

Trinity's Top 20 Recommended Reads

Why have we created these Lists?

The School has created these lists to, firstly, act as a guide for pupils, and parents/carers, when searching for appropriate books of interest for their age. Secondly, these lists promote well-established and highly recommended authors who have produced quality-rich texts that will broaden the children's reading repertoire and collection, and in turn develop the pupils reading capacity. Finally, and most importantly, we hope that they will promote reading for pleasure through stories that children can enjoy.

How have books been selected?

The teaching staff at our school have compiled each list. As well as using our professional expertise and knowledge of children's stories, we have researched and used guidance of recommended reads from well-established publishers and literacy experts.

We have also cross-referenced books with Accelerated Reader to link these lists with the programme we use in school. Some of the books we have selected for particular year groups may have a book level/ZPD number which seems too low, or too high, for that specific age group. However, these particular books have been chosen based around our research and guidance, and they will suit the interest level for that age range. Some books have made the list despite not being quizable on Accelerated Reader (more so in KS1) but we felt that they could not be missed from the Top 20 lists as they are extremely worthwhile reads.

There are a vast range of books included within each of the lists which should universally appeal to all pupils, including different genres and categories of fiction, non-fiction, picture books, graphic novels and even poetry texts. We think that it is important that children are exposed to a vast variety of books which they can enjoy, and even KS2 can continue to find great pleasure and learn a lot from well-written and formed picture books.

Many books selected are the first story in a particular series which we hope may inspire children to read the subsequent novels if they have found great enjoyment in them.

How to use the Top 20 Lists?

Pupils can use these lists as a guide, or a checklist, as they progress through Primary School. All books have been selected so that they can be read independently by children; however, they can be read with an adult, depending on their reading ability. Each Year group list has not been ordered in a specific order so that children can work through the lists in any way they choose, depending on the reading ability, ZPD range and reading interests.

If you have any questions or queries about the Top 20 Recommended Reading Lists, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.