



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Our Recommended Fiction Reading list

Welcome!

This list has been produced to help you when choosing books with your children to read at home. All of these books are available in the school library and most should be available at your local library.

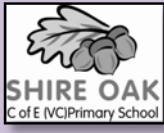
No book is aimed at one particular year group however the books are listed in order of difficulty or subject matter, from the simplest to the most complex. Reading one of the books together with your child will give you an idea of the best next steps in finding something that offers more challenge or more mature subject matter.

When reading any of these books with your child or talking to them about it after they have read independently, we recommend that you use the Shire Oak Reading Bookmark to give you ideas of the questions to ask to ensure your child is getting the most from the book and its learning opportunities.

Once your child has read each book, there is space on the list for them to write down a simple comment about the book and to give their star rating out of five. The list with its ratings and comments can be kept in your child's book bag to help provide feedback to classmates and teachers in school.

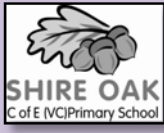
If you have any feedback on this list as a whole, or individual books within it (including recommendations for books that your child has particularly enjoyed and we could include in future versions of the list), please feel free to pass these on to school English coordinators Ian Martin and Jess Miller.

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Dear Zoo	Rod Campbell		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Pants	Giles Andreae and Nick Sharratt		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Michael Rosen		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
One Snowy Night	Nick Butterworth		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
No Matter What	Debi Gliori		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy	Lynley Dodd		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Is It Bedtime Wibbly Pig?	Mick Inkpen		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
My World, Your World	Melanie Walsh		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



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Elmer	David McKee		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark (Picture book)	Jill Tomlinson		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Handa's Surprise	Eileen Browne		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Olivia	Ian Falconer		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Not Now, Bernard	David McKee		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Bear Snores On	Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Owl Babies	Martin Waddell		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Pumpkin Soup	Helen Cooper		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Lost and Found	Oliver Jeffers		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
My Mother's Sari	Sandhya Rao		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



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How to Catch a Star	Oliver Jeffers		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Elephant and the Bad Baby	Elfrida Vipont and Raymond Briggs		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Angry Arthur	Hiawyn Oram and Satoshi Kitamura		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
All Join In	Quentin Blake		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly	Pam Adams		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Dig Dig Digging?	Margaret Mayo		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Doing the Animal Bop	Jan Ormerod and Lindsey Gardiner		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
That's Not My Puppy	Fiona Watt		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
This is Our House	Michael Rosen		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Lighthouse Keeper's Rescue	Ronda and David Armitage		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



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The Name Jar	Jangsook Choi		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Winnie the Witch	Korky Paul and Valerie Thomas		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Anansi the Spider	G. McDermot		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Revolting Rhymes	Roald Dahl		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Cosmo and the Magic Sneeze	Gwyneth Rees		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Horrid Henry	Horrid Henry's Big Bad Book		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Fergus Crane	Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Sheep-Pig	Dick King-Smith		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Kiss That Missed	David Melling		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp	Philip Pullman		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Mrs Pepperpot Stories	Alf Proysen		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



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The Story of Tracy Beaker	Jaqueline Wilson		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Tales of Olga da Polga	Michael Bond		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Silence Seeker	Ben Morley		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Snow White and Seven Aliens	Laurence Anholt		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Pony-Mad Princess: Princess Ellie to the Rescue	Diana Kimpton		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Adventures of Captain Underpants	Dav Pilkey		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Worst Witch	Jill Murphy		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Pippi Longstocking	Astrid Lindgren		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats	T.S. Eliot		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog	Jeremy Strong		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Velveteen Rabbit	Margery Williams Adapted by Lou Fancher		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



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The Troublesome Tooth Fairy	Sandi Toksvig		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Princess and the Pea	Retold by Susanna Davidson		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Sophie's Tom	Dick King-Smith		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Seal Hunter	Tony Mitton		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Snowy	Berlie Doherty		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark (Longer version)	Jill Tomlinson		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Finn Family Moomintroll	Tove Jansson		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Stone Mouse	Jenny Nimmo		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Hodgeheg	Dick King Smith		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Bill's New Frock	Anne Fine		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



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Carbonel	Barbara Sleight		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Ivan the Terrible	Anne Fine		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Ogre of Oglefort	Eva Ibbotson		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Dancing Bear	Michael Morpurgo		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Emily's Legs	Dick King-Smith		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Mr Mumbles	Barry Hutchinson		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Mr Majeka	Humphrey Carpenter		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Noah Barleywater Runs Away	John Boyne		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
One Thousand and One Arabian Nights	Geraldine McCaughrean		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Mum Minder	Jacqueline Wilson		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Anna Hibiscus	Athuke		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



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Beowulf	Kevin Crossley-Holland		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Heidi	Johanna Spyri		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Connor's Eco-Den	Pippa Goodheart		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Emil and the Detectives	Erich Kastner		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Worst Witch	Jill Murphy		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Harriet's Hare	Dick King-Smith		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Journey to Jo'burg	Beverley Naidoo		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Best Friends	Jacqueline Wilson		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Five Children and It	E Nesbit		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Charlotte's Web	E.B. White		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Borrowers	Mary Norton		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



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Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Haroun and the Sea of Stories	Salman Rushdie		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
I was a Rat	Philip Pullman		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Stig of the Dump	Clive King		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Butterfly Lion	Michael Morpurgo		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Little Prince	Antoine de Sainte Exupery		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Little Women	Louisa M Alcott		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Missing Trophy	Tracy Maguire		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Savage	David Almond		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



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The Wizard of Earthsea	Ursula K LeGuin		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Cosmic	Frank Cottrell Boyce		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
What Katy Did	Susan Coolidge		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Dragon Rider	Cornelia Funke		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Eagle of the Ninth	Rosemary Sutcliff		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Matilda	Roald Dahl		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Ann of Green Gables	L. Montgomery		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Suitcase Kid	Jacqueline Wilson		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Temple by the Sea	Jamila Gavin		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
The Flea Thing	Brian Falkner		☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



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Kensuke's Kingdom	Michael Morpurgo		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Enchanted Horse	Magdalen Nabb		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Pig Heart Boy	Marjorie Blackman		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Redwall	Brian Jaques		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Scrum	Tom Palmer		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Stormbreaker	Anthony Horowitz		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Owl Service	Alan Garner		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler	Gene Kemp		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Two Weeks with the Queen	Morris Gleitzman		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Berlie Doherty	Street Child		★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe	C.S.Lewis		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Step by Wicked Step	Anne Fine		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Kensuke's Kingdom	Michael Morpurgo		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	JK Rowling		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Coram Boy	Jamila Gavin		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Hobbit	JRR Tolkien		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Northern Lights	Philip Pullman		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer		★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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Goodnight Mr Tom	Michelle Magorian		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Railway Children	E. Nesbit		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Silver Sword	Ian Serailier		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Abela The Girl Who Saw Lions	Berlie Doherty		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Skellig	David Almond		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Holes	Louis Sachar		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Indian in the Cupboard	Lynne Reid Banks		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Across the Barricades	Joan Lingard		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Carrie's War	Nina Bawden		★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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Catcall	Linda Newberry		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Seeing Stone	Kevin Crossley-Holland		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
I am David	Anne Holm		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Sabriel	Garth Nix		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Stoneheart	Charlie Fletcher		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Little Soldier	Bernard Ashley		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 $\frac{3}{4}$	Sue Townsend		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Tulip Touch	Anne Fine		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Eragon	Christopher Paolini		★ ★ ★ ★ ★



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Flour Babies	Anne Fine		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Kidnapped	Robert Louis Stevenson		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
My Family and Other Animals	Gerald Durrell		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Refugee Boy	Benjamin Zephaniah		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Arthur Conan Doyle		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Call of the Wild	Jack London		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
The Flea Thing	Brian Falkner		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Scrum	Tom Palmer		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Star in the Forest	Laura Resau		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
One Crazy Summer	Rita Williams-Garcia		★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Boys Without Names *Parental Guidance – Themes may only be appropriate for older children	Kashmira Sheth		★ ★ ★ ★ ★