



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 IIs



"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 Threes. 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





Cogheart

Peter Bunzl

Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. With her friends - Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox - Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world.

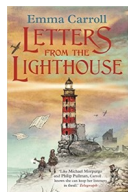
Murder, mayhem and mystery meet in this gripping Victorian adventure.



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.



Letters from the Lighthouse

Emma Carroll

February, 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees.

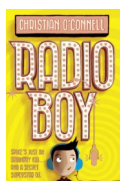


The Adventures of John Blake

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...



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.

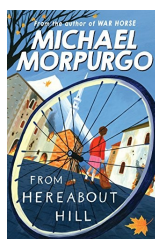


The Switch

Anthony Horowitz

A boy's casual wish leads him into a dark and mysterious world in this thrilling adventure from the bestselling author of the Alex Rider series. For Tad Spencer, only son of a fabulously wealthy businessman, every day is like Christmas. Until he makes the mistake of wishing he was someone else.

Anthony Horowitz has written many books for this age group – don't be put off by the cover!

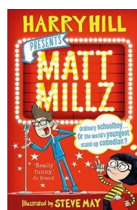


From Hearabout Hill

Michael Morpurgo

A spell-binding collection of short stories from Michael Morpurgo.

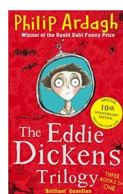
Explore friendship, love, revenge, life and death in the pages of From Hereabout Hill. Short stories are a great way to encourage reluctant readers.



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.



The Eddie Dickens's Trilogy

Philip Ardagh

When both of Eddie Dickens's parents catch a disease that makes them turn yellow, go a bit crinkly round the edges and smell of hot water bottles, it's agreed he should go and stay with relatives at their house Awful End. Unfortunately for Eddie, those relatives are Mad Uncle Jack and Even-Madder Aunt Maud.



Mind-Swapping Madness

Tom E Moffatt

A collection of short stories.

A boy in a fly's body.

A toad waiting to be kissed.

Horses that know Morse code and aliens who hijack children's bodies.

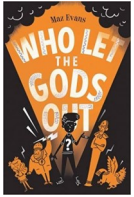
Has everyone gone completely bonkers? These hilarious stories transport you to a world where mind-swapping is possible.



Beetle Boy

M. G. Leonard

Darkus is miserable. His dad has disappeared, and now he is living next door to the most disgusting neighbours ever. A giant beetle called Baxter comes to his rescue. But can the two solve the mystery of his dad's disappearance, especially when links emerge to cruel Lucretia Cutter and her penchant for beetle jewellery?



Who Let the Gods Out

Maz Evans

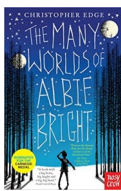
Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help.



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.



The many Worlds of Albie Bright

Christopher Edge

An extraordinary novel for anyone who's ever been curious. When Albie's mum dies, it's natural he should wonder where she's gone. His parents are both scientists and they usually have all the answers. Dad mutters something about Albie's mum being alive and with them in a parallel universe. So Albie finds a box, his mum's computer and a rotting banana, and sends himself through time and space to find her...



Beyond the Bright Sea

Lauren Wolk

Crow has lived her whole life on a tiny, starkly beautiful island. Her only companions are Osh, the man who rescued her from a washed-up skiff as a baby and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their neighbour across the sandbar. But it is only when a mysterious fire appears across the water that an unspoken question of her own history forms in Crow's heart, and an unstoppable chain of events is triggered.



Skulduggery Pleasant

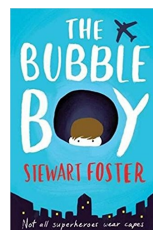
Derek Landy

Meet Skulduggery Pleasant: detective, sorcerer, warrior.

Oh yeah. And dead.

Stephanie's uncle Gordon is a writer of horror fiction. But when he dies and leaves her his estate, Stephanie learns that while he may have written horror, it certainly wasn't fiction.

Pursued by evil forces intent on recovering a mysterious key, Stephanie finds help from an unusual source – the wisecracking skeleton of a dead wizard.



The Bubble Boy

Stewart Foster

Eleven-year-old Joe can't remember a life outside of his hospital room, with its beeping machines and view of London's rooftops. His condition means he's not allowed outside, not even for a moment, and his few visitors risk bringing life-threatening germs inside his 'bubble'. But then someone new enters his world and changes it for ever.



Once

Morris Gleitzman

Once is the first in a series of children's novels about Felix, a Jewish orphan caught in the middle of the Holocaust. Felix is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War. **Everybody deserves to have something good in their life. At least Once.**



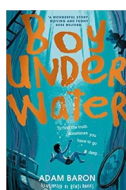
The Explorer

Katherine Rundell

From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. .

As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small.

Except, it seems, someone has been there before them .



Boy Underwater

Adam Baron

Cymbeline Igloo (yes, really!) has NEVER been swimming. Not ever. Not once. But how hard can it be? He's Googled front crawl and he's found his dad's old pair of trunks. He's totally ready.

What he's not ready for is the accident at the pool – or how it leads his mum to a sudden breakdown.

Cymbeline must solve the mystery of why his mum never took him near water – and it will turn his whole life upside down...

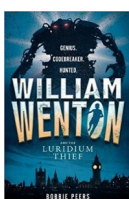


Max and the Millions

Ross Montgomery

Max is used to spending time alone - it's difficult to make friends in a big, chaotic school when you're deaf. He prefers to give his attention to the little things in life... like making awesome, detailed replica models.

Then Mr Darrow, the school caretaker and fellow modeller, goes missing. Max must follow his parting instruction: 'Go to my room. You'll know what to do.'



William Wenton and the Luridium Thief

Bobbie Peers

A new fantasy-adventure series packed with addictive genre hooks for 9+ readers: code-breaking, cyber-technology, killer robots and a boy hero with a supernatural destiny. Perfect for fans of Percy Jackson, Alex Rider and Dr Who.



Cloud Bursting

Malorie Blackman

Sam doesn't want to be friends with Davey, he thinks Davey's a first class, grade A, top of the dung heap moron. But one day Davey saves Sam's life and a bond is formed between them. Sam is still embarrassed to be seen with Davey, but little by little he has to admit, when it's just the two of them, Davey is a lot of fun. Told in verse, in first person, this is the touching story of an extraordinary friendship, that changes two boys lives for ever.



The Thieves of Ostia

Caroline Lawrence

Flavia Gemina is a natural at solving mysteries. The daughter of a ship's captain living in Ostia, the port of Rome, in AD79, she and her three friends, Jonathan, a Jewish boy (and secretly a Christian); Nubia, an African slave girl; and Lupus, a mute beggar boy, must work together to discover who is beheading the watchdogs that guard people's homes, and why.



Rugby Spirit

Brian Jacques

Eoin's just started a new school ... and a new sport. Everyone at school is mad about rugby, but Eoin hasn't even held a rugby ball before!

With new rules to learn, new friends to make and new teachers to get a handle on, he really doesn't need to have Richie Duffy, the resident bully, picking him out as his latest target!

And just who is this guy, Brian, who looks so out-of-date, but gives great rugby advice?



Brightstorm

Vashti Hardy

Twins Arthur and Maudie receive word in Lontown that their famous explorer father died in a failed attempt to reach South Polaris. Not only that, but he has been accused of trying to steal fuel from his competitors before he died! The twins don't believe the news, and they answer an ad to help crew a new exploration attempt in the hope of learning the truth and salvaging their family's reputation.

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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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

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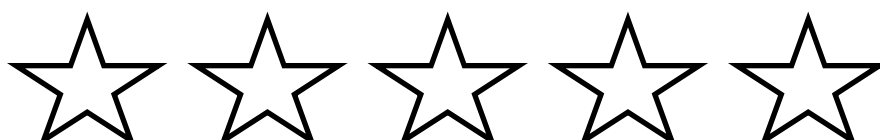
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Would you read other books by this author?

Rating – colour the stars



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

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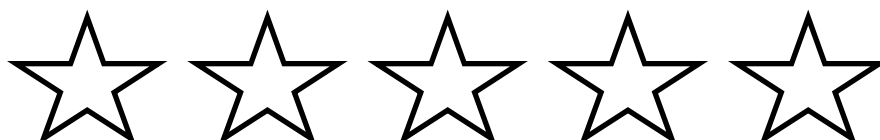
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Would you read other books by this author?

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

