Year 3 Suggested Reading List

Our aim is to develop children's love of reading. This list provides a range of genres and difficulties, towards the end of the list are suggested books relating to topics studied in year 3.

Fiction

The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd
The Legend Kevin by Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre
Varjak Paw by SF Said
Weasels by Elys Dolan
The Sheep-Pig by Dick King-Smith
Leon & The Place Between by Angela McAllister
Mr Penguin & The Lost Treasure by Alex T Smith
My Name Is Not Refugee by Kate Milner
The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson
Sam Wu is Not Afraid Of Ghosts by Katie Tsang
Charlotte's Web by EB White
The Tin Forest by Helen Ward
The 13-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths
Baby Aliens Got My Teacher by Pamela Butchart
Knights & Bikes by Gabrielle Kent
Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne
No 1 Car Spotter by Atinuke
The Folk Of The Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton
On Sudden Hill by Linda Sarah
The Nothing To See Here Hotel by Steven Butler
Ocean Meets Sky by The Fan Brothers
The Last Wolf by Mini Grey
Amelia Fang & The Barbaric Ball by Laura Ellen Anderson
This Moose Belongs to Me by Oliver Jeffrey
Arthur & The Golden Rope by Joe Todd Stanton
Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley
Billy & The Minpins by Roald Dahl
Five Children & It by Edith Nesbit
Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce
The Magician's Nephew by CS Lewis
The Saga of Erik the Viking by Terry Jones
Aesop's Fables
The Box of Delights by John Masefield
The Eddie Dickens Trilogy by Philip Ardagh
The Unlikely Exploits Trilogy by Philip Ardagh
The Further Adventures of Eddie Dickens by Philip Ardagh
The Peppermint Pig by Nina Bawden
Beast Quest series by Adam Blade
Famous Five series by Enid Blyton
The Mystery series by Enid Blyton
The Milly Molly Mandy series by Joyce Lankester Brisley

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Just William series by Richmal Crompton
The Demon Headmaster by Gillian Cross
Moondial by Helen Cresswell
The Bagthorpe Saga: Ordinary Jack by Enid Blyton
Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling
The Story of Dr Dolittle by Hugh Lofting
The Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald
The Battle of Bubble & Squeak by Philippa Pearce
Mrs Pepperpot series by Alf Proysen
Heidi by Joanna Spyri

Poetry

I Bet I Can Make You Laugh by Joshua Seigal
I Am The Seed That Grew The Tree by Fiona Waters
Jelly Boots, Smelly Boots by Michael Rosen
Journey To The Centre Of My Brain by James Carter

Non-Fiction

Who Are You Calling Weird? By Marilyn Singer & Paul Daviz (Words & Pictures, 9780760363393)
Lesser Spotted Animals by Martin Brown (David Fickling Books, 9781338089349)
The Silly Book Of Side Splitting Stuff by Andy Seed (Bloomsbury, 9781408850794)
Until I Met Dudley: How Everything Really Works by Roger McGough (Francis Lincoln, 9781847803504)
Three Cheers for Women! by Marcia Williams (Walker Books, 9781406379976)
The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life With The Chimps by Jeanette Winter (Schwartz & Wade, 9780375867743)
The Pebble In My Pocket: A History Of Our Earth by Meredith Hooper (Francis Lincoln, 9781847802552)
The Usborne Official Astronaut's Handbook (Usborne, 9781474950855)
Tiny: The Invisible World Of Microbes by Nicola Davies (Walker, 9781406371277)
The Street Beneath My Feet by Charlotte Guillain & Yuval Zommer (Words & Pictures, 9781910217313)
A History Of Key Inventions That Changed The World by Adam Hart-Davis (Walker, 9781406319286)
How Much Does a Ladybird Weigh? by Alison Limentani (QED, 9781784937072)

Maths

Maths – No Problem! Year 3 Pupil Book by Maths No Problem! (Maths – No Problem, 9781913458546)
CGP KS2 Maths Year 3 Targeted Question Book by CGP (CGP, 9781847622112)
How Much Is a Million? By David M. Schwartz (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 9780688065447)
Maths Dictionary for Kids by Tori Large (DK Children, 9780241316757)
Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi by Cindy Neuschwander (Charlesbridge, 9781570911668)
Multiplying Menace: The Revenge of Rumpelstiltskin by Pam Calvert (Charlesbridge, 9781570918902)
Math Curse by Jon Scieszka (Viking Press, 9780670861941)

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History: Stone Age to Iron Age (including non-fiction and fiction) Autumn Term

Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura (Red Fox, 9780099808879)
Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age by Raymond Briggs (Puffin, 9780141388311)
Stig of the Dump by Clive King (Puffin, 9780141329697)
The Stone Age: Hunters, Gathers & Woolly Mammoths by Marcia Williams (Walker Books, 9781406338324)
How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson & Kate Hindley (Simon & Schuster Children's UK, 9780857079589)
Skara Brae by Dawn Finch (Tiny Tree Books, 9781910328521)
Stone Age Tablet by Andrew Langley (Heinemann, 9780431123974)
Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver (Orion Children's Books, 9781842551318)
The Secrets of Stonehenge by Mick Manning & Brita Granstorm (Franklin Watts, 9781445159225)
The History Detective Investigates: Stone Age to Iron Age by Clare Hibbert (Wayland, 9781526308429)
Stone Circles by Dawn Finch (Tiny Tree Books, 9781910328729)
The Boy With The Bronze Age by Kathleen Fidler (Floris Books, 9781782505938)
Defenders: Pitch Invasion by Tom Palmer (Barrington Stoke, 9781781128930)
The Archers of Isca by Caroline Lawrence (Orion Children's Books, 9781444003543)

History: Ancient Egypt (including non-fiction and fiction) Spring Term

The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo (HarperCollins, 9780064432795)
Pharaoh's Fate by Camille Gautier & Stephanie Vernet (Europe Comics, 9781545803562)
Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll (Faber & Faber, 9780571326273)
An Egyptian Adventure (The Histronauts) by Frances Durkin & Grace Cooke (Quarto Publishing, 9781786037237)
The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan (Puffin, 9780141325500)
The Story of Tutankhamun by Patricia Cleveland-Peck & Isabel Greenberg (Bloomsbury Children's Books, 9781408890547)
Egyptology: Search for the Tomb of Osiris by Emily Sands (Candlewick Press, 9780763626969)
Meet The Ancient Egyptians by James Davies (Usborne, 9781409563945)
Flat Stanley: The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery by Sara Pennypacker (Egmont UK, 9781405231466)
Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods & Pharaohs by Marcia Williams (Walker Books, 9781406322521)
Egyptian Things to Make & Do (Usborne Activities) by Emily Bone (Usborne, 9781409535149)
The Scarab's Secret by Nick Would & Christina Balit (Orion Children's Books, 9781858814677)
The Time-Travelling Cat & the Egyptian Goddess by Julia Jarman (Andersen Press, 9781842700822)
If I Were A Kid In Ancient Egypt by Cobblestone Publishing (9781842700822, 9780812694361)
The Legend of Tutankhamun by Sally Jane Morgan & James Weston Lewis (Wren & Rook, 9781526360083)
Egypt Magnified by David Long & Harry Bloom (Wide Eyed Editions, 9781786030962)

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History: Explorers (including non-fiction and fiction) Summer Term

Shackleton's Journey by William Grill (Flying Eye Books, 9781909263109)
Little People, BIG DREAMS: Ernest Shackleton by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara (Frances Lincoln, 9780711245716)
Ice Trap! Shackleton's Incredible Expedition by Meredith Hooper (Frances Lincoln, 9780711217447)
Tenzing and the Sherpas of Everest by Jim Corrigan (Frances Lincoln, 9780431060187)
Peak: The Story of the First Ascent of Everest by Roland Huntford (illustrated edition for younger readers) (Frances Lincoln, 9781847807311)
Little People, BIG DREAMS: Amelia Earhart by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara (Frances Lincoln, 9780711239692)
The Extraordinary Life of Amelia Earhart by Kate Boehm Jerome (Random House, 9780375823091)
Little People, BIG DREAMS: Neil Armstrong by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara (Frances Lincoln, 9780711246768)
Who Was Neil Armstrong? by Roberta Edwards (Penguin Workshop, 9780448424965)
Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 by Brian Floca (Atheneum Books, 9781416950462)
Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13 by Helaine Becker (Henry Holt, 9781250137524)
Katherine Johnson by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 9780711246836)
Trailblazers: Isabella Bird by Sally Morgan (Franklin Watts, 9781445156194)
She Persisted: Nellie Bly by Michelle Knudsen (Philomel Books, 9780593353523)
Nellie Bly and Investigative Journalism for Kids by Ellen Mahoney (Chicago Review Press, 9781641604925)

Geography: Technology in our Local Area (including non-fiction and fiction) Autumn Term

A Street Through Time by Steve Noon & Anne Millard (DK Children, 9780241248638)
Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty (Abrams Books, 9781419708459)
The London Underground: A History for Children by Jane Bingham (Franklin Watts, 9781445148274)
The Way Things Work Now by David Macaulay (DK, 9780241227930)

Geography: Where our Food Comes From (including non-fiction and fiction) Autumn Term

How Did That Get in My Lunchbox? The Story of Food by Chris Butterworth (Candlewick Press, 9780763665036)
From Farm to Fork by Bridget Heos (Amicus Ink, 9781681521114)
The Chocolate Tree: A Mayan Folktale by Linda Lowery (Millbrook Press, 9781575059044)
The Sandwich Swap by Queen Rania Al Abdullah & Kelly DiPucchio (Disney-Hyperion, 9781423124849)
What's for Lunch? How Schoolchildren Eat Around the World by Andrea Curtis (Groundwood Books, 9781554984107)

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Geography: Mountains & Volcanoes (including non-fiction and fiction) Spring Term

Go On a Grand Tour of the Highest Places on Earth by Jason Bittel (Wide Eyed Editions, 9780711260146)
Mountains and Volcanoes by Rosie Harlow & Sally Morgan (Franklin Watts, 9781445152110)
Everything Volcanoes and Earthquakes by Kathy Furgang (National Geographic Kids, 9781426310591)
The Pebble in My Pocket by Meredith Hooper & Chris Coady (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 9781845072124)
The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 9781845072124)

Geography: Rainforests (including non-fiction and fiction) Summer Term

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry (Puffin Books, 9780440868514)
One Day On Our Blue Planet: In The Rainforest by Della Bailey (Publisher, 9780152026141)
The Shaman's Apprentice by Lynne Cherry (Voyager Books, 9781909263994)
Wild Animals Of The South by Dieter Braun (Flying Eye Books, 9780152013752)
Rainforests in 30 Seconds by Jen Green (Ivy Kids, 9781909263574)
Journey To The River Sea by Eva Ibbotson (Macmillan Children's Books, 9781782403494)
Lifesize: Rainforest by Anita Green (What on Earth Books, 9780330397155)
Pongo by Jesse Hodgson (Flying Eye Books, 9781912920471)
Amazon Adventure: Unfolding Journeys by Stewart Ross (Templar Publishing, 9781787411234)
100 Facts: Rainforest by Camilla De la Bedoyere (Miles Kelly Publishing, 9781842361844)

Science: Rocks & Soils (including non-fiction and fiction) — Autumn Term

The Rock Factory: A Story About Rocks & Stones by Jacqui Bailey & Matthew Lilly (Bloomsbury Education, 9781801992985)
A Rock is Lively by Dianna Hutts Aston & Sylvia Long (Chronicle Books, 9781452145556)
The Street Beneath My Feet by Charlotte Guillain & Yuval Zommer (Words & Pictures, 9781682971369)
Stone Girl Bone Girl by Laurence Anholt & Sheila Moxley (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 9781845077006)
This Little Pebble by Anna Claybourne & Sally Garland (Franklin Watts, 9781445149688)

Science: Body Systems & Health (including non-fiction and fiction) — Spring Term

All You Need to Know About Your Body by Age 7 by Alice James & Stefano Tognetti (Usborne Publishing, 9781803701639)
Brilliant Bodies: Inside and Out by Tim Kennington (QED Publishing, 9780711283084)
Dr Roopa's Body Books: The Brilliant Brain by Roopa Farooki & Viola Wang (Walker Books, 9781529504507)
Dr Roopa's Body Books: The Hero Heart by Roopa Farooki & Viola Wang (Walker Books, 9781529535426)
DKfindout! Human Body by DK (Dorling Kindersley (DK), 9780241285077)
George's Secret Key to the Universe by Lucy & Stephen Hawking (Corgi Children's Books, 9780552559584)

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Science: Plants (including non-fiction and fiction) — Summer Term

Bloom by Nicola Skinner (HarperCollins Children's Books, 9780008313357)

A Seed Is Sleepy by Dianna Hutts Aston (Chronicle Books, 9780811867832)

Under the Canopy by Iris Volant (Flying Eye Books, 9781838740184)

Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa by Jeanette Winter (Harcourt Children's Books, 9780152060442)

Toby Alone by Timothée de Fombelle (Walker Books, 9781406318999)

Botanicum (Welcome to the Museum) by Kathy Willis (Big Picture Press, 9781783700677)

Tree of Life: The Incredible Biodiversity of Life on Earth by Rochelle Strauss (Kids Can Press, 9781554534302)

I Love This Tree by Anna Claybourne (Franklin Watts, 9781445157283)

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Usborne Puzzle Adventures by Jenny Tyler, Gaby Waters, Karen Dolby (Usborne, 9780746054246)

Puzzle Adventure Omnibus (No. 1–7) by Jenny Tyler, Gaby Waters, Karen Dolby, Martin Oliver (Usborne, 9780746018545)

Choose Your Own Adventure series by R.A. Montgomery, Edward Packard (various authors) (Chooseco, 9781933390956)

CGP 10-Minute Tests Verbal Reasoning 7–8 by CGP Books (Coordination Group, 9781782948992)

CGP 10-Minute Tests Non-Verbal Reasoning 7–8 by CGP Books (Coordination Group, 9781782949005)

Music

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema (Macmillan Children's Books, ISBN 9781529007541)

A Song for China by Ange Zhang (Groundwood Books, ISBN 9781773061511)

The Bear and the Piano by David Litchfield (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, ISBN 9781847807182)

French

Le Petit Nicolas by René Goscinny (Phaidon, ISBN 9780714864808)

The Story of Babar by Jean de Brunhoff (Abrams Books, ISBN 9780810982468)

Songs in the Shade of the Flamboyant Tree: French Creole Lullabies and Nursery Rhymes by Chantal Grosléziat (The Secret Mountain, ISBN 9782923163826)

Physical Education

Sportopedia: Explore More Than 50 Sports from Around the World by Adam Skinner and Mark Long (Wide Eyed Editions, ISBN 9781786030856)

Look Inside: What Happens When You Eat? by Emily Bone and Stefano Tognetti (Usborne, ISBN 9781474924252)

Jaz Santos vs The World by Priscilla Mante (Puffin, ISBN 9780241523582)

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Art

Picasso and the Girl with a Ponytail by Laurence Anholt (Barron's Educational Series, ISBN 978-0711225204)

Andy Warhol (Little People, BIG DREAMS) by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, ISBN 978-1847807920)

Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing by Kay Haring (Dial Books for Young Readers, ISBN 978-0525428198)

If Picasso Painted a Snowman by Amy Newbold (Tilbury House Publishers, ISBN 978-0884487706)

The Fantastic Jungles of Henri Rousseau by Michelle Markel (Prestel, ISBN 978-3791371786)

The Iridescence of Birds: A Book About Henri Matisse by Patricia MacLachlan (Roaring Brook Press, ISBN 978-1592701887)

Drama

How to Put on a Shakespeare Play by Sarah Gordon (Franklin Watts, ISBN 9781445148854)

Roman Tales: Eight Plays for Children by Mike Poulton (Cambridge University Press, ISBN 9780521540223)

The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman (Puffin, ISBN 9780241351668)