

KS3 SUGGESTED READING LIST: SPRING TERM

Below are a range of fictional books selected to suit all readings abilities at Hurstmere School. It is recommended that your child reads for 30 minutes a day to support with developing their reading skills. Please note, it is the responsibility of the parent to determine the suitability of a text for their child. It is worth being mindful of your child's reading ability vs the appropriate content and themes within the book.

Action and Adventure Books

Author	Title	Plot Summary	Reading Age / Interest Age
Thomas Flintham	Press Start! Game on Super Rabbit Boy!	Aimed at early readers – this will appeal to young gamers	5+/ 6-8
Katie and Kevin Tsang	Sam Wu Is Not Afraid Of Ghosts	An unfortunate incident on a school trip involving a space simulator	9+/ 7-11
Chris Ryan	Code Red Series	Each book deals with a different environmental disaster. Flash Flood is book 1	11 / 11-14
Andy McNab	Drop Zone	A teenage skydiver is recruited to a secret Government anti-terrorist organisation	13+/ 11-15
Andrew Klaven	The Last Thing I Remember	'The Bourne Identity for kids'; Charlie loses a year of his memory and finds he has been convicted of murder	14+/ 14 - 17

Funny Books

Author	Title	Plot Summary	Reading Age / Interest Age
Eric Luper	Bad Food: Game of Scones	An epic war movie; battles between cleaning supplies, killer library books and the contents of a giant fridge	6+ / 6-8
Stephen Mangan	The Fart that Changed the World	It is the most important day of the year and everything must be perfect...	9+ / 9-12
Anthony McGowan	Henry Tumour	Hector has a brain tumour, he christens him Henry and Henry can talk!	10+ / 12-14
Terry Pratchett	Dodger	A tribute to the loveable Dicken's character: love, adventure and plenty of jokes	14+/ 11-15
Meg Rosoff	Moose Baby	Having a baby at a young age is not easier, it is even harder when your baby is different, especially if you give birth to a moose	14+/ 16 upwards

Multi-Volume Fantasy Series Books

Author	Title	Plot Summary	Reading Age / Interest Age
Sam Hay	Undead Pets	Animals, zombies, curses and mysteries Book 1: Return of the Hungry Hamster	6+/ 6-8
Tom Becker	Dark Side Series	Your homes been attacked, your Dad's in an asylum and you're running for your life... Book 1: Shelve for psychos	9+ / 9-14
Roderick Gordon	Tunnels Series	2 boys discover a dark underworld underneath Chester Book 1: Tunnels	10+ / 8 - 12
William Nicholson	Wind on Fire Series	A society governed by exams, but what happens when you rebel? Book 1: The Wind Singer	11+/ 11-15
Brandon Sanderson	The Mistborn Trilogy	A world of ash and pain where a dark Lord has gained dominion over the world	14+/ 14 - 17

Ghost and Creepy Tales That Go Bump In The Night Books

Author	Title	Plot Summary	Reading Age / Interest Age
Sam Copeland	Greta and the Ghost Hunters	Is Greta's dysfunctional family haunted or is it time Granny goes into a home?	8+/ 8-11
Catherine MacPhail	Underworld	A school trip goes horribly wrong and 5 boys find themselves trapped in a cave	10+ / 9-12
William Nicholson	Wind on Fire Series	A society governed by exams, but what happens when you rebel? Book 1: The Wind Singer	11+/ 11-15
Malorie Blackman	Stuff Of Nightmares	A frightening novel that focuses on a fear that affects us all	12+ / 11- 17
Bella Mackie	How To Kill Your Family	Family dysfunction; obsession with murder	14+ 15 -