Year 3 Suggested Texts: A Guide For Parents

At Holy Rood, we benefit from a varied, supportive and comprehensive reading scheme that supports pupils from EYFS all the way to becoming 'free readers'. As parents, you may feel that you want to foster a love of reading at home by purchasing or sourcing extra books for further reading at home too.

We know that choosing books for your Year 3 reader can be very tricky. Now that they are emerging as fluent and confident young readers – often very keen to read 'chapter' books – it can be all too easy to offer books that are too challenging and this can put young readers off reading entirely!

The books below have been chosen by the Year 3 teaching team to support the English curriculum of Year 3 at Holy Rood. Many of the books below are held within our school library and class book corners, however you may want to purchase one or two (or loan them from Watford Central Library) to support your child's reading development at home too!

A Tale of Two Wolves - Kelly Susan
The Amazing Adventures of Idle Jack - Robert Leeson
Daedalus and Icarus - Geraldine McCaugrean
Rainbow Bird - Eric Maddern
Too Much Talk - Angela Medearis
The Gift of The Sun - Diane Stewart
The Hare and the Tortoise - Helen Ward
Rama and the Demon King, - Jessica Souhami
Tusk, Tusk - David McKee
The Iron Man - Ted Hughes
The Boy and the Tiger - compiled by Pie Corbett
Ulf the Finger Eater - Dick King Smith
The Truth About Hansel and Gretel - Karina Law and Graham Philpot
The Truth about those Billy Goats - Karina Law
The Pea and the Princess - Mini Grey
Cinderboy - L.Anholt
Mixed up Fairy Tales - H. Harrison
Eco Wolf and the Three Little Pigs - Laurence Anholt
The Invisible Boy (and others in the series) - Sally Gardner
It was a Dark and Stormy Night - Janet Ahlberg
Fantastic Mr Fox - Roald Dahl
Charlie Small - Charlie Small

Tuesday - David Weisner
Dimanche Diller - Henriette Blandford
The Jaws of Doom - Alex Cliff
Jolly Roger – Michael Morpurgo
Captain Abdul's Pirate School – Michael Morpurgo
Black Queen - Michael Morpurgo
The Puffin Keeper – Michael Morpurgo
Dominic's Discovery - Gervase Phinn
Gorilla City – Charlie Small
The Perfumed Pirates of Perfidy - Charlie Small
The Speckled Panic - Hazel Townson
Shipley manor, - Tim Walker
The Great Smile Robbery - Roger McGough
The Haunting of Pip Parker - Anne Fine
Julian, Secret Agent - Ann Cameron
The Secret of Weeping Wood - Robert Swindells
The Thing in the Basement - Michaela Morgan
Kevin Wu is Not Afraid of Ghosts – Katie and Kevin Tsang
The Adventures of Harry Stevenson, Guinea Pig Superstar – Ali Pye
Two Sides – Polly Ho-Yen
The Worst Witch Series – Jill Murphy
George's Marvellous Medicine – Roald Dahl
The Hodgeheg – Dick King Smith
Accidental Trouble Magnet – Zanib Mian
The Nothing to See Here Hotel – Steven Butler
You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum! – Andy Stanton
The Accidental Prime Minister – Tom McLaughlin
The Boy Who Grew Dragons – Andy Shepherd
The Abominables – Eva Ibbotson
Ice Palace – Robert Swindells
The World According to Humphrey – Betty G. Birney
Harry the Poisonous Centipede – Lynne Reid Banks
The Secret World of Polly Flint – Helen Cresswell
The Diary of a Killer Cat – Anne Fine

If you want to ensure that other books your child may select at bookshops are suitable for your child, we recommend the website 'Common Sense Media'

A not for profit website that reviews and provides ratings for all forms of media and technology with the goal of providing information on their suitability for children and young people.

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