



Foremarke Hall English Department Recommended Reading List for English

It is very important that children realise that they need to read widely outside of the classroom. People who read will have wider vocabularies and a better written style than those who do not, and will also be able to respond in a more sophisticated way to literature. It is through stories that we can enrich the imagination and understand the feelings of others and the motives behind actions.

We have compiled a list, which is by no means exhaustive, of the stories that we think children will enjoy and which will provide a firm foundation for future reading. The Puffin Classics is an excellent series to select from.

We would hope that our children have read, or have had read to them, the majority of these titles on the Foundation Texts list during their childhood. Listening to audio tapes and CDs is a wonderful way of passing time on a car journey.

Foundation Texts

Hans Anderson	Fairy Tales
J.M. Barrie	Peter Pan
Nina Bawden	Carrie's War
Lewis Carroll	Alice in Wonderland
Richmal Crompton	Just William
Roald Dahl	Danny Champion of the World etc
Michael Foreman	War Boy
Kenneth Graham	Wind in the Willows
Anthony Horowitz	Stormbreaker
Ted Hughes	The Iron Man, Tales of the Early World
Clive King	Stig of the Dump
Rudyard Kipling	Just So Stories, The Jungle Book
C.S Lewis	The Chronicles of Narnia
John Masefield	The Box of Delights
A.A. Milne	Winnie the Pooh
Michael Morpurgo	The Butterfly Lion
E. Nesbit	The Railway Children
Mary Norton	The Borrowers
Beatrix Potter	Peter Rabbit
Arthur Ransome	Swallows and Amazons
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter books
Johanna Spyri	Heidi
Robert Louis Stevenson	Treasure Island
Noel Streatfield	Ballet Shoes
Rosemary Sutcliffe	The Wanderings of Odysseus, The Eagle of the Ninth
J.R.R Tolkien	The Hobbit
E.B White	Charlotte's Web

For more Advanced/Older Readers

David Almond	Skellig
Malorie Blackman	Noughts and Crosses
Gerald Durrell	My Family and Other Animals
Anne Frank	The Diary of Anne Frank
Jamilla Gavin	Coram Boy
William Golding	Lord of the Flies
The Brothers Grimm	Fairy Tales
Liane Hearn	Across the Nightingale Floor
Susan Hill	The Woman in Black
Laurie Lee	Cider with Rosie
Michael Morpurgo	Private Peaceful
George Orwell	Animal Farm
Philip Pullman	His Dark Materials Trilogy
Philip Reeve	Here Lies Arthur, Mortal Engines
M. Taylor	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
J.R.R. Tolkien	The Lord of the Rings

Challenging Texts * Scholarship Reading List

Jane Austen	Emma
A.S. Byatt	Possession
Wilkie Collins	The Woman in White
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	The Hounds of the Baskervilles and other stories
Charles Dickens	A Christmas Carol
Daphne Du Maurier	Rebecca
F.Scott Fitzgerald	The Great Gatsby
E.M. Forster	A Room with a View
William Golding	Lord of the Flies
Thomas Hardy	Tess of the Durbervilles
Patricia Highsmith	Ripley's Game
Henry James	The Turn of the Screw and other stories
Harper Lee	To Kill a Mocking Bird
Ovid	Metamorphoses
Mary Shelley	Frankenstein
R.L. Stevenson	Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
H.G. Wells	War of the Worlds
Oscar Wilde	The Picture of Dorian Gray
John Wyndham	The Day of the Triffids

