

A Reading Taster List

Listed here are some well-known and loved books for younger readers/listeners. Central to our philosophy at HHS is that children enjoy a wide variety books and learn to love the art of reading for pleasure. This list is by no means exhaustive but the titles suggested are likely to entertain and enthrall both parents and children alike.

Aesop's Fables

The Jolly Pocket Postman - Allan & Janet Ahlberg
Little Tim series – Edward Ardizzone
Tales of Olga da Polga – Michael Bond
Paddington Bear – Michael Bond
Flat Stanley series – Jeff Brown
Mr Grumpy's Motor Car – John Burningham
Mr Majeka series – Humphrey Carpenter
Just William – Richard Compton
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl
Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl
The Otterbury Incident – C Day Lewis
The Gruffalo – Julia Donaldson
Flour Babies – Anne Fine
After the War – Michael Foreman
Elidor – Alan Garner
Blabbermouth – Morris Gleitzman
Antonio S and Theodore Guzman – Odo Hirsch
Beaver Towers series – Nigel Hinton
Groosham Grange – Anthony Horowitz
The Last of the Polar Bears – Harry Horse
Ffangs the Vampire – Ted Hughes
The Iron Man – Ted Hughes
Professor Branestawm – Norman Hunter
Finn Family Moomintroll – Tove Jansson
Erik the Viking – Terry Jones
Fairy Tales and Fantastic Stories – Terry Jones
Emil and the Detectives – Eric Kästner
The Sheep Pig – Dick King Smith
The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis
Pippi Longstocking – Astrid Lindgren
Dr Doolittle Stories – Hugh Lofting
Orchard Book of Greek Myths – Geraldine McCaughrean
Adventures of The Little Wooden Horse – Ursula Moray Williams

The Worst Witch – Jill Murphy
The Five Children and It – E Nesbit
The Railway Children – E Nesbit
The Borrowers series – Mary Norton
Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIHM – Robert O' Brien
The Battle of Bubble and Squeak – Phillipa Pearce
Mrs Pepperpot stories – Alf Prøysen
The Firework Maker's Daughter – Philip Pullman
Swallows and Amazons series – Arthur Ransome
The Indian in the Cupboard series – Lynn Reid Banks
Fergus Crane – Paul Stewart and Chris Riddle
Harry Potter series – J K Rowling
The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog – Jeremy Strong
Farmer Giles of Ham – J R R Tolkien
The Hobbit – J R R Tolkien
The Troublesome Tooth Fairy – Sandi Toksvig
The Selfish Giant – Oscar Wilde
Pongwiffy – Kate Urmansky

Some suggested poetry books – a wonderful way to encourage children to love words

Heard it in the Playground – Allan Ahlberg
Cautionary Verse – Hilaire Belloc
Revolting Rhymes – Roald Dahl
Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats – T S Eliot
Blackbird has spoken – Eleanor Farjeon
Funky Tales – Vivian French
The Rattle Bag – Seamus Heaney & Ted Hughes (Editors)
Complete Nonsense of Edward Lear
Peacock Pie – Walter de la Mare
Silly Verse for Kids – Spike Milligan
The Bed Book – Sylvia Plath
A Child's Garden of Verse – Robert Louis Stevenson