

The Lakes School KS3 Recommended Reading List

Adventure

- **Deepa Anappara:** Djinn Patrol
- **Cathy Cassidy:** Dizzy
- **Gillian Cross:** Wolf
- **Siobhan Dowd:** The London Eye Mystery
- **Tonke Dragt:** The Letter for the King
- **Paul Hickes:** The Haunting of Aveline Jones
- **Kiran Milwood Hargrave:** The Island at the End of Everything
- **Victoria Jamieson:** Roller Girl
- **Robert Muchamore:** Robin Hood: Jet Skis, Swamps and Smuggles
- **Tom Palmer:** Defenders, Killing Ground
- **Michelle Paver:** Wolf Brother
- **Gary Paulsen:** Hatchet
- **Jenny Pearson:** The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates
- **Philip Pullman:** The Ruby in the Smoke (series)
- **Louis Sachar:** Holes
- **Robert Stevens:** Murder Most Unladylike
- **Nic Stone:** Clean Getaway
- **Gareth Thompson:** Sunshine to the Sunless
- **Renee Watson:** Some Places more than Others
- **Emma Carroll:** The Somerset Tsunami

Classics

- **Richard Adams:** Watership Down
- **J M Barrie:** Peter Pan
- **Louisa May Alcott:** Little Women
- **Charles Dickens:** A Christmas Carol
- **Frances Hodgson Burnett:** The Secret Garden
- **Kevin Crossley Holland:** The Seeing Stone
- **CS Lewis:** The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
- **Michelle Magorian:** Goodnight Mister Tom
- **Anna Sewell:** Black Beauty
- **Mary Shelley:** Frankenstein
- **Dodie Smith:** I Capture the Castle
- **R.L. Stevenson:** Treasure Island
- **Bram Stoker:** Dracula

Science Fiction and Fantasy

- **Suzanne Collins:** The Hunger Games (Trilogy)
- **Susan Cooper:** The Dark is Rising
- **James Dashner:** The Maze Runner
- **Christopher Edge:** Twelve Minutes to Midnight
- **Madeleine L'Engle:** A Wrinkle in Time
- **Neil Gaiman:** Coraline
- **Alan Garner:** The Weirdstone of Brisingamen
- **Fleur Hitchcock:** The Boy who Flew
- **Derek Landy:** Skullduggery Pleasant (series)
- **Pittacus Lore:** I am Number Four
- **John Masefield:** The Box of Delights
- **Tamsin Merchant:** The Mapmakers
- **Stephanie Myer:** The Twilight Saga
- **Garth Nix:** Newt's Emerald
- **Philip Pullman:** Northern lights (series)
- **Philip Reeve:** Mortal Engines (series)
- **Rick Riordan:** Percy Jackson (series), Heroes of Olympus (series)
- **Veronica Roth:** Divergent (Trilogy)

Dystopia

- **Joan Aiken:** The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
- **Naomi Gibson:** Every Line of You
- **Nicholas Fish:** A Rag, a Bone and a Hank of Hair
- **Richard Kurti:** Maladapted
- **Patrick Ness:** Chaos Walking Trilogy
- **Peadar O'Guilin:** The Call

General Interest

- **Mariam Ansar:** Good For Nothing
- **Yaba Badoe:** Lionheart Girl
- **Sita Brahmachari:** Artichoke Hearts
- **Malorie Blackman:** Tell me no lies, Noughts and Crosses
- **Malorie Blackman:** Thief
- **Judy Blume:** Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret
- **Sue Cheung:** Chinglish
- **Joseph Coelho:** Overheard in a Tower Block (Poems)

- **Anne Fine:** Madame Doubtfire
- **Alan Gibbons:** Caught in the Crossfire
- **Alex Gino:** George
- **Simon James Green:** Noah Can't Even
- **Kiran Millwood Hargrave:** The Island at the End of Everything
- **Sarah Jukes:** The Night Animals
- **Elizabeth Laird:** Welcome to Nowhere
- **Charlie Mackesy:** The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse
- **R.J. Palacio:** Wonder
- **Jewell Parker Rhodes:** Ghost Boys
- **Annabel Pitcher:** My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece
- **Onjali Q Rauf:** The Boy at the Back of the Class
- **Namwali Serpell:** The Furrows
- **Kim Slater:** 928 Miles from Home
- **Lemony Snicket:** A Series of Unfortunate Events
- **Robert Swindells:** Stone Cold
- **Mildred D Taylor:** Roll of Thunder
- **Lisa Thompson:** The Goldfish Boy
- **Renee Watson:** Some Places More than Others
- **Alex Wheatle:** Crongton Knights
- **Polly Ho Yen:** Boy in the Tower
- **Benjamin Zephaniah:** Refugee Boy

Historical

Michael Morpurgo: Private Peaceful

Michael Morpurgo: War Horse

John Boyne: The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

Jamila Gavin: Coram Boy

Frances Hardinge: A Skinful of Shadows

Catherine Johnson: Freedom

Tom Palmer: Resist

Terry Pratchett: Johnny and the Bomb

Meg Rosoff: How I Live Now

Barbara Smucker: Underground to Canada

The Cay: Theodore Taylor

Alison Weatherby: The Secrets Act

Robert Westall: The Machine Gunners

Sport

Kwame Alexander: Booked/The Crossover

Mitch Johnson: Kick

Mal Peet: The Penalty

Catherine Ford: Fat Boy Swim

Tom Palmer: Foul Play

Non fiction

Roald Dahl: Boy and Going Solo

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl

Sam Hume: An Anthology of Aquatic Life

Matthew Syed and Toby Triumph: You are Awesome

Alex Frith, Louie Stowell and Rosie Hore: Usborne Politics for Beginners

Dk: What's the Point of Maths?

Adeline Yen Mah: Chinese Cinderella

Tim Peake: The Cosmic Diary of our Incredible Universe

Anna Williamson: How Not to Lose It- Mental Health Sorted

Note to parents: Some of the books on this list are written for young adult readers. Generally, KS3 students are ready for the themes that might be present in them. However, if you are concerned about the suitability of texts, please check online reviews or contact your child's English teacher.