Year 4 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 4.

Fiction

How To Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 9780316587112)
The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood (Faber & Faber, 9780571340200)
The Queen's Nose by Dick King Smith (Puffin, 9780141370231)
The Train to Impossible Places by PG Bell & Flavia Sorrentino (Usborne Publishing, 9781474940092)
The Accidental Prime Minster by Tom McLaughlin (Oxford University Press, 9780192759030)
Alex Sparrow & The Really Big Stink by Jennifer Killick (Firefly Press, 9781910080740)
The Akimbo Adventures by Alexander McCall Smith (Bloomsbury Children's Books, 9780747586609)
Starfell: Willow Moss & The Lost Day by Dominique Valente (HarperCollins Children's Books, 9780008307769)
Aliens Invaded My Talent Show by Matt Brown (Usborne Publishing, 9781474928861)
Town Is By The Sea by Joanne Schwartz (Walker Books, 9781406376806)
When The Mountains Roared by Jess Butterworth (Orion Children's Books, 9781510102101)
Stuart Little by EB White (Puffin, 9780141354835)
Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor by Patricia Valdez (Alfred A. Knopf, 9780399557255)
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo (Candlewick Press, 9780763643676)
The Lost Words by Robert Macfarlane (Hamish Hamilton, 9780241253588)
The Day War Came by Nicola Davies (Walker Books, 9781406389059)
Planet Stan by Elaine Wickson (OUP Oxford, 9780192773708)
The Famous Five by Enid Blyton (Hodder Children's Books, 9780340681060)
The Demon Headmaster Gillian Cross (Oxford University Press, 9780192755261)
Flotsam by David Wiesner (Clarion Books, 9780618194575)
The Apprentice Witch by James Nicol (Chicken House, 9781910002704)
Run Wild by Gill Lewis (Oxford University Press, 9780192754967)
The Elephant's Friend by Marcia Williams (Walker Books, 9781406305707)
One Dog & His Boy by Eva Ibbotson (Scholastic, 9781407136318)
Fortunately the Milk by Neil Gaiman (HarperCollins, 9780062224071)
Survivors by David Long & Kerry Hyndman (Faber & Faber, 9780571341948)
The Animals of Farthing Wood by Colin Dann (Red Fox, 9780099498568)
The Journey by Francesca Sanna (Flying Eye Books, 9781909263994)
The Great Chocoplot by Chris Callaghan (Chicken House, 9781910655627)
How To Live Forever by Colin Thompson (Red Fox, 9780099266266)
The Big Fat Totally Bonkers Diary Of A Pig by Emer Stamp (Scholastic,

9781407144559)
The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame (Puffin Classics, 9780141321130)
Boy Overboard by Morris Gleitzman (Puffin Books, 9780141318493)
The Iron Woman by Ted Hughes (Faber & Faber, 9780571226139)
Down the Bright Stream by BB (Oxford University Press, 9780192754561)
The Little Grey Men by BB (Oxford University Press, 9780192754554)
Brendon Chase by BB (Oxford University Press, 9780192754578)
According to Jennings by Anthony Buckeridge (Penguin Books, 9780141317304)
Emil & The Detectives by Erich Kastner (Red Fox, 9780099428657)
Fattypuffs & Thinifers by Andre Maurois (Puffin Classics, 9780141358338)
The Grunts in Trouble by Philip Ardagh (Nosy Crow, 9780857631169)
Awful End by Philip Ardagh (Faber & Faber, 9780571228980)
Dreadful Acts by Philip Ardagh (Faber & Faber, 9780571228980)
Nicholas & The Gang by Rene Goscinny (Faber & Faber, 9780571228997)
Unbearable! by Paul Jennings (Phaidon Press, 9780714868585)
Unreal! by Paul Jennings (Puffin Books, 9780140367294)
Unbelievable! by Paul Jennings (Puffin Books, 9780140371505)
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster (Random House Children's Books, 9780394820378)
The Pongwiffy Series by Kaye Umansky (Puffin Books, 9780140342215)
Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll (Wordsworth Editions, 9781840227802)
The Terrible Thing That Happened To Barnaby Brocket by John Boyne (Doubleday Children's Books, 9780857532695)
Ninja Trilogy by Chris Bradford (Puffin Books, 9780141332536)
The Child's Elephant by Rachel Campbell-Johnston (Puffin Books, 9780141332147)
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again by Frank Cottrell Boyce (Macmillan Children's Books, 9780230754591)
The Mystery Of The Man With The Black Beard by Gillian Cross (Oxford University Press, 9780192733252)
Brilliant by Roddy Doyle (Scholastic, 9781407139395)
The Number Devil by Hans Enzensberger (Hodder Children's Books, 9780349142197)
Toby Alone by Timothee De Fombelle (Walker Books, 9781406318760)
Toby & The Secrets of the Tree by Timothee De Fombelle (Walker Books, 9781406318777)
Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (Candlewick Press, 9781536214352)
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo (Candlewick Press, 9780763643676)
Fortunately the Milk by Neil Gaiman (HarperCollins, 9780062224071)
Harvey Angell series by Diana Hendry (Oxford University Press, 9780192753373)
Minders by Diana Hendry (Oxford University Press, 9780192759160)
The Story Of The Blue Planet by Andri Snaer Magnason (Pushkin Children's Books, 9781908968890)
Perijee & Me by Ross Montgomery (Faber & Faber, 9780571315987)

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Alex, The Dog & The Unopenable Door by Ross Montgomery (Faber & Faber, 9780571331062)
Aquila by Andrew Norris (Corgi Children's, 9780552547048)
Ctrl-Z by Andrew Norris (Corgi Children's, 9780552571654)
The Victory Dogs by Megan Rix (Puffin Books, 9780141339665)
The Tapper Twins series by Geoff Rodkey (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 9780316297820)
Chronicles of Egg by Geoff Rodkey (Puffin Books, 9780141341460)
The Indian in the Cupboard series by Lynne Reid Banks (HarperCollins Children's Books, 9780007309955)
Ranger's Apprentice series by John Flanagan (Puffin Books, 9780141328528)

Poetry

I Don't Like Poetry by Joshua Siegal (Bloomsbury Publishing, 9781472930033)
Please Mrs Butler by Allan Ahlberg (Penguin / Puffin, 9780140314946)
Where Zebras Go by Sue Hardy Dawson (Otter-Barry Books, 9781910959312)
The World's Greatest Space Cadet by James Carter (Bloomsbury Education, 9781472927811)

Non Fiction

Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover by Markus Motum (Walker Books Ltd, 9781406387155)
Real-Life Mysteries by Susan Martineau (b small Publishing, 9781911509080)
How To Help a Hedgehog & Protect a Polar Bear by Jess French (DK Children, 9780241412428)
A World of Cities by James Brown & Lily Murray (Thames & Hudson Ltd, 9780500650226)
Illumanatomy by Kate Davies & Carnovsky (Dorling Kindersley, 9781409376538)
A Street Through Time: A 12,000 Year Walk Through History by Steve Noon (Scholastic, 9781407109619)
Horrible Science series by Nick Arnold (Scholastic, 9781407103457)
Horrible History series by Terry Deary (Scholastic, 9781407108797)
Horrible Geography series by Anita Ganeri (Macmillan Children's Books, 9781529041606)
Science Sorted: Space, Black Holes & Stuff by Glenn Murphy (Words & Pictures, 9780711254763)
The Skies Above My Eyes by Charlotte Guilian & Yuval Zommer (Words & Pictures, 9780711254763)
Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson (Barrington Stoke Ltd, 9781781128473)
Just A Second by Steve Jenkins (Chronicle Books, 9780811864749)

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Maths

Illustrated Dictionary of Maths by Usborne (Usborne Publishing Ltd, 9781409546962)
KS2 Maths Year 4 Textbook by CGP (Coordination Group Publications Ltd (CGP), 9781782947974)
KS2 Maths Year 4 Targeted Question Book by CGP (Coordination Group Publications Ltd (CGP), 9781847622129)
Mathematics Year 4 by David Hillard and Serena Alexander (Galore Park Publishing Ltd / Hachette Learning, 9781471856457)
Schofield and Sims Series (Schofield & Sims Ltd, 9780721714882)
Target Your Maths Year 4 by Stephen Pearce Elmwood Education Limited, 9781906622282)

History: Romans (including non-fiction and fiction) Autumn Term

Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 9781845070595)
The Orchard Book of Roman Myths by Geraldine McCaughrean & Emma Chicester Clark (Orchard Books, 9781843623243)
The Roman Quests: Escape From Rome by Caroline Lawrence (Orion Children's Books, 9781510100237)
Meet the Ancients Roman by James Davies (Big Picture Press, 9781787410527)
Romans On The Rampage by Jeremy Strong (Puffin, 9780141357713)
Defenders: Dark Arena by Tom Palmer (Barrington Stoke, 9781781127308)
A Roman Adventure (The Histronauts) by Frances Durkin & Grace Cooke (Jolly Fish Press, 9781631632440)
Roman Things To Make & Do (Usborne Activities) by Leonie Pratt (Usborne Publishing Ltd, 9780746080405)
Avoid Being A Roman Solider (The Danger Zone) by David Stewart (Book House, 9781905087587)
What The Romans Did For Us by Alison Hawes (A&C Black Childrens, 9781408112861)

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

Who Let The Gods Out? by Maz Evans (Chicken House, 9781910655412)
Beasts of Olympus: Beast Keeper by Lucy Coats (Bonnier Books UK, 9781848124660)
The Ancient Greek Mysteries by Saviour Pirotta & Freya Hartas (Nosy Crow, 9780857639233)
Greek Gods & Heroes by Sylvia Baussier & Almasty (Twirl, 9791039515542)
Hopeless Heroes: Here Comes Hercules! by Stella Tarakson & Nick Roberts (Scholastic, 9781407196916)
Fleeced! by Julia Wills (Firefly Press, 9781913102333)
The Iliad & The Odyssey by Marcia Williams (Walker Books, 9781406303476)
So You Think You've Got It Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Greece by Chae Strathie & Marisa Morea (Nosy Crow, 9781788004794)

The Orchard Book of Greek Myths by Geraldine McCaughrean (Orchard Books, 9781408324370)
A Visitor's Guide to Ancient Greece by Lesley Sims (Usborne, 9781409599104)
Avoid Entering the Ancient Greek Olympics! (The Danger Zone) by Michael Ford (Book House, 9781909645677)
Beasts of Olympus: Beast Keeper by Lucy Coats (Bonnier Books UK, 9781848124660)
You Wouldn't Want To Be A Slave In Ancient Greece by Fiona Macdonald (Book House, 9781909645264)

History: Crime and Punishment (including non-fiction and fiction) Summer Term

See Inside the History of London by Rob Lloyd Jones (Usborne Publishing Ltd, 9780746077535)
Horrible History series by Terry Deary (Scholastic)
The Captive Celt by Terry Deary (A & C Black Publishers Ltd, 9780713689600)
The Shepherd who Ate His Sheep by Terry Deary (Bloomsbury Education, 9781472929280)
The Witch who Faced the Fire by Terry Deary (Bloomsbury Education, 9781472929365)
Dick Turpin Legends and Lies by Terry Deary (Bloomsbury Education, 9781781123515)
Roman Boy by Tony Bradman (Walker Books Ltd, 9781529512748)
Treason by Berlie Doherty (HarperCollins Children's Books, 978-1849391214)
Black Powder by Ally Sherrick (Chicken House, 9781910655269)
The Secret Diary of Kitty Cask, Smuggler's Daughter by Jamie Littler & Philip Ardagh (Nosy Crow, 9781788000574)
Street Child by Berlie Doherty (HarperCollins Children's Books, 9780008726454)
Crookhaven: The School for Thieves by J. J. Arcanjo (Penguin Random House / Puffin, 9781444965735)

Geography: Grid systems (including non-fiction and fiction) Autumn Term

Collins Primary Atlas by Collins (Collins, 9780008146757)
At the Same Moment, Around the World by Clotilde Perrin (Chronicle Books, 9781452122083)
Destination Planet Earth by Jo Nelson & Tom Clohosy Cole (Wide Eyed Editions, 9781786030627)
100 Facts: Planet Earth by Dianne Hutts & Sylvia Long (Miles Kelly Publishing Ltd, 9781782091950)

Geography: Plants of the world (including non-fiction and fiction) Autumn Term

The Secret World of Plants: Tales of More Than 100 Remarkable Flowers, Trees, and Seeds by Ben Hoare (DK Children, 9780744059830)
Q and A Kids: Plants by Amy Chapman (Hachette Children's Group, 9781526324092)

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Geography: Climate change (including non-fiction and fiction) Spring Term

The Lorax by Dr. Seuss (Random House Books for Young Readers, 978-0394823379)
How to Teach Grown-Ups About Climate Change by Jess French (What on Earth Publishing Ltd, 978-1804660300)
Dear Earth by Isabel Otter (Tiger Tales, 978-1664300149)

Geography: Settlements (including non-fiction and fiction) Spring Term

Ordnance Survey Kids' Adventure Book by Ordnance Survey (Penguin Random House Children's UK / Puffin, 978-024148079)
The Big Book of the UK by Imogen Russell Williams (Ladybird, 978-0241382608)

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

Why Oh Why Are Deserts Dry? by Tish Rabe (Random House Books for Young Readers, 978-0375858680)
Desert: Journey Through the Hot Sands and Frosty Lands by Anita Ganeri (DK Children, 979-8217126835)

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

Lonely Planet Kids A Kid's Guide to Spain by Alexa Ward (Lonely Planet Kids, 978-1837587759)
A Dragon on the Roof by Cecile Alix (Prestel Junior, 978-3791373911)

Science: Sound (including non-fiction and fiction) — Autumn Term

Can You Hear Sounds in Space? by Anna Claybourne (Franklin Watts, 9781445141534)
Step Into Science: Sound by Peter Riley (Wayland, 9781526313072)
Science in a Flash: Sound by Georgia Amson-Bradshaw (Wayland, 9781445152677)
Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion by Shannon Stocker & Devon Holzwarth (Dial Books, 9780525555322)
The Speed of Starlight by Colin Stuart & Ximo Abadía (Big Picture Press, 9781787418004)
Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly (Delacorte Press, 9781524770235)

Science: Electricity (including non-fiction and fiction) — Spring Term

Charging About: The Story of Electricity by Jacqui Bailey & Matthew Lilly (Bloomsbury Education, 9781801992886)
Science in a Flash: Electricity by Georgia Amson-Bradshaw (Wayland, 9781445152707)
Foxton Primary Science: Electricity (Upper KS2 Science) by Nichola Tyrrell (Foxton Books, 9781839250156)
The Way Things Work by David Macaulay & Neil Ardley (Houghton Mifflin, 9780544824389)
Electricity and Magnetism by Steve Parker (DK Children, 9780756667382)
Horrible Science: Fatal Forces by Nick Arnold & Tony De Saulles (Scholastic UK, 9781407109633)

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Science: Biodiversity & Ecosystems (including non-fiction and fiction) — Summer Term

The Variety of Life by Nicola Davies & Lorna Scobie (Hodder Children's Books, 9781444948202)
Tree of Life: The Incredible Biodiversity of Life on Earth by Rochelle Strauss & Rosemary Woods (Kids Can Press, 9781554534302)
Everything You Know About Minibeasts is Wrong! by Dr Nick Crumpton & Gavin Scott (Nosy Crow, 9781839944895)
Wild Cities: Discovering New Ways of Living in the Modern Urban Jungle by Ben Lerwill & Sarah Walsh (Pavilion Children's Books, 9781843654674)
The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry (Harcourt Children's Books, 9780152026141)
One Beetle Too Many: The Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin by Kathryn Lasky & Matthew Trueman (Candlewick Press, 9780763630003)

Religious Education: Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity

See Inside World Religions by Usborne (Usborne Publishing Ltd, 978-1409594574)
The Christmas Story by Brian Wildsmith (Oxford University Press, 978-0192777768)
The Easter Story by Brian Wildsmith (Oxford University Press, 978-0192768735)
The Little Book of Hindu Deities by Sanjay Patel (Plume / Penguin Publishing Group, 978-0452287754)
The Puffin Book of Hindus Gods and Goddesses by Penguin Books (Penguin/Puffin, 978-0143334217)
Tales of the Sikh Gurus: Inspiring stories from Sikhism by Penguin Books (Penguin Select, 978-9815368550)
The Life and Teachings of Guru Nanak: A Children's Introduction to the Founder of Sikhism by Amrit Kaur (Independently published, 979-8311505314)

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Solve It! - Logic Games for Big Thinkers by Collins Kids (Collins, 9780008599508)
Games for Clever Kids Series by Dr Gareth Moore (Michael O'Mara Books / Buster Books,9781780552491)
Logic Puzzle Book For Kids Ages 8-12 by Activity Bandits (Independently published, 9798296897336)
Perfectly Logical!: Challenging Fun Brain Teasers and Logic Puzzles for Smart Kids by Jenn Larson (Callisto Kids, 9781641525312)
Brain Training for Kids Series by Bond (OUP Oxford, 9780192769534)

Music

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña (Penguin Books, ISBN 9780141374185)
Little People, Big Dreams: Mozart by María Isabel Sánchez Vegara (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, ISBN 9780711285538)
Little People, Big Dreams: Beethoven by María Isabel Sánchez Vegara (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, ISBN 9780711292857)

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French

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (Omilia Languages, ISBN 9780956721594) Adèle & Simon by Barbara McClintock (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, ISBN 9780374308612) The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick (Scholastic, ISBN 9780439813785)

Physical Education

You Can Do It: How to Find Your Voice and Make a Difference by Marcus Rashford (Macmillan Children's Books, ISBN 9781529076622)
Human Body by Steffi Cavell-Clarke (BookLife Publishing, ISBN 9781839274237)
Secret FC by Tom Palmer (Barrington Stoke, ISBN 9781781129340)

Art

The Met Modigliani Activity Book by Carol Belanger Grafton (The Metropolitan Museum of Art, ISBN 978-0870709638)
The Usborne Introduction to Art by Rosie Dickins (Usborne Publishing, ISBN 978-1409598891) Greek Myths for Young Children by Heather Amery (Usborne Publishing, ISBN 978-0746063017) Roman Diary: The Journal of Iliona, a Young Slave by Richard Platt (Scholastic, ISBN 978-1407136385)
Drawing Faces by Fiona Watt (Usborne Publishing, ISBN 978-1409582982)
This Is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen (Walker Books, ISBN 978-1406353431)

Drama

Fairy Tales, Myths and Legends by Pie Corbett (Scholastic, ISBN 9780439013901)
Into the Woods by Lyn Gardner (Nosy Crow, ISBN 9780857631107)
The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy (Puffin, ISBN 9780241607895)