

100 great books to read

before you leave Tackley Primary School



Dear Parents, Carers and children

Our aim at Tackley Church of England Primary School is to encourage enthusiastic, interested and motivated readers who enjoy the process of reading a good book. We believe that by offering and promoting a wide range of high quality texts for the children to read, we can instill a life-long love of reading! There are a vast array of books out there for children to read, however selecting a quality text that is well written isn't always easy!

We have therefore compiled our list of *'100 great books to read before leaving Tackley Primary School'* from staff recommendations, national book award winning authors and the Book Trust '100 best books' list. Most of the books are available in school for you to borrow – however we do encourage all families to visit the local library (Banbury & Kidlington are the nearest libraries) as a treat to share together! The list has been split into age groups due to the content/ theme or degree of reading level required as a guide. Reading any of these books with an adult is highly recommended – either shared reading, listening to an adult or the child reading.

Many of the books in this list are available for you to borrow - head to our reading challenge area in the hall to browse some of the books. You will need to sign the book out and log when you have returned it so that the next person can read it too. Please try to return any borrowed books in a reasonable amount of time as someone else might be waiting to read it. If you have a copy of one of the titles in this list at home that you no longer read, please feel free to donate your book to the school and we can share it with other children.

From all the staff at Tackley Primary School, we hope that you enjoy the journeys that await you in all the books on the list!

Happy reading! 😊

Top Tip 1: Try not to rush through the list and lose the enjoyment of reading the book itself!

Top Tip 2: Persevere – sometimes it takes a few chapters to really get into a book.

Top Tip 3: Do not judge a book by its cover! Sometimes the covers can be mis-leading!



25 books for early readers

Early Readers (0 - 5 years)

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Alfie by Shirley Hughes

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Funny bones series by Allan and Janet Ahlberg

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson

The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr

Peace at Last by Jill Murphy

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd

The Jolly Postman by Allan Ahlberg

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Draywalt and Oliver Jeffers

Farmer Duck by Helen Oxenbury

I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato by Lauren Child

Where my wellies take me By Michael Morpurgo

The Snowman by Raymond Briggs

Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell

Room on the broom by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers

Meg and Mog by Helen Nicholl & Jan Pienkowski

Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears by Emily Gravett

I am Amelia Earhart By Brad Meltzer

Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andrea and David Wojtowycz

Six Dinner Sid by Inga Moore



Younger Readers (6-8 years)

The Last Castaway by Harry Horse
The Worst Witch series by Jill Murphy
A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
Pippy Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren
The Sheep-Pig By Dick King-Smith
Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald
Cool by Michael Morpurgo
Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl
Josie Smith Series by Magdalen Nabb
The Hodgeheg By Dick King-Smith
Milly Molly Mandy Series by Joyce Lankester Brisley
Flat Stanley by S. Pennypacker
Adventure according to Humphrey by Betty G Birney
My Naughty Little Sister series by Dorothy Edwards
The Bear Who Stood on His Head by W J Corbett
There's a Viking in my Bed by Jeremy Strong
The Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine
The Firework Makers Daughter by Phillip Pullman
Oliver Moon series by Sue Mongredien
Mr Jajeika series by Humphrey Carpenter
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
Nixie the Bad Fairy by Cas Lester
How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell
Westlandia by Paul Fleischman
The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe by C.S Lewis



25 books for younger readers

Older Readers (9-11 years)

Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone by J.K Rowling

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Clockwork by Phillip Pullman

Matilda by Roald Dahl

The Chronicles of Narnia by C S Lewis

Stig of the Dump by Clive King

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

The Twits by Roald Dahl

The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes

Five Children and It by E Nesbit

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Magic Far Away Tree by Enid Blyton

Shakespeare Stories by Leon Garfield

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

The Railway Children by E Nesbit

Street Child by Berlie Doherty

The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan

The Boy in the girls bathroom by Louis Sacher

Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley

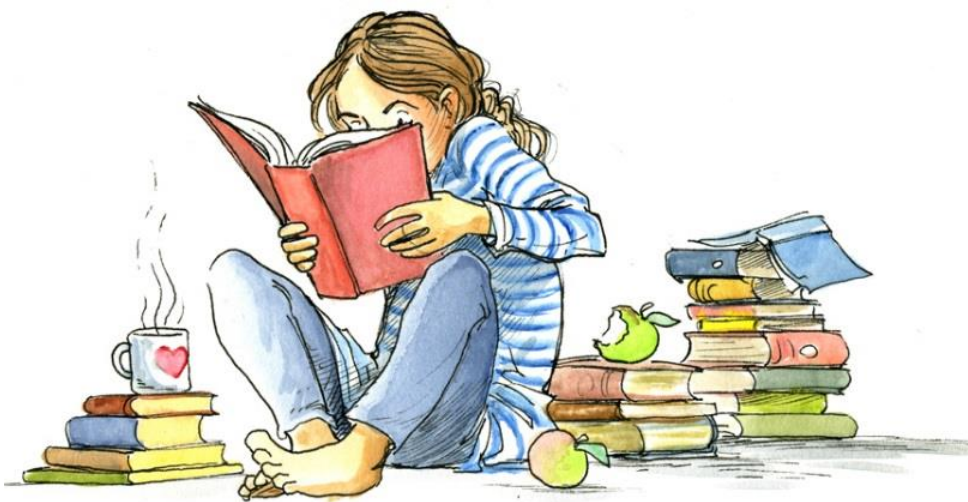
BFG by Roald Dahl

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Carries War by Nina Baldwin



Broccoli Boy by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell
The Demon Headmaster by Gillian Cross
The Fire Within by Chris d'Lacey
Holes by Louis Sacher
Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
The Boy in the Girls Dress by David Walliams
Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce
A Hat Full of Sky by Terry Pratchett
Charlotte's Web by E B White
Skellig by David Almond
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr
Nation by Terry Pratchett
The Ghost of Thomas Kempe by Penelope Lively



40 books for older readers

10 books for advancing readers

Extra Challenge

(These books are fantastic and require a certain level of maturity due to the themes or level of difficulty within the book)

Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

Wonder by R J Palacio

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne

Once by Morris Glitzman

Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Dark Materials Trilogy by Philip Pullman

The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

Toms Midnight Garden by Phillippa Pearce

Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magoria

