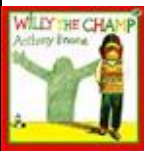

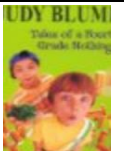
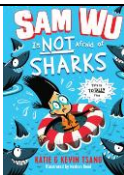




50 Recommended Reading Books for Year 3

We have carefully selected books that will hopefully capture your child's imagination. This list contains a description of the book so that you and your child are able to choose your favourites. While your child is still learning to decode (link letters and sounds) these books should be read to your child, these are 'read together' books.

Once your child has moved onto blue and grey phonics books in class, they will be able to start to read some of the books listed below by themselves. Some books have a 'Lexile rating' and 'book band' included, this measures the difficulty level of the text; a higher lexile rating indicates a more difficult text. Where the Lexile rating has AD included this means 'adult directed' and are books you should share together.

Certificates will be awarded as your child reads and shares books from this list; your child will need to record a brief response to a reading task in their reading record (such as a description of a character). A bronze certificate will be awarded once they have read 5 books from the list, a silver award will be awarded after 10, a gold award will be awarded once they have read 15 and a platinum award after 25.

| Title | Image | Author | ISBN | Overview | Lexile rating | Book Band | Date read |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| Willy the Champ |  | Anthony Browne | 9780679873914 | Tired of being teased by suburban gorillas for his scant interest in macho pursuits, Willy takes up soccer, bike racing, and swimming -all with a notable lack of success. But when chief bully Buster Nose threatens Willy, our hero accidentally decks the thug, gaining hero status. | 410 | Read together | |
| The Girl Behind the Glass |  | Jane A Kelley | 9780375962202 | Hannah and Anna Zimmer, 11-year-old twins, reluctantly move with their family from their beloved Brooklyn to a creepy house on Hemlock Road. Right away, the siblings are unnerved by bizarre disturbances: a haunted closet, mysterious winds, bats in the attic, and a faint voice. | 440 | Read together | |
| Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing |  | Judy Blume | 9780440484745 | The story of a boy who is constantly being overshadowed by his little brother. | 470 | Read together | |
| Sam Wu is not afraid of sharks |  | Kevin Tsang | 9781338541410 | Sam Wu is not afraid of sharks. Except . . . he is. Can Sam conquer his fear before he misses out on his friends' beach party fun? | 480 | Read together | |
| Gorilla |  | Anthony Browne | 9781406313277 | Neglected by her busy father, a lonely young girl receives a toy gorilla for her birthday and together they take a miraculous trip to the zoo. | 520 | Read together | |
| Ug |  | Raymond Brigg | 9780375816116 | This funny, sad, yet wonderfully life-affirming story is about a misunderstood boy genius who refuses to accept the limitations of the world in which he lives. Young | 520 | Read together | |





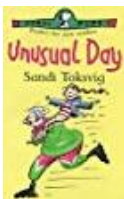

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| | | | | Ug is upwardly mobile, always on the brink of finding a better way, a nicer way of getting through life. | | | |
| Crenshaw |  | Katherine Applegate | 9781250043238 | Pitch-perfect story about boy and family facing hard times. | 540 | Read together | |
| The Fourteenth Goldfish |  | Jennifer L Holme | 9780375870644 | Eleven-year-old Ellie has never liked change. She misses fifth grade. She misses her old best friend. She even misses her dearly departed goldfish. Then one day a strange boy shows up. He's bossy. He's cranky. And weirdly enough . . . he looks a lot like Ellie's grandfather, a scientist who's always been slightly obsessed with immortality. Could this pimply boy really be Grandpa Melvin? | 550 | Gold | |
| Flat Stanley |  | Jeff Brown | 9780061129049 | Meet Stanley Lambchop. He's an ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem. He's four feet tall, about a foot wide . . . oh, and half an inch thick.. But it's not always easy being different, and soon Stanley wishes he could be just like everybody else. Will he ever be normal again? | 550 | Gold | |
| Leon and the Place Between |  | Angela McAllister | 9781840118605 | Do you dare to step into the Place Between? Step into the magic and meet Abdul Kazam! | 560 | Gold | |
| The worries: Sohal finds a friend |  | Jion Sheibani | 9780241438619 | Everyone feels worried sometimes. But what if your worries came to life and started following you around? Sohal worries about a lot of things: the dark, mutant sheep, being alone - you name it, he worries about it! So one night he tries drawing his worries to make himself feel better - and somehow they look a lot less worrying once they're scribbled down. | 560 | Gold | |
| Voices in the Park |  | Anthony Browne | 9780789425225 | Four people enter a park, and through their eyes we see four different visions. There's the bossy woman, the sad man, the lonely boy and the young girl whose warmth touches those she meets. As the story moves from one voice to another, their perspectives are reflected in the shifting landscape and seasons. | 560 | Gold | |

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| Flora and Ulysses |  | Kate DiCamillo | 9780763660406 | The squirrel's brush with death causes him to develop so called superpowers. Flora then named the squirrel Ulysses after the vacuum cleaner. Flora explains to Ulysses that he must use his newfound powers to right wrongs, fight injustice, "or something." | 560 | Gold | |
| The One and Only Ivan |  | Katherine Applegate | 9780061992278 | Ivan is an easy-going gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. | 570 | Gold | |
| Alice in Wonderland |  | Lewis Carroll | 9780794512392 | An ordinary day becomes extraordinary when Alice follows the White Rabbit down a rabbit hole and finds herself in Wonderland. Join her as she meets one incredible character after another, in this lively retelling of the classic quirky tale by Lewis Carroll. | 580 | Gold | |
| Midnight Gang |  | David Walliams | 9780008164614 | The Midnight Gang tells an extraordinarily heartwarming and, of course, funny story of five children on a hospital ward – and on a quest for adventure! It is a story of friendship and magic – and of making dreams come true. Readers are set to be utterly spellbound by this heartfelt story that will bring magic to everyone. | 580 | Gold | |
| The Stone Age |  | Jerome Martin | 9781409586418 | This information book uncovers the history of Stone Age people and how they lived. | 590 | Gold | |
| Middle School: Dog's Best Friend |  | James Patterson | 9780316349543 | Rafe's been to the beach and now he's headed to the bush u watch out Australia! It's fair to say that Rafe's recent trip Down Under could not easily be called a success. | 600 | Gold | |
| Leonora Bolt: Secret Inventor |  | Lucy Brandt | 9780241436769 | Leonora Bolt spends her days creating incredible inventions in her TOP SECRET laboratory, under the watchful eye of her terrifying uncle. | 600 | Gold | |




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| The Famous Five |  | Enid Blyton | 9780340681244 | Join the gang on another mystery. Who does the treasure belong to? | 610 | Gold | |
| Me and Mr P: Joe's new world |  | Maria Farrer | 978-0192744210 | There are times when only a polar bear will do . . . So Mum and Dad have decided we're moving house, but not just down the road, not even in the same town . . . not even in the same COUNTRY! Not only that, but now they expect me to try and fit in and make new friends. Don't they understand that I just want my old friends who love and accept me the way I am – bad jokes and all. It would seem that the only friend I CAN make is this enormous POLAR BEAR who has come to stay. I didn't ask for him, but I ended up with him at the airport instead of my missing suitcase . . . Meet Joe as he tries to adapt to his new life. And meet Mister P, the world's most helpful(ish) polar bear. | 610 | Gold | |
| Woof! |  | Allan Ahlberg | 9780140319965 | Eric is a perfectly ordinary boy. Perfectly ordinary that is, until the night when, in fifteen seconds flat, he turns into a dog! Eric and his best friend are determined to sniff out the truth - what makes an ordinary boy go 'woof'? | 610 | Gold | |
| Harry the Poisonous Centipede |  | Lynne Reid Banks | 9780688147112 | Harry likes to eat things that wriggle and crackle, and things that are juicy and munchy! But there are some things that a centipede must "never" try to eat -- dangerous things like flying swoopers, belly wrigglers, mid the most dangerous of all ... Hoo-Mins! | 620 | Gold | |
| Unusual Day |  | Sandi Toksvig | 9780552545396 | When Jessica brings her granny into school for 'Unusual Day' Miss Johnson thinks she's got muddled up with 'Family Day'. Her granny may be wearing a tracksuit and trainers, but she still looks like a fairly ordinary granny. However, when 'Unusual Day' is disrupted by a fire next door, everybody discovers just how unusual Jessica's granny is... | 630 | Silver | |
| George's Marvellous Medicine |  | Roald Dahl | 9780141301112 | George's grouchy grandmother needs a taste of her own medicine, and George knows just the right ingredients to put into it! | 640 | Silver | |

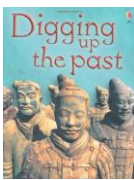




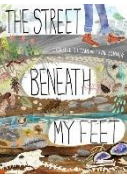

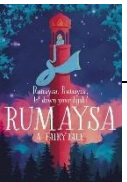
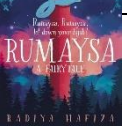
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| Egyptians |  | Stephanie Turnbull | 9781474003228 | Why were the pyramids built? Who were the Ancient Egyptians? Find out through this informative text! | 640 | Silver | |
| The Lost Hero |  | Rick Riordan | 9781423113393 | Jason doesn't remember anything before waking up on a school bus holding hands with a girl. | 660 | Silver | |
| From Plant to Seed |  | Gail Gibbons | 978-0823410255 | The processes of pollination, seed formation, and germination are explained with important vocabulary and clear diagrams. | 660 | Silver | |
| The World According to Humphrey |  | Betty G. Birney | 9780571226832 | Sent to live in Room 26, Humphrey, the class hamster, begins to learn a lot about humans through simple observation from his cage, in an amusing tale about a curious creature who takes full advantage of his educational opportunities. | 670 | Silver | |
| Quest of the Gods Attack of the scorpion Riders |  | Dan Hunter | 9781409521051 | This title features one boy, five Gods, and a thousand monsters. Ancient Egypt is in trouble; the evil Pharaoh, Oba, has captured five of the most powerful good gods and imprisoned them. Only one boy can stop them: Akori, an orphaned farm-boy with a huge destiny... | 690 | Silver | |
| The Lightning Thief – Percy Jackson |  | Rick Riordan | 9780786856299 | Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can't seem to focus on his schoolwork or control his temper. | 680 | Emerald | |
| Give Peas a Chance |  | Morris Gleitzman | 9780143302629 | Give fun a chance! Surprise your mum with a chainsaw, be a bigger star than Tom Cruise, save the world with a plate of vegetables, start your new life in a taxi, rescue your family with a tomato, send your dad into a panic with a tractor, do a good deed with a paper bag on your head, pack your suitcase for a trip to the spleen, upset your auntie with ten kilos of chocolate, swap a bomb for three ice creams on a steam train . . . and lots more. | 700 | Emerald | |



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| Miss Daisy is Crazy |  | Dan Gutman | 9780 0605 0700 8 | Never before has school been this mixed up-or this much fun! Miss Daisy, who teaches second grade, doesn't know how to add or subtract. Not only that, she doesn't know how to read or write, either. | 700 | Emerald | |
| The Adventures of Captain Underpants |  | Dav Pilkey | 9780 5908 4628 8 | Meet Captain Underpants. His true identity is so secret, even HE doesn't know who he is! | 720 | Emerald | |
| The BFG |  | Roald Dahl | 9780 1424 1038 7 | Ten-year-old Sophie is in for the adventure of a lifetime when she meets the Big Friendly Giant (Mark Rylance). Naturally scared at first, the young girl soon realizes that the 24-foot behemoth is actually quite gentle and charming. | 720 | Emerald | |
| Magician's Elephant |  | Kate DiCamillo | 9780 7636 5298 2 | In her eagerly awaited new novel, DiCamillo--the Newbery Medal-winning author of "The Tale of Despereaux"--conjures a haunting fable about trusting the unexpected and making the impossible come true. | 730 | Emerald | |
| Kensuke's Kingdom |  | Michael Morpurgo | 9780 4393 8202 1 | This spellbinding tale of self-discovery begins as Michael and his parents sail around the world. When Michael is swept overboard and washes up on an island, he realizes he's not alone. Kensuke, an old Japanese man, keeps his distance at first, but when Michael's life is threatened, he slowly lets the boy into his world. | 730 | Emerald | |
| My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish |  | Mo O'Hara | 9781 2500 2919 5 | This book is about Tom and a goldfish that his brother Mark, is using in a science project. Mark dunks Frankie the goldfish into toxic gunk, then Tom and Pradeep, another character, zap Frankie back to life. | 740 | Emerald | |
| Anisha Accidental Detective |  | Serena Patel | 9781 4749 5952 0 | <p>HELP! My super-dramatic Aunt Bindi is getting married tomorrow and she's having a mega meltdown.</p> <p>But sssh! I've just found a ransom note, pushed through the letter box, saying Uncle Tony, Bindi's husband-to-be, has been kidnapped, and will only be freed if the wedding is cancelled!</p> <p>I have to keep this a secret otherwise it'll be panic-central...</p> <p>I guess it's up to me - Anisha, ACCIDENTAL DETECTIVE, to save the day.</p> | 760 | Ruby | |

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| Digging Up the Past |  | Lisa Jane Gillespie | 9781409514251 | How do ancient things get buried? Who digs them up? What do they find? | 760 | Ruby | |
| The Land of Stories: Beyond the Kingdoms |  | Chris Colfer | 9780316406888 | The Masked Man is running amok; recruiting the most dastardly villains from literature to join his dark army. Can Alex and Conner stop him? | 760 | Ruby | |
| Dinosaur Cove: Swimming with the sea monsters |  | Rex Stone | 9780192737885 | Are you ready for the best adventure ever? Do you love dinosaurs? Imagine meeting them? Jamie and Tom explore... Which dinosaurs do they discover? | 810 | Ruby | |
| Sophie's Lucky |  | Dick King Smith | 978-1406344356 | Sophie would love to have a pony, but she doesn't think she'll ever be that lucky. | 810 | Ruby | |
| Accidental Trouble Magnet |  | Zanib Mian | 9780593109212 | Welcome to the imaginative brain of Omar! Omar and his family have just moved, and he is NOT excited about starting at a new school. What if the work is too hard or the kids are mean or the teacher is a zombie alien?! But when Omar makes a new best friend, things start looking up. | 820 | Ruby | |
| The Street Beneath my feet |  | Charlotte Guillain and Yuval Zommer | 978-1784937317 | This double-sided foldout book takes you on a fascinating journey deep underground. One side of the foldout shows the ground beneath the city, whilst the reverse side shows the ground beneath the countryside. | 860 | Ruby | |
| Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure |   | Alex T Smith | 9781682631201 | Meet Mr. Penguin: adventurer (and penguin)! He has a dashing hat. He has a battered satchel. He has a packed lunch of fish finger sandwiches. Now he just needs an adventure! So when Boudicca Bones from the Museum of Extraordinary objects calls for help, Mr. Penguin swings into action. Can he and Colin the spider find the museum's missing treasure before bandits do? Or is this the adventure Mr. Penguin should have never answered? | 870 | Ruby | |
| Rumaysa |  | Radiya Hafiza | | 'Rumaysa, Rumaysa, let down your hijab!' For as long as she can remember Rumaysa has been locked away in | 900 | Sapphire | |

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| | | | | her tower, forced to spin straw into gold for the evil Witch, unable to leave. Until one day, after dropping a hijab out of her small tower-window, Rumaysa realizes how she might be able to escape . . | | | |
| You're a Bad man, Mr Gum! |  | Andy Stanton | 9781405274920 | Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob. This book's all about him! | 900 | Sapphire | |
| Donovan's Big Day |  | Lesleá Newman | 9781582463322 | Donovan's two moms are getting married, and he can't wait for the celebration to begin. After all, as ringbearer, he has a very important job to do. | 910 | Sapphire | |
| A pig called Heather |  | Harry Oulton | ISBN: 9780823432905 | Heather the pig has it all: a lovely farm to live on in the Scottish countryside, apples of all kinds to devour, and a doting best friend in the farmer's daughter, Isla. Unfortunately, Heather's idyllic existence is shattered when Isla's dad has to sell the farm to pushy Farmer Busby and move with Isla to far-off London. | 920 | Sapphire | |

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