

Suggested texts for children to read and discuss,  
both independently and in an adult guided group.

Y3 / Y4

I'll Take you to Mrs Cole - Nigel Gray

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark – Jill  
Tomlinson

The Hodgeheg - Dick King Smith

Flat Stanley - Jeff Brown

Lob – Linda Newbury

The Worst Witch – Jill Murphy

The Pirate Cruncher/The Pirates Next Door–  
Jonny Duddle

Fantastic Mr Fox - Roald Dahl

Charlie Small - Charlie Small

Bill's New Frock – Anne Fine

Mr Badger series – Lee Hobbs

The Raft – Jim Lamarchet

The 100 dresses – Eleanor Estes

Dragons at Crumbling Castle – Terry Pratchet

Ottoline and the Yellow Cat – Chris Riddell  
(series)

The Butterfly Lion - Michael Morpurgo

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate  
DiCamillo

East 'o the sun and west o' the moon – P J Lynch

Greek Myths – Marcia Williams

Cloud Tea Monkeys – Mal Peet

How To Train Your Dragon – Cressida Cowell

The Paperbag Prince – Colin Thompson

Stig of the Dump – Clive King

Grandpa's Indian Summer - Jamila Gavin

The Whales' Song – Dyan Sheldon

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Y4 / Y5

The Firework Maker's Daughter - Phillip Pullman

The Ice Palace - Robert Swindells

The Fastest Boy in the World – Elizabeth Laird

Frindle – Andrew Clements

Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo

Varjak Paw – S. F. Said

Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver

It was a Dark and Stormy Night - Janet Ahlberg

Double Act – Jacqueline Wilson

Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz

Stig of the Dump – Clive King

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone – J.K. Rowling

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis

Charlotte's Web – E.B.White

Matt's Millions – Andrew Norris

The Saga of Erik the Viking – Terry Jones

The Minpins – Roald Dahl

Noah Barleywater Runs Away – John Boyne

Peter Pan in Scarlet – Geraldine McCaughrean

The Secret History of Tom Trueheart – Ian Beck

The Magician's Elephant – Kate diCamillo

Arthur: The Seeing Stone – Kevin Crossley-Holland

Beowulf – K Crossley-Holland (extracts year 4)

Platform 13 – Eva Ibbotson

The Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho-Yen

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Y5/Y6

Danny, Champion of the world – Roald Dahl

The Bag of Bones – Vivian French

Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver

Goodnight Mr Tom – Michelle Magorian

The Lottie Project – Jacqueline Wilson

Aquila – Andrew Norriss

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader – C S Lewis

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban – J K  
Rowling

Eye of the Wolf – Daniel Pennac

The Doomspell – Cliff McNish

A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E./Cloudbusting – Malorie Blackman

The Wreck of the Zanzibar – Michael Morpurgo

The Messenger Bird – Ruth Easton

Street Child – Berlie Docherty

Phantom Tollbooth – Norton Juster

The Giver – Lois Lowry

Peter Pan in Scarlet – Geraldine McCaughrean

Millions – Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Beowulf – Kevin Crossley-Holland

Little House on the Prairie – Laura Ingalls-Wilder

Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame

Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo

Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver

Inventions of Hugo Cabret/Wonderstruck – Brian  
Selznick

Mary Poppins- L H Travers

Firebird – Saviour Pirotta

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Y6

Carrie's War – Nina Bawden  
Tom's Midnight Garden – Phillipa Pearce  
A Wrinkle in Time – Madeleine L'Engle  
The Silver Sword – Ian Serrailier  
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase – Joan Aiken  
The London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd  
Room 13 – Robert Swindells  
Coraline – Neil Gaiman  
Holes – Louis Sachar  
Pax – Sara Penny-Packer  
The Weirdstone of Brisingamen – Alan Garner  
Marianne Dreams – Catherine Storr  
Black Beauty – Anna Sewell  
Northern Lights – Philip Pullman  
The Children of Green Knowe – Lucy M Boston  
Boy – Roald Dahl  
The Railway Children – E Nesbitt  
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo  
The Girl of Ink and Stars – Kiran Millwood  
Hargrave  
The Garbage King – Elizabeth Laird