

Suggested Reading – Second & Third Year

Below you will find a list of titles recommended for second and third year students. There is a variety of reading levels included. Please encourage your child to choose at least one title to read over the summer holidays. A consistent engagement in reading is proven to help students succeed academically, and indeed, serves as a form of relaxation and time away from technology.

There are, of course, many other titles your son/daughter may choose. The titles below are novels that have been popular with our students previously. Please spend some time looking up the titles below to find one suitable for your child. Some novels contain more young adult content, so please ensure you are happy with the novel your child chooses.

Title	Author	Genre
The Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins	Dystopian
The Hunger Games 2: Catching Fire	Suzanne Collins	Dystopian
The Hunger Games 3: The Mockingjay	Suzanne Collins	Dystopian
Harry Potter series (Books 1-7)	JK Rowling	Fantasy
The Outsiders	S.E Hinton	Young adult fiction
Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Young adult fiction
The Hobbit	JRR Tolkien	Fantasy
The Lord of the Rings series	JRR Tolkien	Fantasy
The Maze Runner	James Dashner	Fantasy
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas	Young adult/social issues
Artemis Fowl series	Eoin Colfer	Fantasy
Divergent series	Veronica Roth	Fantasy
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	John Boyne	Historical fiction
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Coming of age story (racial elements)
Animal Farm	George Orwell	Dystopian
An Abundance of Katherines	John Green	Contemporary fiction/humour
Paper Towns	John Green	Mystery
Noughts and Crosses series	Malorie Blackman	Young adult fiction
Savage her Reply	Deirdre Sullivan	Feminist fairytale
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Mark Haddon	Mystery
Life of Pi	Yann Martel	Adventure
The Book Thief	Markus Zusak	Historical fiction
A Monster Calls	Patrick Ness	Fantasy

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education	Malala Yousafzai	Memoir
When Stars are Scattered	Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed	Graphic novel/Refugee story
Everything, Everything	Nicola Yoon	Romance
Shatter Me series	Tahereh Mafi	Dystopian/romance
Shadow & Bone	Leigh Bardugo	Fantasy
Ready Player One	Ernest Cline	Fantasy
Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	Fantasy/mythology
Amulet series (graphic novel)	Kazu Kibuishi	Fantasy/adventure
The Walking Dead (graphic novel)	Robert Kirkman	Horror

For students with Dyslexia or reluctant or struggling readers:

Barrington Stoke books have been specially written to appeal to reluctant readers of every age group. The books are thoughtfully and sensitively written for each interest age so children can read about topics that will capture their attention. These are available in your local library or on easons.com where you can browse by either reading age or interest.

Their books are uniquely designed to support struggling and reluctant readers, incorporating features such as:

- Specially designed fonts: Utilizing a unique, dyslexia-friendly typeface to enhance readability.
- Accessible layouts and spacing: Ensuring text is well-spaced to prevent overcrowding on the page.
- Cream-colored paper: Reducing glare and visual stress for readers.
- Short chapters and manageable lengths: Providing a sense of achievement and maintaining engagement.

Happy reading!