

Key Stage 3 Reading List

Study at Home for KS3

The text books we use at school are:

Year 7: Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

Year 8: Macbeth by William Shakespeare and Novel Study (Sherlock Holmes)

Year 9: Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare and novel study (one of: Lord of the Flies, To Kill a Mockingbird or Of Mice and Men)

Accelerated Reader for KS3 pupils

All KS3 students are now taking part in Accelerated Reader. Accelerated Reader is an online programme which aims to boost literacy and encourage reading for pleasure amongst students. Students are given a book level after taking an online STAR reading test to see which level is the most suitable for them. These tests will take place once every term.

Students then select a labelled book within the school library to read during the school day and at home. Once they have finished the book they take an online quiz to test their knowledge and understanding of the book they have just read during library lessons fortnightly. A report is then produced which shows the student how well they did in the quiz and links it in with current progress on the AR programme.

If students excel beyond that there are termly book prizes and Word Millionaires that will be rewarded at the end of every term. Parents can get involved by looking at the AR Bookfinder website to see what books are at their child's level and also via HomeConnect which allow parents to monitor their child's progress. For more details please contact the school Reading Coordinator.

AR Bookfinder: <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

Reading in English

All pupils are expected to read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts at school and at home. Reading takes place every day in English lessons and once a week during form time. The school library is open every day at break-time, lunch times and after school where pupils can take out a wide range of books.

The English department suggests the following reading list as a starting point for pupils to excel in reading, in line with the new GCSE exams:

Suggested Fiction Texts

- 1) Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo
- 2) Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
- 3) 1984 by George Orwell
- 4) Harry Potter Series by J.K Rowling
- 5) Lord of the Flies by William Golding

- 6) Lord of the Rings by J.R.R Tolkien
- 7) Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
- 8) Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman
- 9) Animal Farm by George Orwell
- 10) The Giver by Lois Lowry
- 11) The Hobbit by J.R.R Tolkien
- 12) The Boy in Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne
- 13) Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian
- 14) Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift
- 15) To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- 16) A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- 17) Animal Farm by George Orwell
- 18) I know why the caged bird sings by Maya Angelou
- 19) Dracula by Bram Stoker
- 20) Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- 21) A thousand Splendid Suns, The Kite Runner by Khalid Hosseni
- 22) Never let me go by Kazuo Ishiguro
- 23) Catcher in the Rye by J D Salinger

Suggested Non-Fiction Texts

- 1.) BBC News
- 2.) The Guardian
- 3.) The Telegraph
- 4.) Autobiographies and biographies
- 5.) The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson
- 6.) Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
- 7.) Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming
- 8.) Wild Boy: The Real Life of the Savage of Aveyron by Mary Losure
- 9.) Mercy The Incredible Story of Henry Bergh: Founder of the ASPCA and Friend to Animals by Nancy Furstinger
- 10.) Hana's Suitcase: A True Story by Karen Levine