



LUDGROVE

SUMMER READING

CHALLENGE

Read **five** books over the summer and
complete a short review for each.

Please hand your completed booklet to your
English Teacher in September.



If you are struggling to choose books, use
our Bingo sheet ...

Read **5** books to form a line
on the bingo grid!



Or why not visit your local bookshop and
enjoy browsing for books

SUGGESTED SUMMER READING

2018

For upcoming IVs



"I have a passion for teaching kids to become readers, to become comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."

Roald Dahl

This list is intended as a guide to some of the current popular books available for boys entering the Fours. The aim is to help boys and parents choose reading material that is challenging, rewarding or just plain fun, whilst being age appropriate.

As there are limits on the number of books that can be included in this list, we have often chosen just one title by a particular author. We have also not included many well-loved titles or authors (such as J.K. Rowling, Jeff Kinney, Enid Blyton) because you will already be familiar with them.

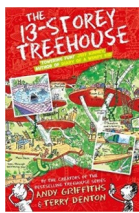
Book shops often categorise their books in the age bracket 9-12yrs. Therefore they cover a wide range of reading levels and subject matter. We have tried to include a variety of books for different reading ability. It may be that 'shared reading' is a good way to enjoy some of the more challenging (but exciting!) stories. Being read to is still a very valuable activity for the boys, increasing their vocabulary and their understanding of more complex narrative.

These suggestions are subjective, there will be some books in this list you try but do not enjoy. We hope there will be many you love!

Mrs Bidgood

Librarian





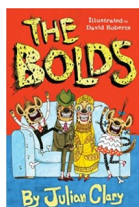
The 13 Storey Treehouse Andy Griffiths

Andy and Terry live in the WORLD'S BEST treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry!



Cakes in Space Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre

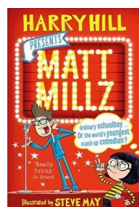
Astra's family are all snoring in their sleeping pods, but Astra is WIDE AWAKE. With her friend, Pilbeam, she goes off exploring and soon finds out the ship is in deep trouble.



The Bolds Julian Clary

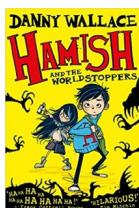
The Bolds live happily in Teddington where Mrs Bold sells hats and Mr Bold writes the jokes for Christmas crackers.

Hardly anyone knows they are actually hyenas! Their secret nearly comes out when they attract the attention of their grumpy next-door neighbour, but maybe he's got things to hide too.



Matt Millz Harry Hill

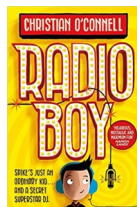
Meet Matt Millz - Britain's Youngest (and funniest!) Comedian! Matt may be small but he is truly mighty on the comedy circuit. Well, he is in his head anyway. When the school holds a talent show, Matt has the opportunity to demonstrate that he's got the magical chutzpah quip to take him all the way to the Apollo.



Hamish and the Worldstoppers Danny Wallace

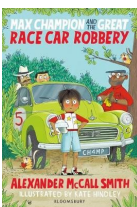
What would **YOU** do... if the whole world just stopped? **Yes the WHOLE WORLD.** Birds in the air. Planes in the sky. And every single person on the planet - except you!

Perfect for fans of David Walliams, Roald Dahl, David Baddiel and David Solomons!



Radio Boy Christian O'Connell

Spike's your average awkward 11 year old, funny and cheeky and with a mum to reckon with. When he becomes the first presenter ever to be sacked from hospital radio, he decides to carry on from a makeshift studio in the garden shed, with the help of his best friends.



Max Champion and the Race Car Robbery Alexander McCall Smith

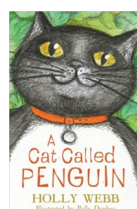
When Max finds an old car that has his last name - Champion - on the bonnet, he learns that his grandfather used to make some of the best cars around ... and race them! That is, until his ideas book and his favourite car, Arabella, were stolen by greedy rival Mr Grabber. Can Max find a way to get back what Grandfather Gus lost?



Flying Fergus Chris Hoy

Hamilton is a boy with a big imagination. Living with his mum and grandad and his dog, Chimp, he dreams of a state-of-the-art Sullivan Swift and becoming the most brilliant boy cyclist in the world.

So when he gets a rusty second-hand bike for his ninth birthday he can't help feeling a bit disappointed. But then he discovers something amazing when he takes it for a ride. . .



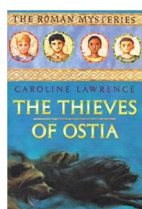
A Cat Called Penguin Holly Webb

Alfie has always loved playing in the overgrown garden next door. It is here he plays with Penguin, an enormous black-and-white cat, a stray who Alfie has claimed as his own. But when his next door neighbour's granddaughter, Grace, comes to live with her, she decides Penguin belongs to her.



You're a Bad Man Mr Gum! Tom Fletcher

Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob. This book's all about him. And an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub. And Jake the dog, and a little girl called Polly and an evil, stinky butcher all covered in guts. There's heroes and sweets and adventures and EVERYTHING.



The Thieves of Ostia

Caroline Lawrence

The first in Caroline Lawrence's internationally bestselling Roman Mysteries series. Flavia Gemina lives in Rome in AD79, she and her three friends must work together to discover who is beheading the watchdogs that guard people's homes, and why.



The Tale of Angelino Brown

David Almond

Bert and Betty Brown have got themselves a little angel. Bert found him in his top pocket when he was driving his bus. Bert and Betty's friends think he's lovely. So do Nancy and Jack and Alice from Class 5K. What a wonder! But Acting Head Teacher Mrs Mole is not so sure. Nor is Professor Smellie.

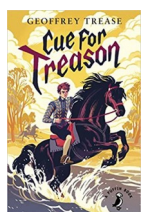


The Adventures of John Blake

Philip Pullman

Join John Blake and the crew of the Mary Alice in an unforgettable time-travelling adventure on the high seas.

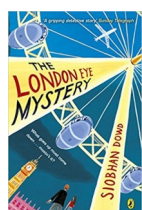
But the mysterious ship is being hunted by a villain who will go to ANY lengths to track her down...



Cue for Treason

Geoffrey Trease

Fleeing from the evil Sir Philip Morton, Peter Brownrigg finds himself on the wrong side of the law. On the run to London he meets Kit and the two decide to stick together. But a chance discovery endangers their lives and soon Peter is deep in murderous plots, secrets and even treason.



The London Eye Mystery

Siobhan Dowd

An encounter with a boy dangling from the sky changes pickpocket Magpie's life forever.



The Crooked Sixpence

Jennifer Bell

Dive head first into the world of Lundinor in this magical adventure story for anyone with a Hogwarts-shaped hole in their life.



A Boy and a Bear in a Boat

Dave Shelton

A boy and a bear go to sea, equipped with a suitcase, a comic book and a ukulele. They are only travelling a short distance and it really shouldn't take long. But their journey doesn't quite go to plan . . . Faced with turbulent storms, a terrifying sea monster and the rank remains of a very dangerous sandwich, the odds are against our unlikely heroes.



Escape from Mr Lemoncello's Library

Chris Grabenstein

When Kyle learns that the world's most famous game maker, Luigi Lemoncello, has designed the town's new library and is having an invitation-only lock-in on opening night, he's determined to be there! But the tricky part isn't getting into the library--it's getting out.



The Goldfish Boy

Lisa Thompson

A story about finding friendship when you're lonely - and hope when all you feel is fear. Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing.



Flood Child

Emily Diamond

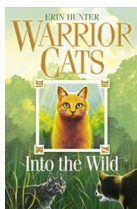
Flooded England, 2216 ...England is changed for ever: most of it now under water. Worse, bloodthirsty pirates prowl the shores, and when they kidnap the Prime Minister's daughter it looks like disaster.



Sky Song

Abi Elphinstone

Join Eska, a girl who breaks free from a cursed music box, and Flint, a boy whose inventions could change the fate of Erkenwald forever, as they journey to the Never Cliffs and beyond in search of an ancient, almost forgotten, song with the power to force the Ice Queen back.

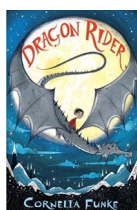


Warrior Cats – Into the Wild

Erin Hunter

For generations, four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to the laws laid down by their ancestors. But the warrior code has been threatened, and the ThunderClan cats are in grave danger. Noble warriors are dying—and some deaths are more mysterious than others.

This is the first book in a series.



Dragon Rider

Cornelia Funke

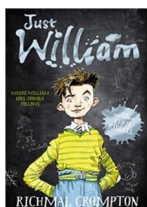
Firedrake, a brave young dragon, embarks on a magical journey to find the legendary place where silver dragons can live in peace for ever. Along the way, he discovers extraordinary new friends and a courage he never knew he had.



The Snow Spider Trilogy

Jenny Nimmo

A spine-tingling magical fantasy trilogy. On his ninth birthday, Gwyn is given a brooch and told to cast it into the wind. Later he discovers the wind has sent something back: the snow spider.



Just William

Richard Crompton

In *Just William* the Outlaws plan a day of non-stop adventure. The only problem is that William is meant to be babysitting. But William won't let that stop him having fun with his gang - he'll just bring the baby along!

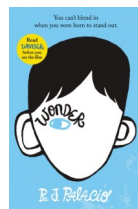
There are many other books in this series to enjoy.



Cosmic

Frank Cottrell Boyce

Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force-defying Cosmic rollercoaster - or to be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. He competes with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job? Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up.



Wonder

R.J. Palacio

Auggie Pullman is ten-years-old and feels just like any boy his age. But since birth, Auggie has had a rare facial deformity which has prevented him from attending school. Now, Auggie has to enrol at Beecher Prep and must endure all the ups and downs that comes with it.



Knights of the Borrowed Dark

Dave Rudden

The first book in a new series about an orphan boy who discovers he is part of a secret army that protects the world from a race of shadowy monsters.



Redwall

Brian Jacques

Redwall Abbey, tranquil home to a community of peace-loving mice is threatened by Cluny the Scourge - the evil-one-eyed rat warlord. Cluny is certain that Redwall will fall easily to his fearsome army but he hasn't bargained for the courage of the combined forces of the Redwall mice and their loyal woodland friends

This is the first book in a series.



George and the Blue Moon

Lucy & Stephen Hawking

Space-obsessed George and his best friend Annie have been selected as junior astronauts and sent off to be trained up for a trip to Mars. It's their dream come true. Except things aren't quite what they seem at space camp - strange things keep happening, This series features up-to-the-minute facts and exciting scientific discoveries.



The Last Wild

Piers Torday

This is a story about a boy named Kester. He is extraordinary, but he doesn't know that yet.

All he knows is this:

1. There is a flock of excited pigeons in his bedroom.

2. They are talking to him.

A captivating animal adventure destined to be loved by readers of all ages.

BOOK ONE



Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Plot

What is the book about? Where is the story set?

Summarise the story in 5 bullet points:

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Describe the most exciting/frightening part of the book:



Characters



Who was your favourite character? Why?

Did you identify with any particular character? Why?

Ending

Was the ending of the book as you expected? Why?

Review

Describe this book using three adjectives:

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2.

3.

Would you read other books by this author?

Rating – colour the stars



BOOK TWO



Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Plot

What is the book about? Where is the story set?

Summarise the story in 5 bullet points:

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Describe the most exciting/frightening part of the book:



Characters



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Did you identify with any particular character? Why?

Ending

Was the ending of the book as you expected? Why?

Review

Describe this book using three adjectives:

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BOOK THREE



Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Plot

What is the book about? Where is the story set?

Summarise the story in 5 bullet points:

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Describe the most exciting/frightening part of the book:



Characters



Who was your favourite character? Why?

Did you identify with any particular character? Why?

Ending

Was the ending of the book as you expected? Why?

Review

Describe this book using three adjectives:

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Would you read other books by this author?

Rating – colour the stars



BOOK FOUR



Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Plot

What is the book about? Where is the story set?

Summarise the story in 5 bullet points:

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Describe the most exciting/frightening part of the book:



Characters



Who was your favourite character? Why?

Did you identify with any particular character? Why?

Ending

Was the ending of the book as you expected? Why?

Review

Describe this book using three adjectives:

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Would you read other books by this author?

Rating – colour the stars



BOOK FIVE



Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Plot

What is the book about? Where is the story set?

Summarise the story in 5 bullet points:

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Describe the most exciting/frightening part of the book:



Characters



Who was your favourite character? Why?

Did you identify with any particular character? Why?

Ending

Was the ending of the book as you expected? Why?

Review

Describe this book using three adjectives:

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Would you read other books by this author?

Rating – colour the stars

