

Year 4 Reading List

This is a selection of books you might enjoy. You do not have to read all of them! Try to read, perhaps, 4 or 5 over the summer. Why not write a book review and then hand in to Mr Donnelly in September? You could win a prize!

Books marked * are particularly challenging.

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| The Midnight Fox by Betsy Byars | A boy spends a summer on a farm. He becomes friends with a black fox. |
| Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl | Charlie finds the golden ticket and so wins a trip around Willy Wonka's magical factory. |
| The Diddakoi by Rumer Godden | An orphan Romany traveller faces the prospect of losing her beloved horse Joe. |
| Pongwiffy by Kaye Umansky | The adventures of a smelly witch (series). |
| Lizzie Zipmouth by Jacqueline Wilson | Lizzie deals with a new family set up by refusing to speak to her step brothers. |
| The Peppermint Pig by Nina Bawden | Johnny is the runt of the litter and is incredibly naughty, cheering up his young owners. |
| How to Train Your Dragon - Cressida Cowell | Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the third a rather hopeless young Viking tries to train his dragon. |
| The Great Elephant Chase by Gillian Cross * | Two teenagers travel across America with Khush the elephant. |
| The Snow Spider by Jenny Nimmo | A young boy becomes a magician and has to fight evil in a domed city. |
| I Know What You Did Last Wednesday by Anthony Horowitz | A murder mystery after a school reunion on a Scottish island. |
| The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman | Linda's father is a firework maker and she wants to be the same. Girls aren't meant to be firework makers but Linda persists and travels far away to the fire-fiend, a quest that almost ends in disaster! |
| Sir Gadabout by Martyn Beardsley | Tale about the worst knight in the land. |
| The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy | Mildred is the worst witch in the whole school. |
| The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips by Michael Morpurgo | A family move house and their cat goes missing. |

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| The Borrowers by Mary Norton | Tiny creatures who live under floorboards and scavenge from humans. |
| Stig of the Dump by Clive King | An eight year old befriends Stig (a stone age being) who lives in a chalk pit. |
| Charlotte's Web by EB White | Wilbur is a pig who becomes friends with a spider Charlotte. |
| Beast Quest by Adam Blade | (series) Lots of action, adventure, dragons and swords in this fantasy series. |
| Clarice Bean by Lauren Child | Lively and thoughtful books which show life from a child's point of view. |
| Grandpa Chatterji by Jamila Gavin | A highly unusual grandpa comes to stay... |
| How the Whale Became and Other Stories by Ted Hughes | Beautiful creation myths from Ted Hughes, author of The Iron Man |
| Mr Gum by Andy Stanton | (series) Mr Gum is just...awful! A truly bad man who gets into lots of scrapes. |
| Earth Giant by Melvin Burgess | A strange giant is discovered in the earth after a storm. |
| The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken* | Wolves roam the countryside in this weird version of Victorian England... |
| Akimbo and the Elephants by Alexander McCall Smith | A boy tries to save elephants from poachers. |
| The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm by Norman Hunter | Classic series of books about a mad professor. The first book features illustrations by Heath Robinson! |
| Mrs Pepperpot by Alf Proysen | A classic book about a rather small lady... |
| The Strongest Girl in the World (series) by Sally Gardner | The adventures of a girl who discovers her incredible strength. |
| Three Indian Princesses by Jamila Gavin | Three short stories taken from Hindu traditions. |
| The Big Match by Rob Childs | Football takes over a boy's life. |

Also:

Poetry by Roger McGough, Allan Ahlberg, Brian Patten, Grace Nichols, Roald Dahl, Ted Hughes

Picture Books: The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy; Angry Arthur by Satoshi Kitamura (good way of teaching metaphor); Come Away From the Water, Shirley by John Burningham; Into the Forest by Anthony Browne; Secret in the Mist by Margaret Nash

(Picture books are worth reading, however old you are. The books listed above are beautiful, thought-provoking stories which are fun to read and discuss at any age.)

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