



Year 4
Suggested
Reading List.

Suggested reading list for Year 4 pupils | KS2 | Age 8-9

The following book list contains titles to appeal to children aged 8-9 in Year 4 of primary school.

Desirable by Frank Cottrell Boyce

A funny story about George – unpopular at school – who receives an old bottle of aftershave from a relative for his birthday. Disappointed, George is stunned to find that the contents of the bottle change his life and suddenly everyone likes him.

My Brother is a Superhero by David Solomons

A prize winning story about Luke who goes off to the toilet only to return and find his brother has been turned into superhero by a passing alien. A very funny page-turner which is ideal for Year 4 pupils.

There's a Werewolf in My Tent by Pamela Butchart

When a group of friends camp out they think it's all going to be marshmallows and staying up late. But then the peculiar noises start, things go missing, a full moon comes out and there's suddenly something very hairy in their midst...

The 13 Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths

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, many eight and nine year olds will read this in one sitting.

Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor

A funny and clever story about Frank Einstein, who likes to take things apart and put them back together again in new and interesting ways. A great book for children interested in science, contraptions and making things. Great illustrations by Brian Biggs.

The Peppermint Pig by Nina Bawden

Polly, the youngest in her family, finds it difficult to adjust to a sudden change at home, until she acquires a special pet pig.

Operation Gadgetman! by Malorie Blackman

Beans calls her dad 'Gadgetman' because of the amazing gadgets he invents everything from exploding biscuits to Spy Kits.

The Children of Green Knowe by Lucy M. Boston

Tolly comes to live with his great-grandmother at the old house of Green Knowe and makes friends with three children who lived there in the three hundred years ago...

How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Follow the adventures of Hiccup and friends in Viking times, as they trains dragons to be pets.

Lizzie Dripping by Helen Cresswell

Everyone in the village where Lizzie lives thinks she daydreams – so it's no surprise no-one believes her when she says she's seen a witch.

The Great Elephant Chase by Gillian Cross

When the elephant came to town, Tad and Cissie went to the show like everyone else. Little did they know it would change their lives forever.

The Twits by Roald Dahl

Mr and Mrs Twit are the most unpleasant couple in the world. They like playing mean jokes and making their pet monkeys, the Muggle-Wumps, stand on their heads all day. But the Muggle-Wumps have had enough. They want revenge...

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl,

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 want to win it.

War Game by Michael Foreman

An illustrated children's novel about a football game in World War 1.

Toad Rage by Morris Gleitzman

Limpy's family don't think humans hate toads, but Limpy knows otherwise. He's spotted the signs: the stares, the nasty comments and the way they squash toads with their cars...

The Last Castaways by Harry Horse

The adventures of Grandfather and his dog Roo on the good ship 'Unsinkable' including voyages to find the Door to the Sea, the entranceway to the Forgotten Sea, and the Great Cod Bank.

The Falcon's Malteser by Anthony Horowitz

The first book in the Diamond Brothers series. When a lot of money is left in the hands of Tim Diamond, he suddenly has every criminal looking for him.

The House That Sailed Away by Pat Hutchins

Grandma, Mother, Father, Morgan, the baby and Tailcat find themselves thrown into the strangest adventures when their house floats off down the street.

Fairy Tales by Terry Jones

Thirty new fairy tales with a modern twist by Monty Python member Terry Jones.

The Hedgehog by Dick King-Smith

Max the hedgehog lives with his family on the wrong side of the road from the Park – where there's a lily pond paradise with fabulous gourmet slugs.

The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy

Mildred Hubble's is possibly the worst witch at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches. She can't fly her broom, command her kitten, or make the right spell

The Way to Sattin Shore by Philippa Pearce

When her father's name vanishes from a tombstone in the graveyard, Kate is thrown into a mystery. Is her father really dead?

The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman

A long time ago lived a firework-maker named Lalchand and his daughter, Lila. Lila knows almost everything about fireworks, but there's one secret her father hasn't yet told her.