaun Tan
- The Land of Roar - Jenny McLachlan
- How to be a Hero - Cat Weldon
- Beetle Boy - MG Leonard
- Amari and the Night Brothers - BB Alison

Set Four - heading into year 5 and 6

- The Larklight series - Phillip Reeve
- Fergus Crane - part of the Far-Flung Adventures - Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell
- Why the whales came – Michael Morpurgo
- Stig of the Dump - Clive King
- Clockwork - Philip Pullman
- The Girl Savage - Katherine Rundell
- The Demon headmaster - Gillian Cross
- The Wolves of Willoughby Chase - Joan Aitken
- Pog - Pdraig Kenny
- Journey to River Sea – Eva Ibbotson
- Journey to J'burg - Beverley Naidoo
- The Malamander - Thomas Taylor
- The Explorer - Katherine Rundell
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
- Crowfall - Vashti Hardy
- The Memory Thieves - Darren Simpson
- Bone Music - David Almond
- The Silver Sword - Ian Serrailier

Set Five:

- The Edge Chronicles 1: The Curse of the Gloamglazer: The First Book of Quint by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell
- The Artemis Fowl series - Eoin Colfer
- Skellig – David Almond
- My Name is Mina - David Almond
- Holes –Louis Sachar
- The Falcon's Malteseer -Anthony Horowitz
- Tin - Pdraig Kenny
- Warp – Eoin Colfer
- The Wolf Wilder - Katherine Rundell
- The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman

- Charmed Life - Diana Wynne Jones
- Dragon Rider - Cornelia Funke
- Phoenix - SF Said
- Goblin Quest - Philip Reeve
- The 1000 year old Boy by Ross Welford
- The Dog Who Saved the World - Ross Welford
- Tales of Terror - Chris Priestly
- Inkheart series - Inkheart, Inkspell, Inkdeath - Cornelia Funke
- The Thief Lord - Cornelia Funke
- Silverfin - Charlie Higson
- The 13 Curses, The 13 Secrets, The 13 Treasures - Michelle Harrison
- Dragon Rider - Cornelia Funke
- Heaven Eyes - David Almond
- Pig Heart Boy - Marorie Blackman
- River Boy - Tim Bowler
- I am David - Anne Holm
- The Magician's Elephant - Kate DiCamillo
- Smith - Leon Garfield

Set Six - books going into Secondary school and books you may want to read to / with your child

- By Philip Reeve -
 - Rail Head
 - Here Lies Arthur
 - Utterly Dark
 - Fever Crumb
 - A Web of Air
- By Garth Nix -
 - Mister Monday series
 - Sabriel
 - Clariel
 - Sabriel
 - A Confusion of Princes
 - Shades Children (Dystopian and very dark)
- Basilisk - NM Browne
- The Road of Bones - Anne Fine
- Starters - Lissa Price
- Enders - Lissa Price
- The Left Handed Booksellers of London - Garth Nix