



The South Wolds
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your family are well and that you are settling into a new routine at home.

As we are sure you are already aware, an excellent way to make sure that your child does not fall behind in their learning is to encourage that they do lots of reading while they are away from school. Reading skills are crucial for many reasons but reading books also offers some much-needed escapism and respite from screen time.

Because of this, we would like to share this recommended reading list, with book recommendations for each key stage, so that you have some ideas for reading material over the coming weeks.

Key Stage 3

- Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz
- Alpha Force Series by Chris Ryan
- The Secret Garden by Francis Hodgson Burnett
- Five Children and It by Edith Nesbit
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien
- Noughts and Crosses series by Malorie Blackman
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- I Corianda or Maggot Moon by Sally Gardner
- The Garbage King by Elizabeth Laird
- Skellig by David Almond
- Northern Lights series by Phillip Pullman
- Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Boom! by Mark Haddon
- The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
- One by Sarah Crossan
- A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
- The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
- Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome
- Wonder by RJ Palacio (this is being read live by the author on Twitter over the next few weeks)



See also Children's book awards such as Waterstones, Costa and Carnegie. Shortlisted books are usually appropriate and enjoyable for secure readers at KS3 and young adults.

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Key Stage 4

- The Lovely Bones by Alice Seabold
- I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith
- The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
- After the Fire by Will Hill
- Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
- Release by Patrick Ness
- The Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
- The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
- Lord of the Flies by William Golding
- Normal People by Sally Rooney
- When Mr Dog Bites by Brian Conaghan
- Oragneboy by Patrice Lawrence

Key Stage 5

- Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
- The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey
- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson
- Dune by Frank Herbert
- Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks
- The Handmaid's Tale/The Testaments by Margaret Atwood
- The Color Purple by Alice Walker
- A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess
- The Catcher in the Rye by J D Salinger
- Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden

Happy reading!

Yours sincerely,

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