

Upper key Stage 2

Chapter Books

Brightstorm- Vashti Hardy
 Letter's From the Lighthouse- Emma Carroll
 The Eye of the North-Sinéad O'Hart
 Tin- Pádraig Kenny
 Artemis Fowl- Eion Colfer
 Rooftoppers- Katherine Rundell
 The House with Chicken Legs- Sophie Anderson
 Small Change for Stuart- Lissa Evans
 Podkin-One-Ear- Kieran Larwood
 Beetle Boy- M.G. Leonard
 A Girl of Ink and Stars- Kiran Millwood-Hargrave
 Holes- Louis Sachar
 Wonder- R.J. Palacio
 Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief- Rick Riordan
 The 1000 Year Old Boy- Ross Wellford
 The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day- Christopher edge
 Cogheart- Peter Buntz
 The Last Wild- Piers Torday
 The Switch- Anthony Horowitz
 The Boy Who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair- Lara Williamson
 The Wolves of Willoughby Chase- Joan Aiken
 The Nowhere Emporium- Ross MacKenzie
 Goldfish Boy- Lisa Thompson
 Journey to Jo'burg- Beverley Naidoo
 Pig Heart Boy- Malory Blackman
 Sky Song- Abi Elphinstone
 Trash- Andy Mulligan

5 Great Picture Books for Older Readers

The Viewer- Gary Crew
 The Watertower- Gary Crew
 The Arrival- Shaun Tan
 Way Home- Gregory Rogers
 The Day War Came- Nicola Davis

10 Children's Classics

Tom's Midnight Garden- Philippa Pearce
 The Railway Children- E Nesbit
 The Hundred and one Dalmatians- Dodie Smith
 The Wind in the Willows- Kenneth Graham
 The Narnia Books- C S Lewis
 Harry Potter Books- J K Rowling
 The Borrowers- Mary Norton
 The Secret Garden-Frances Hodgson Burnett
 Swallows and Amazons-Arthur Ransome
 The Roald Dahl books- various

10 Challenging Chapter Books for Greater Depth Readers

The Graveyard Book- Neil Gaiman
 Mortal Engines- Philip Reeve
 Northern Lights- Philip Pullman
 Private Peaceful- Michael Morpurgo
 The Wheel of Surya- Jamila Gavin
 The Boy in Striped Pyjamas- John Boyne
 A Monster Calls- Patrick Ness
 The Hobbit- J R Tolkien
 The Phantom Tollbooth- Norton Juster
 The Silver Sword- Ian Serrallier

The Grove Primary School Recommended Reading Lists



The booklists in this leaflet are not exhaustive. They are just a small snapshot of some of the best quality children's literature out there, chosen by staff at The Grove. We have tried to include a range of authors and genres to appeal to different interests. You can always talk to your child's teacher to get more ideas of books that might appeal to your child, or visit the local library in Arbury Court which has good range of children's books. Happy reading!

EYFS and Key Stage 1

Picture Books

Burglar Bill—Allan and Janet Alhberg
 The Gruffalo- Julia Donaldson
 We're Going on a Bear Hunt- Michael Rosen
 The Tiger who Came for Tea—Judith Kerr
 Dear Dinosaur—Chae Strathie
 Dogger—Shurley Hughes
 That Pesky Rat- Lauren Child
 Grumpy Frog- Ed Vere
 Aaaaargh Spider- Lydia Monks
 Rosie's Walk- Pat Hutchins
 Lost and Found- Oliver Jeffers
 Framer Duck- Martin Waddell
 Peace at Last- Jill Murphy
 Shark in the Park- Nick Sharratt
 Cockatoos- Quentin Blake
 Not Now Bernard- David McKee
 That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown- Cressida Cowell
 Where the Wild Things Are- Maurice Sendak
 Meerkat Mail- Emily Gravett
 Winnie the Witch- Valerie Thomas
 The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch- Rhonda and David Armitage
 Would You Rather- John Burningham
 Gorilla- Anthony Browne
 Handa's Surprise- Eileen Browne
 The Storm Whale—Benji Davis
 The Lion Inside- Rachel Bright
 Giraffe's Can't Dance- Giles Andreae

Superbat—Matt Carr

The Colour of Home- nMary Hoffman
 Julian is a Mermaid- Jessica Love
 The Book with No Pictures- B.J. Novak
 The Rainbow Bear- Michael Morpurgo
 Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go- Britta Teckentrup
 The Bear and the Piano- David Litchfield
 Egg Drop- Mini Grey
 Princess Smartypants- Babette Cole
 Kitchen Disco- Clare Foges
 A First Book of Nature—Nicola Davis (non-fiction)
 Dogs Don't Do Ballet- Anna Kemp
 Mr Wolf's Pancakes- Jan Fearnley
 The Paperbag Princess- Robert Munsch

First Chapter Books

The Magic Finger- Roald Dahl
 Mr Majeika- Humphrey carpenter
 The Diary of a Killer Cat- Anne Fine
 The Worst Witch- Jill Murphy
 The Hodgeheg- Dick King-Smith
 Horrid Henry- Francesca Simon
 Flat Stanley- Jeff Brown
 Wigglesbottom Primary- Pamela Butchart
 The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark- Jill Tomlinson

Lower Key Stage 2

Picture Books

The Mousehole Cat- Antonia Barber
 Amazing Grace
 The Day the Crayons Quit
 Weasels- Elis Dolan
 Rosie Revere Engineer-
 The Tin Forest
 The Giant's Necklace- Michael Morpurgo
 Snow White in New York-
 How to Live Forever-
 After the Fall-
 Voices in the Park- Anthony Brown
 Tadpole's Promise- Jeanne Willis
 The wolves in the walls- Neil Gaiman
 Firebird
 The Green Ship- Quentin Blake
 Great Women who Changed the World- Kate Pankhurst

Chapter Books

Fortunately the Milk- Neil Gaiman
 Goth Girl- Chris Riddell
 The Owl tree- Jenny Nimmo
 Pugs of the Frozen North- Philip Reeve
 Mr Gum- Andy Stanton
 Varjak Paw- S F Said
 How to Train Your Dragon- Cressida Cowell
 Alex Saproow and the Really Big Stink- Jennifer Killick
 The Cat Mummy- Jaqueline Wilson
 The Battle of Bubble and Squeal- Philippa Pearce
 The Fireworkmaker's Daughter- Philip Pullman
 The Secret of Platform 13- Eva Ibbotson
 A Necklace of Raindrops- Joan Aiken
 Dave Pigeon- Swapna Haddow
 The Boy Who Grew Dragons-
 The Nothing to See Here Hotel
 Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure
 Iguana Boy
 Gangsta Granny
 Amelia Fang- Laura Ellen Anderson
 The Accidental Primeminister-