

The Portsmouth Grammar Junior School Recommended Reading List.



SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR PGJS KEY STAGE 2

This is the suggested reading list for Key Stage 2. You will find a wide range of books for every taste. Some are more challenging than others, but all are really worthwhile. If you like a book, then find other titles by the same author.

PARENTS: Please check that you are happy with the book before your child starts to read, as some of the books tackle difficult and challenging issues.

AUTHOR	TITLE
Tony Abbott	Firegirl
Richard Adams	Watership Down,
Allan Ahlberg	Woof! Son of a Gun; The Giant Baby; The Bear Nobody Wanted; The Better Brown Stories; The Boyhood of Burglar Bill
Joan Aiken	Mice and Mendelson; The Whispering Mountain; Midnight is a Place; The Stolen Lake; The Wolves of Willoughby Chase series; Go Saddle the Sea; A Necklace of Raindrops
Louisa M Alcott	Little Women
Lloyd Alexander	The Book of Three
David Almond	Skellig; Kit's Wilderness; Clay; Counting Stars; The Fire-Eaters; Heaven Eyes
Philip Ardagh	The Eddie Dickens Trilogy; The Fall of Fergal
Neil Arksey	MacB; Playing on the Edge; Flint
Natalie Babbitt	Tuck Everlasting
Enid Bagnold	National Velvet
Paul Bajoria	The Printer's Devil; The God of Mischief; City of Spirits
Blue Balliett	Chasing Vermeer; The Wright Three
Clive Barker	The Thief of Always
Dominic Barker	Blart: The Boy Who Didn't Want to Save the World (Trilogy)
Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore	Goodknyght! series
J.M. Barrie	Peter Pan; The Admirable Crichton
L. Frank Baum	The Wizard of Oz
Nina Bawden	Keeping Henry; The Secret Passage; Carrie's War; On The Run; The Peppermint Pig; The Outside Child

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'BB'	Bill Badger books; The Little Grey Men; The Little Grey Men Go Down the Bright Stream; Brendon Chase; Lord of the Forest
Ian Beck	Tom Trueheart, Boy Adventurer
Tom Becker	Darkside
Elizabeth Beresford	The Treasure Hunters; The Secret Railway; The Happy Ghost; The Mysterious Island; The Wombles; and other titles.
Jeanne Birdsall	The Penderwicks
Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi	The Spiderwick Chronicles
Terence Blacker	The Angel Factory; Ms Wiz series; The Transfer; Tiger Eyes
Malorie Blackman	Cloud Busting; Hacker; Pig-Heart Boy; Thief!
R.D. Blackmore	Lorna Doone
Thomas Bloor	The Worm in the Blood (Trilogy)
Judy Blume	Freckle Juice; Superfudge; and others
Enid Blyton	The Famous Five Series; The Island of Adventure series; The Magic Faraway Tree series; Malory Towers series; The Secret Seven series; and others!
Michael Bond	A Bear Called Paddington
Martin Booth	Music on the Bamboo Radio
Lucy M. Boston	The Green Knowe books; The Sea Egg
Tim Bowler	River Boy; Storm Catchers; Dragon Rock; Frozen Fire
Tony Bradman	Football Fever
Henrietta Branford	Fire, Bed and Bone; Dimanche Diller Series
Angela Brazil	The Youngest Girl in the Fifth
Elinor M. Brent-Dyer	The Chalet School books
Theresa Breslin	Kezzie
L. Brittney	Nathan Fox: Dangerous Times; Nathan Fox: Traitors Gold
Pamela Brown	The Swish of the Curtain
Anthony Buckeridge	The Jennings Books
Linda Buckley-Archer	Gideon the Cutpurse
Melvin Burgess	An Angel for May; Billy Elliot; The Ghost Behind the Wall; Kite
Betsy Byars	The Midnight Fox; The Two Thousand Pound Goldfish; The Animal, The Vegetable and John D. Jones; The Eighteenth Emergency; and other titles
Meg Cabot	Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls; Missing series; The Princess Diaries
Trudi Canavan	The Black Magician Trilogy
Lewis Carroll	Alice in Wonderland
Phillip Caveney	Sebastian Darke: Prince of Fools; Sebastian Darke: Prince of Pirates

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Aidan Chambers	Seal Secret
Lauren Child	Utterly Me, Clarice Bean (+ others in series)
Beverly Cleary	Ramona the Brave
Andrew Clements	Frindle
Eoin Colfer	Airman; Artemis Fowl; The Legend of Spud Murphy
Susan Cooper	The Dark Is Rising sequence; The Boggart
Andrew Cope	Spy Dog
W.J. Corbett	The Dragon's Egg; The Song of Pentecost; Pentecost and the Chosen One; Little Elephant; The Ark of the People
Zizou Corder	Lionboy (Trilogy)
William Corlett	The Magicians House Quartet series
Frank Cottrell Boyce	Cosmic; Framed; Millions
Bruce Coville	The Magic Shop series
Cressida Cowell	How to Train Your Dragon
Sharon Creech	Love that Dog; Ruby Holler; Walk Two Moons; The Wanderer
Helen Cresswell	The Bagthorpe Saga; Lizzie Dripping; The Piemakers
Richmal Crompton	'William' books
Gillian Cross	The Great Elephant Chase; Tigh trope; The Demon Headmaster; Calling a Dead Man
Kevin Crossley-Holland	The Seeing Stone
Bridget Crowley	Step into the Dark
Karen Crushman	Catherine, Called Birdy; The Midwives Apprentice
Roald Dahl	All of them!
Anna Dale	Whispering to Witches; Spellbound
Annie Dalton	Angels Unlimited series
Lucy Daniels	Animal Ark series
Colin Dann	The Animals of Farthing Wood; The Fox Cub Bold The Siege of White Deer Park; Journey to Freedom; and other titles
Paula Danziger	TheCat Ate My Gymsuit
Cecil Day Lewis	The Otterbury Incident
Michael de Larrabeiti	The Borribles (Trilogy)
Antoine de Saint-Exupery	The Little Prince
Terry Deary	Horrible History series
Leander Deeney	Hazel's Phantasmagoria
Joseph Delaney	The Spooks Apprentice

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Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black	The Spiderwick Chronicles; Beyond the Spiderwick Chronicles
Franklin W. Dixon	The Hardy Boys books
Chris d'Lacey	The Fire Within; Icefire; Fly Cherokee, Fly
Joshua Doder	A Dog Called Grk
Sibhan Dowd	The London Eye Mystery
Diane Duane	Young Wizard series
Helen Dunmore	Ingo; The Tide Knot; The Deep Crossing of Ingo; The Lilac Tree; The Seal Cove; The Silver Bead
Gerald Durrell	My Family and Other Animals
Heather Dyer	The Boy in the Biscuit Tin; The Fish in Room 11; The Girl with the Broken Wing
Edward Eager	Half Magic series
Monica Edwards	Punchbowl Farm stories
Stephen Elboz	A Handful of Magic
Patricia Elliott	The Ice Boy
Elizabeth Enright	The Saturdays series
John Fardell	The 7 professors of the far north; The flight of the silver turtle
Penelope Farmer	Charlotte Sometimes
Anne Fine	The Granny Project; Goggle Eyes; Flour Babies; Madam Doubtfire; The Tulip Touch; The Book of the Banshee; Step by Wicked Step; Up on Cloud Nine; Bill's New Frock; The Angel of Nitshill Road
Catherine Fisher	The Book of the Crow series; The Corbenic; The Snow Walker (Trilogy)
Nicholas Fisk	Trillions; Space Hostages; Antigrav; A rag, a Bone and a Hank of Hair
Louise Fitzhugh	Harriet the Spy; The Long Secret
John Flanagan	Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan (series)
Charlie Fletcher	Stone Heart (Trilogy)
Michael Foreman	War Game
C.S. Forester	Hornblower series
Helen Fox	Eager series
Anne Frank	The Diary of a Young Girl
Jackie French	Hitler's Daughter
Cornelia Funke	Inkheart; The Thief Lord; Igraine the Brave
Neil Gaiman	Corlaine
Psul Gallico	Jennie; The Snow Goose; A Small Miracle
Sally Gardner	I, Coriander; The Red Necklace; The Silver Blade

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Leon Garfield	The Apprentices
Alan Garner	The Weirdstone of Brisingamen; Elidor; The Owl Service
Eve Garnett	The Family from One-End Street
Carlo Gebler	August '44
Adele Geras	A Candle in the Dark; Historical House series; Troy
Nick Gifford	Piggies
Debi Gilori	Pure Dead Magic series
Morris Gleitzman Morris Gleitzmen and Paul Jennings	Boy Overboard; Once; Two Weeks With the Queen Wicked! series
Rumer Godden	The Diddakoi; The Doll's House
Julia Golding	The Diamond of Drury Lane series; The Ship Between The Worlds
Rene Goscinny and Jean-Jacques Sempe	Nicholas series
Rene Goscinny and Albert Uderzo	Asterix series
Elizabeth Goudge	The Little White Horse
Kenneth Grahame	The Wind in the Willows
K.M. Grant	Blood Red Horse; How the Hangman Lost His Heart
Sally Grindley	Broken Glass; Spilled Water
John Grogan	Marley: A Dog Like No Other
Matt Haig	Shadow Forest
Willis Hall	The Last Vampire series
Charlotte Hapting	Otto and the Flying Twins series
Michael Hardcastle	Team Mascot; Away from Home; Free Kick; The Price of Football; and other titles
M.G. Harris	The Joshua Files
Billy Hay	Billy Angel
Anna Elizabeth Hart;	The Runaway
Esther Hautzig	The Endless Steppe
Julie Hearne	Follow Me Down
Diana Hendry	Harvey Angell
Judith Heneghan	Stonecipher
Charlie Higson	SilverFin
Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Secret Garden
Mary Hoffman	Stravaganza: City of Masks series

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Mary Hooper	At the Sign of the Sugared Plum; Petals in the Ashes
Anthony Horowitz	Myths and Legends retold; Stormbreaker; Eagle Strike; and other titles
Norman Hunter	The Professor Branstawn; Incrediblania stories
Eva Ibbotson	Journey to the River Sea; The Secret Countess; The Secret of Platform 13; The Star of Kazan
Brian Jacques	Redwall series
Julia Jarman	Ghost Writer; The Time-Travelling Cat series
Robin Jarvis	The Deptford Mice (Trilogy); The Whitby Witches
Pete Johnson	How to Train Your Parents; My Friend's a Werewolf; Rescuing Dad The Frighteners
Terry Jones	The Knight and the Squire; The Saga of Erik the Viking
Diana Wynne Jones	Eight Days of Luke; The Homeward Bounders; The Ogre Downstairs; A Tale of Time City; The Worlds of Chrestomanci series
Reinhardt Jung	Bambert's Book of Missing Stories
Norton Juster	The Phantom Tollbooth
Elizabeth Kay	The Divide series
Jackie Kay	Strawgirl
M.M. Kaye	The Ordinary Princess
Tom Kelly	The Thing with Finn
Gene Kemp	The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler; The Clock Tower Ghost
Judith Kerr	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Clive King	Stig of the Dump
Dick King-Smith	The Crowstarver; Dear Ollie; The Sheep-Pig; The Hodgeheg; The Golden Goose
Elizabeth Laird	Secret Friends; Kiss the Dust; Jake's Tower; Crusade
Derek Landy	Skulduggery Pleasant series
Caroline Lawrence	Roman Mysteries series
Tanith Lee	The Castle of Dark; East of Midnight; Piratica (Trilogy)
Madeleine L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time
Joan Lennon	The Wicket Chronicles: Ely Plot
C.S. Lewis	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe series (Narnia books)
Joan Lingard	Natasha's Will
Penelope Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe; The Revenge of Samuel Stokes; A Stitch in Time
Sam Llewelyn	Little Darlings
Lois Lowry	Anastasia Krupnik series
Michelle Magorian	Goodnight Mr. Tom; Back home

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Margaret Mahy	The Librarian and the Robbers
Jan Mark	Nothing To Be Afraid Of; Stratford Boys; They Do Things Differently There
Graham Marks	Snatched!
Captain Marryat	The Children of the New Forest; Masterman Ready; Mr Midshipman Easy
Jill Marshall	Jane Blonde: Sensational Spylet series
John Masefield	The Midnight Folk; The Box of Delights
Simon Mason	The Quigleys series
William Mayne	Antar and the Eagles; Follow the Footprints; Cathedral Wednesday; A Swarm in May; Earthfasts; Cradlefasts; Choristers Cake; A Grass Rope
Angela McAllister	Digory, the Dragon Slayer; Digory and the Lost King
Karen McCombie	Ally's World: The Past, the Present and the Loud Loud Girl
Megan McDonald	Judy Moody series
Hilary McKay	The Exiles; Saffy's Angel
John Meade Faulkner	Moonfleet
Roland Molony	After the Death of Alice Bennett
L M Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables; Emily of New Moon
Michael Morpurgo	My Friend Walter; Friend or Foe; Waiting for Anya; The Farm that Ran Out of Names; The Nine Lives of Montezuma; War Horse; Little Foxes; Kensuke's Kingdom, Alone on a Wide Wide Sea; The Butterfly Lion; The Marble Crusher; Private Peaceful; The War of Jenkin's Ear; Why the Whales Came
Jill Murphy	The Worst Witch series
Beverly Naidoo	Journey to Jo'Burg; The Other Side of the Truth; No Turning Back
E. Nesbit	The Railway Children; The Phoenix and the Carpet; Five Children and It; The Enchanted Castle;
Linda Newbery	Historical House series; Ice Cat; Blitz Boys
Salty Nicholls	Ways to Live Forever
William Nicholson	The Wind Singer (Trilogy)
Jenny Nimmo	The Snow Spider (Trilogy); Midnight for Charlie Bone; The Owl Tree; The Rinaldi Ring
Garth Nix	MisterMonday series; Sabriel (Trilogy)
Andrew Norriss	Aquila; The Touchstone; The Unluckiest Boy in the World
Mary Norton	The Borrowers series; Bedknob and Broomstick
Robert C. O'Brien	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH;
Scott O'Dell	Island of the Blue Dolphins
Mary O'Hara	My Friend Flicka (Trilogy)
Pat O'Shea	Hounds of the Morrigan

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Ian Ogilvy	Measle and the Wrathmonk series
Kenneth Oppel	The Silverwing Saga (Trilogy)
Baroness Orczy	The Scarlet Pimpernel
Christopher Paolini	Eragon (Trilogy)
Ruth Park	Playing the Beatie Bow
Katherine Paterson	The Master Puppeteer; Bridge to Terabithia; The Great Gilly Hopkins
Jill Paton Walsh	The Dolphin Crossing; A Parcel of Patterns
Gary Paulsen	Hatchet
Michelle Paver	Wolf Brother; The Chronicle of Ancient Darkness
Philippa Pearce	Tom's Midnight Garden; The Minnow on the Say
Kit Pearson	A Handful of Time
J.T. Petty	Clemency Pogue: Fairy Killer series
Rodman Philbrick	Freak the Almighty; Lobster Boy
Tamora Pierce	Song of the Lioness series
Henry Porter	Master of the Fallen Chairs series
Terry Pratchett	The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents; The Bromeliad trilogy; The Colour of Magic; Johnny Maxwell trilogy; Wee Free Men
Susan Price	The Ghost Drum (Trilogy); Odin's Voice (Trilogy)
Willard Price	Cannibal Adventure
Chris Priestley	Death and the Arrow (Trilogy); Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror
Alison Prince	Oranges and Murder; The Sherwood Hero
Philip Pullman	Clockwork or All Wound Up; The Firework-Maker's Daughter, His Dark Materials Trilogy; I Was a Rat!; The Ruby in the Smoke; The Scarecrow and His Servant
Arthur Ransome	Swallows and Amazons series
Celia Rees	Witch Child; Sorceress
Gwyneth Rees	The Mum Hunt; The Mum Detective; The Mum Mystery
Lynne Reid Banks	The Farthest-Away Mountain; The Indian in the Cupboard series
Justin Richards	The Death Collector; The Chaos Code
Chris Riddell	Ottoline and the Yellow Cat
Chris Riddell and Philip Ridley	The Edge Chronicles series; Fergus Crane; Muddle Earth series
Philip Ridley	Mighty Fizz Chilla; Scribbleboy; Vinegar Street; Dakota of the White
James Riordan	Match of Death
Rick Riordan	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief series
Katherine Roberts	The Great Pyramid Robbery series; I am the Great Horse

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Joan G. Robinson	When Marnie was There
Thomas Rockwell	How to Eat Fried Worms
Michael Rosen	You're Thinking About Doughnuts
John Rowe Townsend	Gumble's Yard
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter series
Gillian Rubinstein	Space Demons series
Louis Sachar	The Boy Who Lost His Face; Holes; Sideways Stories from Wayside School; There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom
Annie Sage	Araminta Spook: My Haunted House series; Septimus Heap series
S.F. Said	Varjak Paw; The Outlaw of Varjak Paw
Hugh Scott	Why Weeps the Brogan?
Michael Scott	The Alchemist; The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel; The Magician
Marcus Sedgewick	Floodland; My Swordhand is Singing
George Seldon	A Cricket in Times Square
Brian Selznick	The Invention of Hugo Cabret
Margery Sharp	The Rescuers
Nicky Singer	Feather Boy
Bowering Sivvers	Jammy Dodgers on the Run
Barbara Sleigh	Carbonel (Trilogy)
Dodie Smith	The Hundred and One Dalmatians
Lemony Snicket	The Series of Unfortunate Events (series)
Justin Somper	Vampirates: Demons of the Ocean series
Jerry Spinelli	Loser; The Mighty Crashman; Stargirl
Robert Louis Stevenson	Kidnapped; Treasure Island
Noel Streatfield	Ballet Shoes series; A Vicarage Family
Jonathan Stroud	The Amulet of Samarkand
Alan Temperley	Harry and the Wrinklies
Ruth Thomas	The Runaways
Sandi Toksvig	Hitler's Canary
J.R.R. Tolkien	The Hobbit; Lord of the Rings (Trilogy)
Rhian Tracey	True Colours
P.L. Travers	Mary Poppins series
Geoffrey Trease	Cue for Treason
Ann Turnbull	Pigeon Summer

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Kaye Umansky	The Silver Spoon of Solomon Snow; Solomon Snow and the Stolen Jewel
Eleanor Updale	Montmorency series
Jean Ure	Becky Bananas
Allison Uttley	The Country Child; Sam Pig; A Traveller in Time
Cynthia Voight	Homecoming series
Mark Walden	H.I.V.E series
Karen Wallace	Raspberries on the Yangtze; Climbing a Monkey Puzzle Tree
Sylvia Waugh	The Mennynms series
Lee Weatherly	Child X; Missing Abby; Kat Got Your Tongue
Jean Webster	Daddy-Long-Legs
Robert Westall	The Machine Gunners, Blitzcat; The Watch House; The Stones Of Muncaster Cathedral
E.B. White	Charlotte's Web
T.H. White	The Sword in the Stone; Mistrerss Masham's Repose
Oscar Wilde	Thre Canterville Ghost
Jeanette Winterson	Tanglewreck
P.G. Wodehouse	Right Ho, Jeeves series
Chris Wooding	The Haunting of Alaizabel Cray; Poison
Adeline Yen Mah	Chinese Cinderella; Chinese Cinderella and the Secret Dragon Society
Jonny Zucker	Venus Spring: Stunt Girl

For Key Stage 2 children should also read:

A selection of classic poetry

John Masefield Sea Fever

H.W. Longfellow The Wreck of the Hesperous

Edward Lear The Jumblies

Walter de la Mare The Listeners

Lewis Carroll You are Old, Father William

T.S. Eliot Macavity, the Mystery Cat

Alfred Noyes The Highwayman

Eleanor Farjeon It Was Long Ago

Hilaire Belloc Tarantella

Information Books

Pupils should have access to well-written, accurate and up to date information books, Texts should be organised to allow the speedy retrieval of information, e.g. providing useful indexes and glossaries, and should include illustrations which support rather than dominate the words. Pupils should also be introduced to information sources not specifically written for children, e.g. newspapers, timetables, databases etc.