



David Ross Education Trust

Broadening Horizons

Trust-wide reading lists

September 2017

Year 4 Recommended reading list –

General Reading



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- Stuart Little by E B White
- The Battle of Bubble and Squeak by Phillipa Pearce
- War Game by Michael Foreman
- The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
- The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy
- The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth by Eoin Colfer
- My Headteacher is a Vampire Rat by Pamela Butchart
- Malkin Moonlight by Emma Cox
- A Boy and a Bear in a Boat by David Shelton
- The Adventures of Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey
- The Brilliant World of Tom Gates by Liz Pichon
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- The House That Sailed Away by Pat Hutchins
- Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley
- Perijee and Me by Ross Montgomery
- The Secret of Platform 13 by Eva Ibbotson
- The Boy Who Went Magic by AP Winters
- The Imaginary by A F Harold
- The Kick Off by Dan Freedman
- Eric Appleby: Zero to Hero by Dan Worsley
- The Moonshine Dragon by Cornelia Funke
- Podkin One Ear by Kiran Larwood
- Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford
- Harry Potter series by J K Rowling
- Fortunately the Milk by Neil Gaiman

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Classic Texts



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- Aesop's Fables
- The Borrowers by Mary Norton
- Heidi by Johanna Spyri
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis
- Black Beauty by Anna Sewell
- The Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling
- Just William by Richard Crompton
- The Railway Children by E Nesbit
- Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- Mrs Pepperpot by Alf Proyson

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Picture Books



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- Hansel and Gretel by Anthony Browne
- The Night Box by Louise Grieg and Ashling Lindsey
- The Tin Forest by Helen Ward
- The Flower by John Light
- The Dark by Lemony Snickett
- Beyond the Surface by Nicolas Andre
- Hermelin by Mini Grey
- Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne
- Flotsam by David Weisner
- The Journey, The Quest and Return (Trilogy) by Aaron Becker
- Instructions by Neil Gaiman

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Stories From Other Cultures



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- Look Back by Trish Cooke (Caribbean)
- Fly Eagle Fly by Christopher Gregorowski
- Henry's Freedom box by Ellen Levine
- Gregory Cool by Caroline Binch
- Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale by John Steptoe
- Grandpa's Indian Summer by Jamila Gavin
- Encore Grace! by Mary Hoffman
- Oranges in no man's land by Elizabeth Laird
- Broken Glass by Sally Grindley
- Akimbo and the Lions by Alexander McCall Smith
- Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton

Year 4 Recommended reading list –

Stories of Adventures and Mystery



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- The Firework Makers Daughter by Philip Pullman
- The Famous Five Series by Enid Blyton
- The Kernowland series by Jack Trelawny
- The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson
- The Miraculous Journey by Kate DiCamillo
- School Ship Tobermory by Alexander McCall Smith
- The Indian in the cupboard by Lynne Reid-Banks
- The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
- The Roman mysteries by Caroline Lawrence
- Emil and the Detectives by Erich Kastner
- Deadman's Cove by Lauren St. John

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Animal Stories



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- The Redwall series by Brian Jacques
- The Animals of Farthingwood by Colin Dann
- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- Kaspar by Michael Morpurgo
- The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo
- The Water Horse by Dick King-Smith
- The Dancing Bear by Michael Morpurgo
- Dog so small by Phillippa Pearce
- Flow by Pippa Goodhart
- The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
- The Midnight Fox by Betsy Byars
- The Finn Family Moomintroll by Tove Jansson

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Historical stories



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- Across the Roman wall by Theresa Breslin
- Robbers on the Road by Melvin Burgess
- The Actor, the Rebel and the Wrinkled Queen by Terry Deary
- Carrie's War Nina Bawden
- Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo
- Fair's Fair by Leon Garfield
- Dog Days by Geraldine McCaughrean
- Pocket Hero by Pippa Goodhart
- Lizzie's Wish by Adele Geras
- A Ghost -Light in the Attic by Pat Thomson
- Dark Eagle and Other Historical stories by Neil Tonge
- Mission to Marathon by Geoffrey Trease

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Stories Set in Imaginary Worlds



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- The Dream Master by Theresa Breslin
- Merlin's Apprentice by Tanya Landman
- Nim's Island by Wendy Orr
- Fergus Craneby Paul Stewart
- Moon Cake and Other Stories by Joan Aiken
- Temmi and the Flying Bears by Stephen Elboz
- The Dragon Charmer by Douglas Hill
- The Mouse and His Child by Russell Hoban
- Emily Windsnap and the Castle in the Mist by Liz Kessler
- The Snow Spider by Jenny Nimmo
- Shadow Forest by Matt Haig

Year 4 Recommended reading list –

A Selection of Poetry Books for Children



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- Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T.S Elliot
- Read me. A Poem for Everyday of the Year by Gaby Morgan
- A Poem For Everyday of the Year by Allie Esiri
- All the Wild Wonders by Wendy Cooling
- Wonderland: Alice in Poetry by Lewis Carroll

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Stories With a Dilemma



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- Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine
- Smile by Raina Telgemeier
- Flour Babies by Anne Fine
- Secret Friends by Elizabeth Laird
- Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman
- The Present Takers by Aidan Chambers
- Bad Girls by Jacqueline Wilson
- The Iron Woman by Ted Hughes
- This Morning I Met a Whale by Michael Morpurgo
- Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo
- Little foxes by Michael Morpurgo
- Can you whistle Johanna? Ulf Stark

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Non-Fiction



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- Stuff You Should Know by John Farndon
- The Wonder Garden by Jenny Broom
- Botanicum by Kathy Willis
- The Story of Life by Catherine Barr
- Women In Science by Rachel Ignatowski
- 50 Things You Should Know About Space by Raman Prinja
- The Usborne Official Astronaut Handbook by Louie Stowell
- The Big History Timeline Wallbook by Christopher Lloyd
- 50 Things You Should Know About the Human Body by Angela Royston
- Does My Goldfish Know Who I Am by Gemma Elwin Harris
- Story of Life: Evolution by Katie Scott
- Monsterology by Dugald Steer
- I is for India by Prodeepa Das
- The Fossil Girl. Mary's Anning's Dinosaur Discovery by Catherine Brighton
- The Pebble In My Pocket. The history of our Earth by Meredith Hooper

Thank you



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