

## Portesham C of E VA Primary School Recommended Reads

***“Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.” – Jim Rohn***

Reading is the gateway to learning. Not only is it important that your child reads their favourite books for pleasure, but also reads books that are a little more challenging, that will ultimately improve their fluency, vocabulary and comprehension, thereby opening up the curriculum to its full potential.

In order to help you choose a book for your child that is ‘right’ for them, we have put together a list of fiction which we feel are core texts for your child’s progression. In addition, we have also asked the children what their favourite books are and have included some of these too!

Year Group	Book name
Reception/Year 1	We’re going on a bear hunt – Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury Peace at last – Jill Murphy Where’s my Teddy? – Jez Alborough Farmer Duck – Martin Waddell Rosie’s walk – Pat and Laurence Hutchins The Gruffalo – Julia Murphy The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle
Year 1/2	The Cat in the Hat – Dr Seuss Avocado Baby – John Burningham A Bear Called Paddington – Michael Bond Mr Wolf’s Pancakes – Jan Fearnley The Diary of a Killer Cat – Anne Fine The Guard Dog – Dick-King Smith The Magic Finger – Roald Dahl
Year 3/4	The Invisible Boy – Trudy Ludwig Horrid Henry – Francesca Simon and Tony Ross Charlotte’s Web – EB White The Reluctant Dragon – Kenneth Grahame The Suitcase Kid – Jacqueline Wilson How to Train your Dragon – Cressida Cowell The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – CS Lewis
Year 5/6	Kensuke’s Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo Lion Boy – Zizou Corder Boy – Roald Dahl Goodnight Mr. Tom – Michael Magorian Stig of the Dump – Clive King Skelling – David Almond The Demon Headmaster – Gillian Cross