



Guide to Highwood School

READING PASSPORT 3

Years 3-4



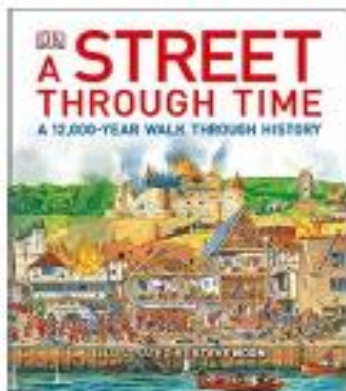


The Iron Man, by Ted Hughes

A mysterious tale of an Iron Man, a boy a monster. "The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff. How far had he walked? Nobody knows. Where did he come from? Nobody knows. How was he made? Nobody knows." Once you start this book, you won't want to put it down!

Matilda, by Roald Dahl

"So Matilda's strong young mind continued to grow, nurtured by the voices of all those authors who had sent their books out into the world like ships on the sea. These books gave Matilda a hopeful and comforting message: You are not alone." Matilda is the world's most famous book-worm, no thanks to her ghastly parents!

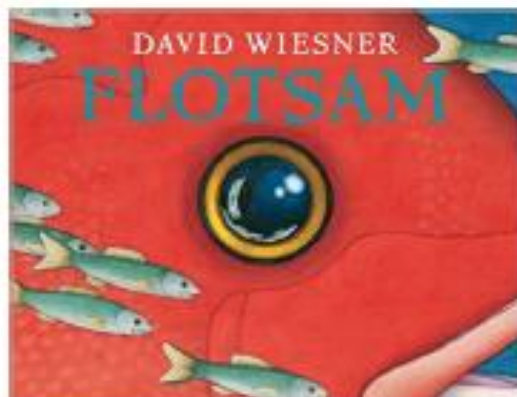


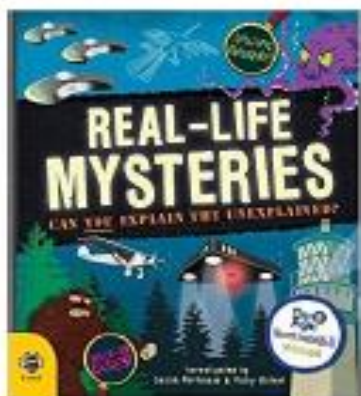
A Street Through Time, by Steve Noon

A fascinating book, each large page shows how one place changes from the Stone Age to our Modern Age. Full of brilliant details, this book helps you understand our history.

Flotsam, by David Wiesner

Stunning illustrations tell the story of a boy who explores the beach. One day he finds an old underwater camera, with its own secrets to share . . . and to keep.



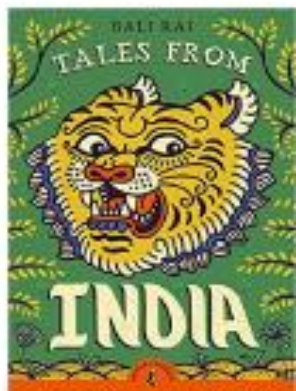
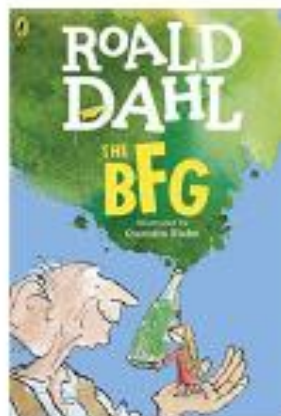


Real Life Mysteries, by Susan Martineau

Have you ever wondered what exactly does go bump in the night? From mysteries like Shackleton's ghostly companion to the Loch Ness Monster and friends, read the amazing evidence about these mysterious cases and make up your own mind.

The BFG, by Roald Dahl

On a dark, silvery moonlit night, Sophie is snatched from her bed by a giant. Luckily it is the Big Friendly Giant, the BFG, who only eats snozzcumbers and glugs frobscottle. But there are other giants in Giant Country...

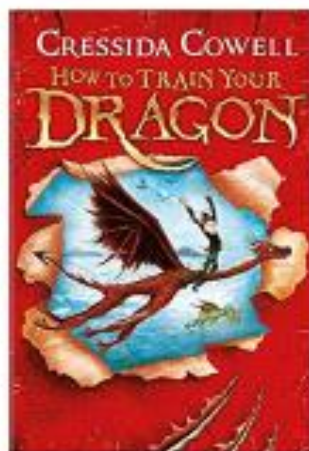


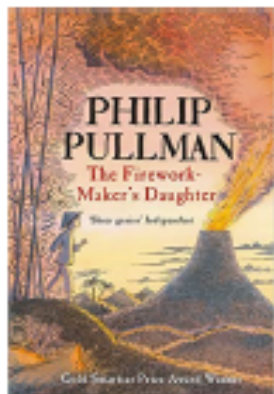
Tales from India, by Bali Rai

From wicked magicians to wise old priests, charming princes and beautiful princesses, to greedy tigers and wily jackals, these magical tales are full of adventure and trickery, and infused with deeper messages about morality, Life and the world around us.

How to Train Your Dragon, by Cressida Cowell

Can Hiccup pass the Dragon Initiation Programme with a toothless dragon AND fight the Sea Dragonus Maximus before it gobbles up every Viking on Berk? It's time for Hiccup to learn how to be a Hero.



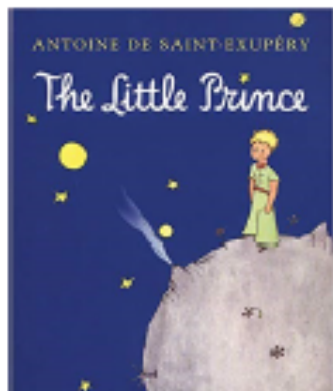


The Firework Makers Daughter, by Philip Pullman

What Lila wants to be more than anything else in the world is . . . a Firework-Maker! But firework-making is not just about being able to make Crackle-Dragons and Golden Sneezes. There is also one special secret: every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend!

I Don't Like Poetry, by Joshua Seigal

Shortlisted for the 2017 Laugh Out Loud Awards - the UK's only prize for funny children's books. Packed full of silly, funny, or downright hilarious poems (with a few serious ones mixed in) this brilliant collection from exciting young poet, Joshua Seigal is perfect for fans of Michael Rosen and anyone else who needs a giggle. If you like poetry, you'll like this book. And if you don't like poetry you'll LOVE it

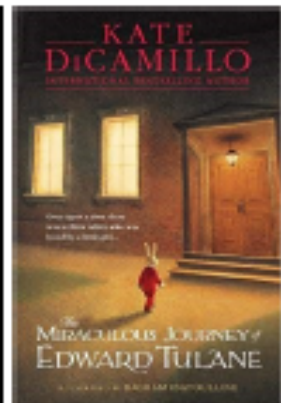


The Little Prince, by Antoine De Saint-Expury

The touching story of an airman who crashes in the desert and meets a boy from another planet. The boy tells the airman of his intergalactic adventures. This is a classic and timeless tale, with delightful illustrations by the author.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, by Kate DiCamillo

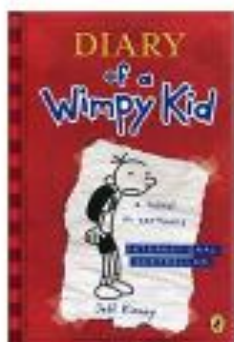
The magical story of the adventures of a lost toy rabbit from a New York Times bestselling author, twice winner of the Newbery Medal. Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey. For more confident readers.





Cloud Tea Monkeys, by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham

A beautifully illustrated, traditional tale. Tashi lives in a tiny village below the tea plantations where her mother earns a living. One day her mother falls ill, and Tashi must pick tea to earn the money for a doctor. On the mountains high above the plantation where only monkeys live, something extraordinary happens that will change her life for ever...

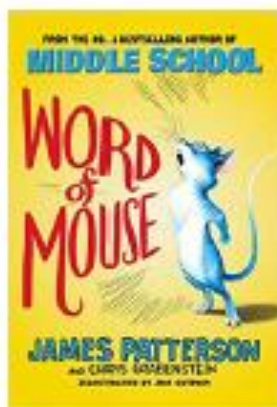


Diary of a Wimpy Kid, by Jeff Kinney

Today is the first day of school so I figured I might as well write in this book to pass the time. Just don't expect me to be all "Dear Diary" this and "Dear Diary" that.

You're a Bad Man Mr Gum, by Andy Stanton

Shabba me whiskers! It's that bestselling and award-winning first ever Mr Gum book by Andy Stanton. The Mr Gum books are only the craziest, funniest most best books for children in the whole wide world.



Word of Mouse, by James Patterson

Exciting and humorous story of a super-intelligent mouse who escapes from a laboratory. Separated from his family, how will he survive? A story about believing in yourself and finding where you belong.

Coming to England, by Baroness Floella Benjamin

A beautifully illustrated autobiography of how Floella Benjamin left her paradise home in Trinidad to join her family who came to England to help re-build the country after the Second World War. A Windrush story for children.

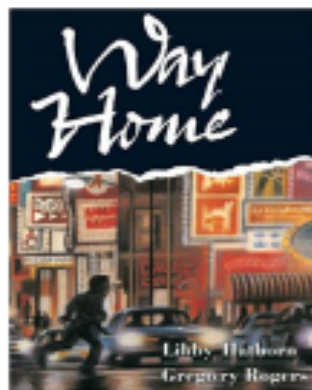


100 Best Poems for Children, chosen by Roger McGough

A collection of the very best poems for children, edited by Roger McGough. A wonderful collection of contemporary and classic poems chosen by children from schools around the UK.

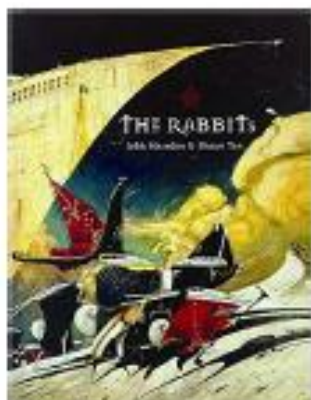
The Secret of the Unicorn, by Hergé

A classic comic book with witty dialogue and detailed artwork. When Tintin stumbles across a model ship at the Old Street Market, he buys it as a gift for his friend Captain Haddock. But this isn't just any old model ship . . . it's the Unicorn. Built by one of Haddock's ancestors it holds a clue to finding the treasure of a notorious pirate.



Way Home, by Gregory Rogers

It's night and the dark is filled with strange sounds as Shane makes his way home. On a fence he finds a stray cat that at first growls and spits at him. But Shane talks and strokes the kitten to calmness, and decides to take the 'Spitfire, Kitten Number One,' home with him. Nothing will stop Shane carrying his new found friend to the place he calls home.

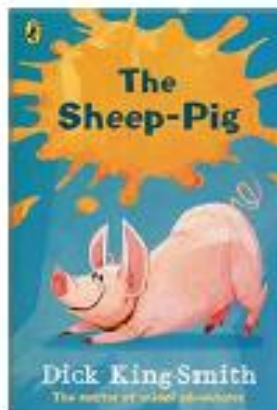


The Rabbits, by Shaun Tan

The rabbits arrived many generations ago. They built roads, houses and had children. They cut down all the trees. A whole continent of rabbits. A rich and haunting story with a powerful message and amazing illustrations.

The Sheep-Pig, by Dick King Smith

When Babe, the little orphaned piglet, is won at a fair by Farmer Hogget, he is adopted by Fly, the kind-hearted sheep-dog. Babe is determined to learn everything he can from Fly. He knows he can't be a sheep-dog. But maybe, just maybe, he might be a sheep-pig.



The Demon Headmaster, by Gillian Cross

Great fun and just a little bit frightening, Gillian Cross's beloved classic still holds readers under its hypnotic spell, even after thirty years of being in print. An accessible page-turner, The Demon Headmaster is impossible to resist.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, by Roald Dahl

You **MUST** have heard of Mr Willy Wonka! He's the most extraordinary chocolate maker in the world. But do you know who Charlie is? Charlie Bucket is the hero of this book. And all these children have won a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit Mr Wonka's chocolate factory...But what mysterious secrets will they discover?





Charlotte's Web, by E.B.White

Wilbur the pig's life has already been saved by Fern, but when he is sold to her uncle he realises his life is in even more danger. Enter Charlotte, a beautiful large grey spider. Charlotte is determined to keep Wilbur from the chopping block, and comes up with an ingenious way to do just that. Charlotte's Web is a classic tale of friendship, bravery and some animal magic.

How to support your child with becoming a FREE READER

As your child becomes a sufficiently fluent reader, to develop their reading further the advice is to move away from hearing your child read aloud. Instead, encourage your child to have **Sustained Silent Reading** time at home on a daily basis (10-20 minutes), and then talk about what they have read.

However, your child will also still benefit from being read to, as you can show how to read with fluency and expression with more challenging texts. A perfect opportunity is when they want to read a book, but they are finding it too hard to read by themselves.

Try some of these ideas to help your child be a free reader:

- Sustained Silent Reading time (10-20 minutes a day)
- Book talk time – talk about the text in a conversational, enthusiastic way: what happened? Why did (the character) do that? What did you like? Dislike? What do you think will happen next? Why? Were there any words you didn't understand?
- They could also read aloud their favourite short section of text to you and say why they liked it.
- Check they have noted what they have read in their Reading Diary.
- You could have "Drop Everything And Read" time (DEAR time) as a family every day, perhaps as part of a "bath-book-bed" routine.

Do continue to encourage and monitor your child's reading, because sometimes children can stop reading when they leave the Book Bands, and they will miss out on all the amazing children's books on offer for this older age group.