

## Year 4 Recommended Reading List

Author	Title	Blurb
Cressida Cowell	Hiccup: How to Train Your Dragon	Jokes flow thick and fast from this most original and inventive Viking adventure, which launched the career of a Viking with a difference. Hiccup Horrendous Haddock grew up at a time of dragons but he was not always a hero. He had to learn to fight them. To do so he had to pass the Dragon Initiation Programme, an awesome schedule run by Gobber the Belch, idiot in charge of initiation on the Isle of Berk. Hiccup was by no means a natural high achiever when it came to dragon training but after many hilarious mishaps, he soon got the hang of it and was on the way to becoming a Hero.
David Walliams	Mr Stink	Shortlisted for the Blue Peter Best Book of the Decade. A World Book Day 'Recommended Read' for 2011. Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2010. Galaxy Children's Book Award shortlist 2010. The second original, touching, twisted, and most of all hilarious novel for children by David Walliams and beautifully illustrated by Quentin Blake. "Mr Stink stank. He also stunk. And if it was correct English to say he stinked, then he stinked as well..." It all starts when Chloe makes friends with Mr Stink, the local tramp. Yes, he smells a bit. But when it looks like he might be driven out of town, Chloe decides to hide him in the garden shed. Now Chloe's got to make sure no one finds out her secret. And speaking of secrets, there just might be more to Mr Stink than meets the eye... or the nose.
Arthur Ransome	Swallows and Amazons	John, Susan, Titty and Roger sail their boat, Swallow, to a deserted island for a summer camping trip. Exploring and playing sailors is an adventure in itself but the island holds more excitement in store. Two fierce Amazon Pirates, Nancy and Peggy, challenge them to war and a summer of battles and alliances ensues.
Michael Morpurgo	The Dancing Bear	High in the mountains, in a tiny village, an abandoned bear cub is adopted by a lonely orphan child. Soon they are the best of friends, beloved by the whole village – safe, until the arrival of a glamorous film crew who need a dancing bear...
Philip Pullman	The Fireworkmaker's Daughter	What Lila wants to be more than anything else in the world is . . . a Firework-Maker! But firework-making is not just about being able to make Crackle-Dragons and Golden Sneezes. There is also one special secret: every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying FireFiend! Not

		knowing that she needs special protection to survive the Fire-Fiend's flames, Lila sets off alone. Her friends, Chulak and Hamlet - the King's white elephant - race after her. But can they possibly reach her in time?
Roald Dahl	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Charlie Bucket loves chocolate. And Mr Willy Wonka, the most amazing inventor in the world is opening the gates of his amazing chocolate factory to five lucky children. It's the prize of a lifetime and Charlie wants to win it.
Andy Griffiths	The 13 Story Tree House	A cartoon illustrated story about the most amazing treehouse ever. Secret science labs, catapults and a clever marshmallow machine are just some of the unexpected things found inside. Great for reluctant readers.
Anthony Horowitz	The Falcon's Malteser	Meet the Diamond Brothers, the world's most defective detectives, by the author of the number one bestselling Alex Rider series. When a dwarf comes into the office and leaves a package, Tim Diamond, the world's worst private-detective, is faced with his toughest case yet. The office is ransacked and the package is found to contain simply a box of Maltesers. Who was the dwarf ... and why was he murdered shortly after his visit?
Fairy Tales	Terry Jones	Thirty short stories of magic and adventure penned by Monty Python team member, Terry Jones. Embracing the tradition of the fairy tale, but adding Jones's inimitable comic imagination and originality, each story makes a perfect bedtime read for children – and grown ups!
Dick King-Smith	The Hodgeheg	<p>Max is a hedgehog who lives with his family in a nice little home, but it's on the wrong side of the road from the Park where there's a beautiful lily pond and plenty of juicy slugs, worms and snails!</p> <p>The busy road is dangerous but Max is determined to make his way across. If humans can do it, why can't hedgehogs?</p> <p>His first attempt ends in a nasty bump on the head and, when Max tries to speak, he realises his words are all mixed up. He is no longer a hedgehog but a hodge-heg!</p> <p>Still determined to fulfil his mission, Max discovers the best way to cross the road - with the help of the lollipop lady and some careful detective work . . .</p>

David Walliams	Billionaire Boy	<p>Joe has a lot of reasons to be happy. About a billion of them, in fact.</p> <p>You see, Joe's rich. Really, really rich. Joe's got his own bowling alley, his own cinema, even his own butler who is also an orangutan. He's the wealthiest twelve-year-old in the land.</p> <p>Yes, Joe has absolutely everything he could possibly want. But there's just one thing he really needs: A friend.</p>
Dick King-Smith	The Invisible Dog	<p>A little girl who desperately wants a dog introduces an imaginary Great Dane called Henry into her home. Her wish comes true when she is allowed a real Henry. Was old Mrs Garrow, with her cackling laugh and black cat, responsible for her wish coming true?</p>
Michael Morpurgo	The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips	<p>A heart-warming tale of courage and warmth, set against the backdrop of the second world war, about an abandoned village, a lifelong friendship and one very adventurous cat!</p>
Richard Adams	Watership Down	<p>Fiver could sense danger. Something terrible was going to happen to the warren – he felt sure of it. So did his brother Hazel, for Fiver's sixth sense was never wrong. They had to leave immediately, and they had to persuade the other rabbits to join them. And so begins a long and perilous journey of a small band of rabbits in search of a safe home. Fiver's vision finally leads them to Watership Down, but here they face their most difficult challenge of all.</p>
David Baddeil	The Parent Agency	<p>"I wish I had better parents!" Barry said, a third time. And then suddenly the entire room started to shake...</p> <p>Barry Bennett hates being called Barry. In fact it's number 2 on the list of things he blames his parents for, along with 1) 'being boring' and 3) 'always being tired'.</p> <p>But there is a world, not far from this one, where parents don't have children. That's far too random for something so big and important. In this world, children are allowed to choose their parents.</p> <p>For Barry Bennett, this world seems like a dream come true. Only things turn out to be not quite that simple...</p>

<p>Frances Hodgson Burnett</p>	<p>The Secret Garden</p>	<p>Mary Lennox has grown up in India, surrounded by colour and life, and people who always do exactly what she wants. When her parents die, she is sent to her uncle's cold and lonely manor on the Yorkshire moors. There she finds the house and the gardens full of secrets. And unearthing them might just lead to the greatest discovery of all.</p>
<p>Jacqueline Wilson</p>	<p>Hetty Feather</p>	<p>London, 1876. Hetty Feather is just a tiny baby when her mother leaves her at the Foundling Hospital. The Hospital cares for abandoned children - but Hetty must first live with a foster family until she is big enough to go to school.</p> <p>Life in the countryside is sometimes hard, but with her foster brothers, Jem and Gideon, Hetty helps in the fields and plays vivid imaginary games. Together they sneak off to visit the travelling circus, and Hetty is mesmerised by the show - especially the stunning Madame Adeline and her performing horses.</p> <p>But Hetty's happiness is threatened once more when she must return to the Foundling Hospital to begin her education. The new life of awful uniforms and terrible food is a struggle for her, and she desperately misses her beloved Jem. But now she has the chance to find her real mother. Could she really be the wonderful Madame Adeline? Or will Hetty find the truth is even more surprising?</p>