

YEAR 4

Gr8 Reads



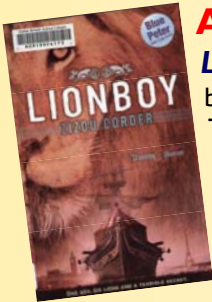
FICTION READING LISTS FOR FREE READERS

Adventure Stories

Lionboy

by Zizou Corder

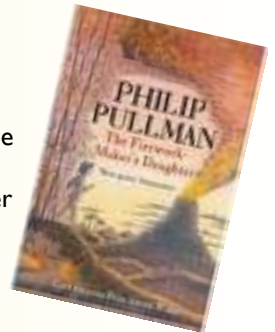
This is the story of Charlie Ashanti, who discovers he can speak the language of cats after he is scratched by a big cat on a trip to Africa as a baby. It's a gift he has had all his life, but he only discovers how essential it can be when his scientist parents suddenly go missing. If you enjoy this book, then you can also try *Lionboy: The Chase* and *Lionboy: The Truth*.



The Firework-Maker's Daughter

by Philip Pullman

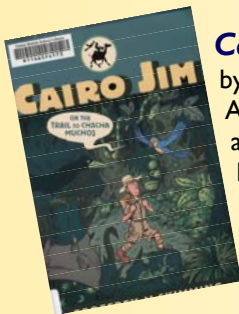
Lila wants to be a firework maker just like her father. Before she can even start, though, she has to make a hazardous, life-threatening journey to the den of the evil Fire-Fiend, battling her way through strange lands and nightmarish scenarios with elephants and pirates and strange beasts a-plenty, tempting her from her path.



Cairo Jim on the Trail to Chacha Muchos

by Geoffrey McSkimming

Action! Adventure! Archaeology! This is the first cracking adventure for Cairo Jim! Somewhere in the depths of darkest Peru lies the mysterious Chacha Muchos, Lost City of the Dancers. Cairo Jim, famous archaeologist and failed poet, is determined to uncover its forgotten secrets. Soon, however, Jim discovers that he is not the only one on the dangerous trail to Chacha Muchos...

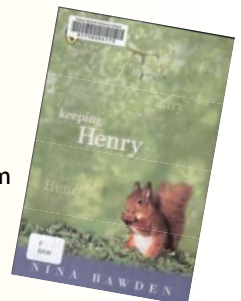


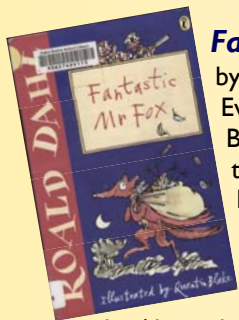
Animal Stories

Keeping Henry

by Nina Bawden

A charming, funny and moving story about a family evacuated from London to a farm in Wales during the second world war and Henry, the mischievous squirrel who comes to live with them. Nina Bawden based her story on real family events.





Fantastic Mr Fox

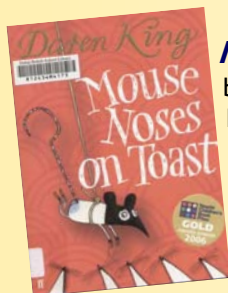
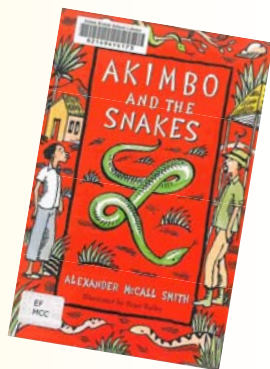
by Roald Dahl

Every time Mr Fox steals a chicken from the farm, farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean grow wild with rage! They're the nastiest crooks in the valley, and they've concocted a cunning plan to dig him out of his hole once and for all. It never occurs to them, though, that Mr Fox has a fantastic plan of his own. . .

Akimbo and the Snakes

by Alexander McCall Smith

Akimbo loves his life in Africa. He loves living in the game reserve where his father is ranger. He is able to see all sorts of wonderful animals. He doesn't see many snakes, though – they usually slither away when he gets close. Then his Uncle Peter asks if Akimbo would like to visit his snake park and Akimbo jumps at the chance.



Mouse Noses on Toast

by Daren King

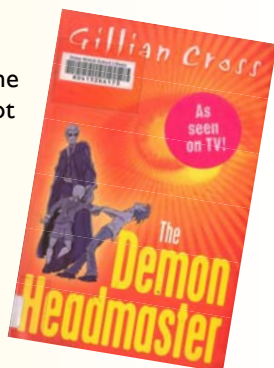
Hiding on the restaurant table, Paul Mouse's world has just turned upside down. Isn't 'Mouse Noses on Toast' just a big myth? With his friends – Sandra the Christmas tree decoration; Rowley Barker Hobbs, the sheepdog; and the Tinby, a kind of monster – Paul becomes determined to find the truth. Will they survive with their whiskers intact?

Fantasy

The Demon Headmaster

by Gillian Cross

Dinah moves in with the Hunter family and starts going to the same school as her foster-brothers Lloyd and Harvey. It's not easy, as they seem to hate her, and school is really strange. Pupils suddenly talk like robots and do weird things – even Dinah finds herself acting oddly. She's sure the headmaster has some kind of power over them, and is determined to find out more.



Igraine the Brave

by Cornelia Funke

An adventure is what Igraine wishes for most in the world – and on her twelfth birthday she finds one. But when her magical present goes wrong and her parents turn themselves into pigs, it's up to Igraine to put things.



Deltora Quest

by Emily Rodda

Deltora is a land of monsters and magic. The evil Shadow Lord is plotting to invade the land of Deltora and enslave its people. All that stands against him is the magic Belt of Deltora with its seven stones of great and mysterious power. However, two unlikely companions set out on a dangerous quest to find the lost stones but as they struggle toward their first goal – the sinister Forests of Silence – can they survive?

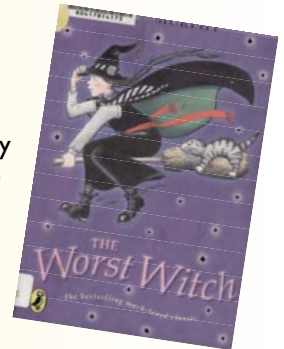


Humorous Stories

The Worst Witch

by Jill Murphy

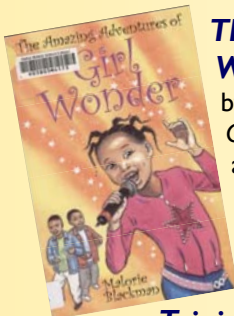
Mildred Hubble is the worst witch at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches – she's always getting her spells wrong. But she manages to get by until she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet, into her deadly enemy . . . There are other *Worst Witch* books in the series, if you enjoy this one.



The Amazing Adventures of Girl Wonder

by Malorie Blackman

Girl Wonder is Maxine, whenever there is a problem she will always find a way of dealing with it, even if the solution turns out to be worse than the problem. Living with her resourceful mother and the two terrible twins, Edward and Anthony, Maxine finds life full of fun and event.



Trixi Ace Ghost Buster

by Ros Asquith

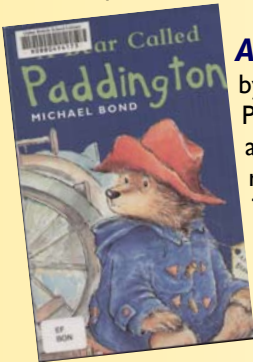
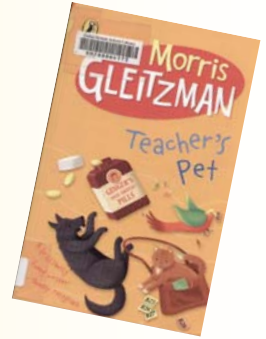
It's me, Trixie! Have you ever seen a ghost? Well, I think there's one in my school. A horrible high-pitched wooing one. My friend Dinah says it's the scariest thing EVER. Either way, we're going to find out. And if it is a REAL ghost, we'll bust it. . .



Teacher's Pet

by Morris Gleitzman

Ginger is allergic to cats, which makes for mayhem at home. Three of her family love cats and five of them are cats. Ginger tries to keep out of trouble but it's not easy when your best friend is a fierce-looking stray dog. Trouble seems to follow Ginger around – so does dog-hating school principal, Mr Napier. . .



A Bear Called Paddington

by Michael Bond

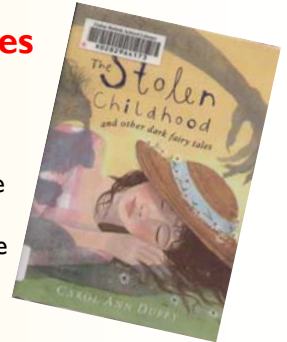
Paddington Bear is an accident-prone bear who comes to London all the way from Darkest Peru. The Brown family find him in a railway station, looking lost, and take him home to live with them. This is the first book of Paddington's many adventures.

Myths, Legends and Fairy Tales

The Stolen Childhood and Other Dark Tales

by Carol Ann Duffy

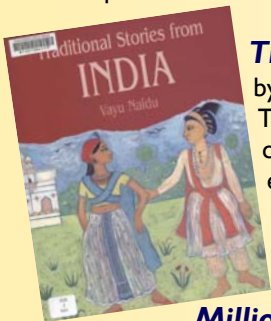
'The stepmother knelt down, silent as poison, and cut along the whole length of the girl's shadow'. This book tells three dark, powerful tales, as sinister as anything the brothers Grimm came up with.



Traditional Stories from India

by Vayu Naidu

This exciting collection of stories introduces many fascinating characters, including the fearsome highwayman who becomes an epic poet and the twenty-armed goddess who hasn't a hand free to blow her nose.

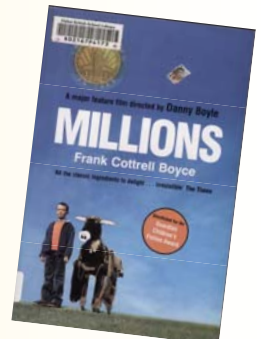


Realistic Fiction

Millions

by Frank Cottrell Boyce

It was a one-in-a-million chance. A bag crammed with cash comes tumbling out of the air and lands right at Damian's feet. Suddenly the Cunningham brothers are rich. Very rich. There's just one problem – they have only seventeen days to spend all the money before it becomes worthless. To make matters worse, the crooks who stole the cash in the first place are closing in – fast.





My Dad's a Birdman

by David Almond

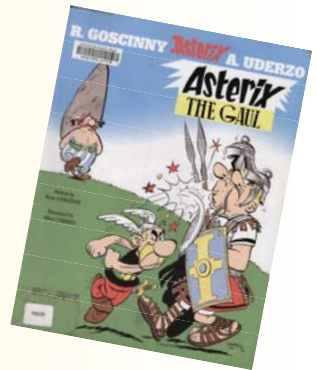
In a rainy town in the north of England, there are strange goings-on. Dad is building a pair of wings, eating flies and feathering his nest. Auntie Doreen is getting cross and making dumplings. Mr Poop is parading the streets shouting louder and louder, and even Mr Mint the head teacher is getting in a flap. And watching it all is Lizzie; missing her mam and looking after Dad and thinking how beautiful the birds are.

Picture Books (for older readers)

Asterix the Gaul

by René Goscinny

Asterix is the hero of these adventures. He is a shrewd cunning little warrior and all perilous missions are entrusted to him. Join Asterix and his friends, Obelix and Getafix as they hold out against the Roman invaders.



Tuesday

by David Wiesner

This is a book without words but don't be fooled into thinking that it won't be interesting! This book will fuel your imagination with its wonderful pictures and you will laugh out loud when you see what the frogs in this story are up to!



Even more books to choose from. . .

If this leaflet has inspired you to read and you need *even more* books to choose from, then here is the full Year 4 list.

Adventure Stories

Malory Towers series by Enid Blyton

Secret Seven series by Enid Blyton

Adventures of the Little Wooden Horse by Ursula Moray Williams

Spy Force series by Deborah Abela

Cairo Jim series by Geoffrey McSkimming

Cal and the Amazing Anti-Gravity Machine by Richard Hamilton

The Castle of Intrigue by Ann Bryant

Dark, Dark Knight by Ann Bryant

Escape from Blood Castle by Mark Burgess

Mutiny at Crossbones Bay by Mark Burgess

Pyramid Plot by Mark Burgess

Incredible Dinosaur Expedition by Mark Burgess

Grk series by Joshua Doder

Lionboy by Zizou Corder

Lionboy: The Chase by Zizou Corder

Lionboy: The Truth by Zizou Corder

Ottoline and the Yellow Cat by Chris Riddell

Sophie and the Albino Camel by Stephen Davies

The Adventures of Vin Fiz by Clive Cussler

The Brave Whale by Alan Temperley

The Bubblegum Tree by Alexander McCall Smith

The Day of the Hamster by Philip Reeve
The Scarecrow and his Servant by Philip Pullman
The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman
The Mustang Machine by Chris Powling
The Phantom Carwash by Chris Powling
Time Train to Ancient Rome by Mark Burgess
The Walker Book of Adventure Stories
You're Thinking About Doughnuts by Michael Rosen

Animal Stories

A Dog so Small by Philippa Pearce
Dolphin Diaries series by Lucy Daniels
Call of the Wild by Jack London
Perfect Pony by Michelle Bates
Strangers at the Stable by Michelle Bates
Ride by Moonlight by Michelle Bates
Riding Holiday by Michelle Bates
Midnight Horse by Michelle Bates
Horse for the Summer by Michelle Bates
Horse in Danger by Michelle Bates
Dream Pony by Michelle Bates
Harry the Poisonous Centipede by Lynne Reid Banks
Schoolmouse by Dick King-Smith
The Water Horse by Dick King-Smith
Horse Pie by Dick King-Smith
Magnus Powermouse by Dick King-Smith
Keeping Henry by Nina Bawden
Varjak Paw by S.F. Said
Outlaw Varjak Paw by S.F. Said
The Walker Treasury of Animal Stories by Michael Rosen
Akimbo and the Snakes by Alexander McCall Smith
Little Foxes by Michael Morpurgo
Nine Lives of Montezuma by Michael Morpurgo
Old Tom series by Leigh Hobbs
Stuart Little by E.B. White
Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl
The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl

Classic Stories

Chaucer's Canterbury Tales by Williams Hastings
Heidi by Johanna Spyri
The Sword in the Stone by T.H. White

Fantasy and Supernatural Stories

Big George and the Winter King by Eric Pringle
Black Queen by Michael Morpurgo
Bridge in the Clouds by William Corlett
Clockwork by Philip Pullman
Dakota of the White Flats by Philip Ridley
Deep Fear by Debi Gliori
Deep Trouble by Debi Gliori
Deep Water by Debi Gliori
Pure Dead Brilliant by Debi Gliori
Pure Dead Wicked by Debi Gliori
Deltora 1: Forest of Silence by E. Rodda
Deltora 2: Lake of Tears by E. Rodda
Deltora 3: City of Rats by E. Rodda
Deltora 4: Shifting Sands by E. Rodda
Deltora 5: Dread Mountain by E. Rodda
Deltora 6: The Maze of the Beast by E. Rodda
Deltora 7: Valley of the Lost by E. Rodda
Deltora 8: Return to Del by E. Rodda
The Demon Headmaster by Gillian Cross
The Demon Headmaster Strikes Again by Gillian Cross
The Demon Headmaster Takes Over by Gillian Cross
Revenge of the Demon Headmaster by Gillian Cross

Door in the Tree by William Corlett
Dragons by Geraldine Legg
Dragon's Breath by E.D. Baker
Dragonsdale by Salamanda Drake
Dragonsdale: Riding the Storm by Salamanda Drake
The Dream Master by Theresa Breslin
Dream Master: Gladiator by Theresa Breslin
Dream Master: Arabian Nights by Theresa Breslin
Eyes of the Alien by Pete Johnson
Frog Princess by E.D. Baker
Igraine the Brave by Cornelia Funke
Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley
Spiderwick Chronicles Book 1 by Holly Black
Matilda by Roald Dahl
Mr Majeika series by Humphrey Carpenter
Once Upon a Curse by E.D. Baker
Pants Ahoy! by Alan Snow
Sea Horses by Louise Cooper
Sea Horses: Gathering Storm by Louise Cooper
Sea Horses: The Talisman by Louise Cooper
Spud from Outer Space by Susan Gates
Steps up the Chimney by William Corlett
Thanks for Telling Me, Emily by Deirdre Madden
The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton
The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton
The Folk of the Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton
The Giver by Lois Lowry
The Humming Machine by Berlie Doherty
The Reluctant Dragon by Kenneth Grahame
The Windspinner by Berlie Doherty
Totally Spaced Ms Wiz by Terence Blacker
Trolls Go Home by Alan MacDonald
Trolls United by Alan MacDonald
Tunnel Behind the Waterfall by William Corlett
The Walker Book of Magical Stories by Vivian French
ZinderZunder by Philip Ridley

Historical Fiction

Arthur, High King of Britain by Michael Morpurgo
Daisy May by Jean Ure
Granny Was a Buffer Girl by Berlie Doherty
More from Black Beauty's Family by Christine Pullein-Thompson
Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
The Saga of Erik the Viking by Terry Jones
Toro! Toro! by Michael Morpurgo

Horror/Ghost Stories

Frighteners by Pete Johnson
Ghost Dog by Pete Johnson
Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost! by Cornelia Funke

Humorous Stories

Amazing Adventures of Girl Wonder by Malorie Blackman
Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey
Cowcubers, Pippelwaks and Alligators by Kes Gray
Crummy Mummy and Me by Anne Fine
The Worst Witch series by Jill Murphy
Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce
My Brother's Famous Bottom by Jeremy Strong
My Brother's Famous Bottom Gets Pinched by Jeremy Strong
My Brother's Famous Bottom Goes Camping by Jeremy Strong
My Dad's Got an Alligator by Jeremy Strong
My Granny's Great Escape by Jeremy Strong
My Mum's Going to Explode by Jeremy Strong

Dinosaur Pox by Jeremy Strong
I'm Telling You They're Aliens by Jeremy Strong
Krazy Kow saves the World by Jeremy Strong
Let's Do the Pharaoh by Jeremy Strong
Karate Princess by Jeremy Strong
Karate Princess in Monsta Trouble by Jeremy Strong
The Indoor Pirates by Jeremy Strong
Pirate Pandemonium by Jeremy Strong
The Indoor Pirates on Treasure Island by Jeremy Strong
The Beak Speaks by Jeremy Strong
Pandemonium at School by Jeremy Strong
Viking at School by Jeremy Strong
Viking in Trouble by Jeremy Strong
There's a Pharaoh in Our Bath! by Jeremy Strong
There's a Viking in my Bed by Jeremy Strong
Giant Jim and the Hurricane by Jeremy Strong
How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
How to Fight a Girl by Thomas Rockwell
How to Get Fabulously Rich by Thomas Rockwell
Mealze and the Mallockee by Ian Ogilvy
Measle and the Dragodon by Ian Ogilvy
Mealze and the Wrathmonk by Ian Ogilvy
More Naughty Little Sister Stories by Dorothy Edwards
My Naughty Little Sister by Dorothy Edwards
Nicholas series by René Goscinny
Real Tilly Bean by Annie Dalton
What's the Matter Royston Knapper? by Gervase Phinn
Royston Knapper: Return of the Rogue by Gervase Phinn
Sam and the Griswalds by Emma Barnes
Flat Stanley series by Jeff Brown
Teacher's Pet by Morris Gleitzman
The Boy Who Sprouted Antlers by John Yeoman
The Last Castaways by Harry Horse
The Last Polar Bears by Harry Horse
The Witches by Roald Dahl
Paddington Bear series by Michael Bond
Tilly Bean and the Best Friend Machine by Annie Dalton
Tilly Bean Saves the World by Annie Dalton
Kiss of Death: Revenge Files of Alistair Fury by Jamie Rix
Tough Turkey: Revenge Files of Alistair Fury by Jamie Rix
Urgum the Axeman by Kijartan Postkitt
The Walker Book of Funny Stories by Brian Patten
You Can't Bring That in Here! by Pat Thomson
The Perfect Hamburger by Alexander McCall Smith
Vernon Bright series by Steve Barlow
Myths, Legends and Fairytales
The Barefoot Book of Ballet Stories by Jane Yolen
The Barefoot Book of Stories from the Opera by Husain Shahrukh
Beowulf by Penelope Hicks
Egypt: Stories from Ancient Civilisations by Husain Shahrukh
Fairy Tales from Grimm by the brothers Grimm
Greece: Stories from Ancient Civilisations by Husain Shahrukh
Iliad by Homer
Magic Hoofbeats by Josepha Sherman
Mercedes Ice by Philip Ridley
Odyssey by Homer
Rome: Stories from Ancient Civilisations by Husain Shahrukh
Stolen Childhood and Other Dark Tales by Carol Ann Duffy
Tales from Africa by Kathleen Arnott
Tales from China by Cyril Birch
Tales from India by J.E.B. Gray
Tales from Japan by Helen McAlpine
Tales from the West Indies by Philip M. Sherlock

Tales from West Africa by Martin Bennett
The Story of King Arthur by Robin Lister
The Story of Robin Hood by Robert Leeson
Theseus and the Minotaur by James Ford
Traditional Stories from China by Petronella Breinburg
Traditional Stories from India by Petronella Breinburg
Traditional Stories from Native North America by Petronella Breinburg
Traditional Stories from the Amazon by Pirotta Saviour
Traditional Stories from the Caribbean by Petronella Breinburg
Traditional Stories from West Africa by Petronella Breinburg
Vikings: Stories from Ancient Civilisations by Husain Shahrukh
Women of Camelot by Mary Hoffman
Mystery and Crime Stories
Bone and Dream by Joan Aiken
The Oxford Anthology of Mystery Stories by Dennis Hamley
Picture Books (for older readers)
Tintin series by Hergé
Asterix series by René Goscinny
English Roses: Friends for Life by Madonna
Flotsam by D. Wiesner
Tuesday by D. Wiesner
Sector 7 by D. Wiesner
Freefall by D. Wiesner
Fungus the Bogeyman by Raymond Briggs
Ethel and Ernest by Raymond Briggs
Gentleman Jim by Raymond Briggs
How to Live Forever by Colin Thompson
The Bear by Raymond Briggs
The Man by Raymond Briggs
The Puddleman by Raymond Briggs
Ug by Raymond Briggs

Poetry

A Year Full of Poems by Michael Harrison
Hello H2O by John Agard
Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T.S. Eliot
Oxford Treasury of Children's Poems by Michael Harrison
Read Me and Laugh by Gaby Morgan
The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry by Brian Patten
The Works 2: Poems for Every Subject and Occasion by Brian Moses
The Works 3: A Poet for Every Week of the Year by Paul Cookson
This Poem Doesn't Rhyme by Gerard Benson
The Walker Book of Classic Poetry and Poets by Michael Rosen

Realistic Fiction

Dazzling Dribbling by Michael Coleman
Awesome Attacking by Michael Coleman
Down the Wicket by Bob Cattell
League of Champions by Bob Cattell
Big Test by Bob Cattell
Blaze of Glory by Bob Cattell
Bound for Glory by Bob Cattell
Glory Ashes by Bob Cattell
Glory in the Cup by Bob Cattell
Grandpa Chatterji by Jamilia Gavin
Grandpa Chatterji's Third Eye by Jamilia Gavin
Grandpa's Indian Summer by Jamilia Gavin
Vicky Angel by Jacqueline Wilson
Cat Mummy by Jacqueline Wilson
Lizzie Zipmouth by Jacqueline Wilson
Jennifer's Diary by Anne Fine

Loudmouth Louis by Anne Fine
 Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce
 Poppy's Secret Wish by Ann Bryant
 Jasmine's Lucky Star by Ann Bryant
 Rose's Big Decision by Ann Bryant
 Scribbleboy by Philip Ridley
 Secrets by Jacqueline Wilson
 Shocking Shooting by Michael Coleman
 Squabbling Squads by Michael Coleman
 Touchline Terrors by Michael Coleman
 Traitor by Pete Johnson
 Teacher Trouble by Alexander McCall Smith

Short Stories
 Teddy Robinson Stories by Joan G. Robinson
 Walker Book of Terrific Tales by Vivian French

True Stories
 True Desert Adventure Stories by Paul Dowsell
 True Polar Adventure Stories by Paul Dowsell
 True Sea Stories by Henry Brook



This list was published in 2009 and it will continue to grow on the OPAC and will hopefully be republished in the future.

What is GENRE?



In this reading list we have divided the books into different **genres**.

You might be confused by what **genre** means. It is just a way of dividing books up into different types or styles...

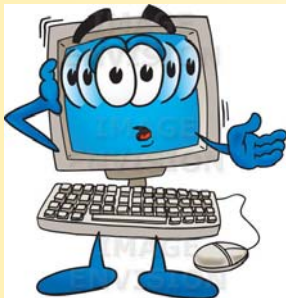
In the broadest sense there are two main genres of books:

- **Non-fiction** – all of the information in a non-fiction book is based on the known true facts. Nothing can be made up.
- **Fiction** – this reading list is **all fiction** titles. Fictional stories may be based on actual events or people or may be based entirely on the author's imagination, but fictional stories all contain elements that are made-up or created by the author. They have been sub-divided into the following **fiction genres**:

- Adventure Stories
- Animal Stories
- Classic Stories
- Fantasy and Supernatural Stories
- Ghost Stories
- Historical Fiction
- Humorous Stories
- Myths, Legends and Fairy Tales
- Mystery/Suspense and Crime Stories
- Picture Books for Older Readers
- Poetry
- Realistic Fiction
- Short Stories
- War Stories

This list is great but I want to know more!

We have only made this list to get you started there are so many ways for you to find out more about fiction.



- **Browse** the library shelves... remember the five finger rule!
- **Look** in bookshops and tell the library if there are any great books they don't have!
- **Search** on Olly ... the library's OPAC (computer database)
- **Research** on the Internet with your parents there are so many great website with ideas. Try starting with www.kidsreview.org.uk
- Look at the Year 3 and Year 5 reading lists!

Most important – ask your teacher... ask the librarians!