



100 Books to Read Before You Leave John Wheeldon



THE IMPORTANCE OF DAILY READING

Reading is essential for children to become successful in school and in their journey through life. Most of a child's learning is gained from reading books. The better a child can read, the easier it will be for them to learn what they need to in school.

As with younger children, reading aloud to older pupils is a key way of supporting their development as readers, 'even though pupils can now read independently'. At John Wheeldon we believe that reading aloud fosters positive attitudes, enhances pupils' motivation to read, and develops vocabulary and other knowledge, including of books, authors and genres that they might not choose to read for themselves. It also contributes indirectly to their fluency, as they listen to an accomplished reader bring a text to life. It is a powerful driver for improving pupils' reading and all-round education, as well as having a positive impact on their social and emotional wellbeing. It can also be a time of genuine enjoyment for the whole class, a shared experience sparking reflection and discussion.

Teachers in John Wheeldon provide story time for every class, at least four times a week for at least 10 minutes during the school day. **"100 Books to Read Before You Leave John Wheeldon"** was created in collaboration with teachers and children and provides a bank of core texts that all children will have read by the time they leave us in Year 6. Books have been carefully chosen from popular children authors, subject areas linked to ongoing and upcoming topics, with a mix of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Each half term books are delivered to children gift wrapped to provide an element of wonder and intrigue to discover their new class books. Longer fiction stories will tend to run over a term, with an alternative non-fiction or poetry book to dip into over a half term. Children will be exposed to different genres and topics for discussion as well as gaining a host of other benefits.

Whether reading a classic novel or fairy tales, reading aloud to children can significantly benefit a child's life. Some additional benefits reading daily to children include:

- **Supported cognitive development**
- **Improved language skills**
- **Preparation for academic success**
- **Developing a special bond with your child**
- **Increased concentration and discipline**
- **Improved imagination and creativity**
- **Cultivating a lifelong love of reading**



Texts in Bold identify the key chapter books/focus text of the term/half term						
EYFS Topics	Dark Nights/Bright Lights		Animal Antics		Journeys to the Past	
	Oliver's Vegetables Alison Bartlett Goldilocks and the Three Bears Little Red Riding Hood The Three Little Pigs The Little Red Hen Three Billy Goats Gruff Cinderella	The Gingerbread Man Diwali The Jolly Christmas Postman Allan Ahlberg The Nativity Owl Babies Martin Waddell Day Monkey Night Monkey Julia Donaldson	Handa's Surprise Eileen Browne Giraffes Can't Dance Giles Andreae Penguin Small Mick Inkpen Lost and Found Oliver Jeffers The Wolfs way home Rachel Bright	Commotion in the Ocean Giles Andreae Tiddler Julia Donaldson Sharing a Shell Julia Donaldson Snail and the Whale Julia Donaldson The Rainbow Fish Someone Swallowed Stanley Sarah Roberts	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Eric Carle Spinderella Julia Donaldson The Bad-Tempered Ladybird Eric Carle Jasper's Beanstalk Nick Butterworth Superworm Julia Donaldson What the Ladybird Heard Julia Donaldson	Supertato Sue Hendra Jack and the Beanstalk Am I yours? Alex Latimer Tyrannosaurus Drip Julia Donaldson Dinosaurs Love Underpants Claire Freedman Harry and the bucket full of dinosaurs Ian Whybrow
<i>EYFS topics include the following as identified below. The topics and books change order in terms based on the children's interests and needs.</i>						
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Linked to Topic	Linked to Spr Topic	Linked to topic	Linked to sum topic	Linked to topic	Linked to next year
Y1	Moon Zoom- picture books		Paddington's Travels		Enchanted Woodland (link to Y2)	
	Mae Jemison - Little People, BIG DREAMS (nf) Toys in space Mini Grey Mixed Arree Chung The Smeds and the Smoos Julia Donaldson Man on the Moon Simon Bartram Beegu Alexis Deacon	Little People Big Dreams- Queen Elizabeth (nf) The puffin fantastic book of first poems June Crebbin (p)	A Bear Called Paddington collection Michael Bond Usourne Look Inside London Jonathon Melmoth Peter Alan (nf)	A Bear Called Paddington collection Michael Bond A first book of nature Nicola Davies (nf/p)	Fantastic Mr Fox Roald Dahl We build our own homes Laura Knowles (nf)	Fantastic Mr Fox Roald Dahl King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table Marcia Williams
Y2	Towers, Tunnels and Turrets		Around the World		Beach Combers (link to Y3)	
	Knight in Training Vivien French A first poetry book Pie Corbett (p)	Knight in Training Vivien French Meerkat mail at Christmas Emily Gravett Christopher Columbus Minna Lacey (nf)	Usbourne Illustrated stories from around the world Lesley Sims Little People Big Dreams- Amelia Earhart (nf)	The Stormwhale Beji Davies Britannica first big book of why Sally Symes (nf)	Oliver and the Seawigs Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre The Seabook Charlotte Milner (nf)	Oliver and the Seawigs Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre Once Upon a Raindrop: The Story of Water James Carter (nf)

Y3	Go with the flow		Through the Ages		Respectful Romans (link to Y4)	
	The Wind in the Willows Kenneth Graham Why Water's Worth It Lori Harrison	The Wind in the Willows Kenneth Graham Horrible Histories- savage stone age Terry Deary (nf)	Stone Age Boy Satoshi Kitamura The puffin book of utterly brilliant poetry Brian Patten (p)	Secrets of Stonehenge by Mick Manning (nf) Meet the Romans James Davies (nf)	The Time-Travelling Cat and the Roman Eagle Julia Jarman Roman myths Geraldine McCaughtrean	The Time-Travelling Cat and the Roman Eagle Julia Jarman The 50 States Gabrielle Balkan & Sol Linero (nf)
Y4	Road Trip USA		Ancient Greece		Traders and Raiders (link to Y5)	
	50 Adventures in the 50 States Kate Siber & Lydia Hill (nf) Little People Big Dreams Michelle Obama (nf)	Jumanji- Chris Allsburg The orchard book of Greek myths Gerraldine McCaughrean Little People :Big Dreams Kamala Harris (nf)	Who Let the Gods Out? Maz Evans Horrible Histories- Groovy Greeks Terry Deary (nf)	Who Let the Gods Out? Maz Evans You Wouldn't Want to Be a Viking Explorer, Dave Antram, Andrew Langley (nf)	The 1000 Year old boy Ross Welford I don't like poetry Joshua Seigal (p)	The 1000 Year old boy Ross Welford A street through time Anne Millard (nf)
Y5	Industrial Stafford		Unique Egypt		Crime and punishment (link to Y5)	
	Victorian Tales: The Twisted Tunnels Terry Deary & Helen Flook Revolting Rhymes Roald Dahl (p)	Victorian Tales: The Twisted Tunnels Terry Deary & Helen Flook Horrible Histories- Awesome Egyptians Terry Deary (nf)	Secrets of the sun king Emma Carol The story of Tutankhamun Patricia Cleveland-Peck (nf)	Secrets of the sun king Emma Carol What's so special about Shakespeare? Michael Rosen (nf)	Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story: Patrice Lawrence A Stage Full of Shakespeare Stories Angela McAllister	Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story: Patrice Lawrence You wouldn't want to be a WW2 pilot! Ian Graham (nf)
Y6	A Child's War		Dynamic Darwin		Hola Mexico!	
	Private Peaceful Michael Morpurgo Missing- the true story of my family in WW2 Michael Rosen (nf)	Private Peaceful Michael Morpurgo Moth Isabel Thomas (nf)	Cogheart Peter Bunzi The Origin of Species Sabina Radeva (nf)	Cogheart Peter Bunzi The biography of Frida Kahlo Susan B Katz (nf)	Middleworld (Jaguar Stones) J&P Voelkel Folktales of Mexico: Horse hooves and chicken feet: traditional Mexican stories Neil Phillip	Middleworld (Jaguar Stones) J&P Voelkel Funky chickens Benjamin Zephaniah (p)