

Friday 19th April 2024

Year 3 Reading Road Map



Dear Parent/Carers,

We are pleased to announce that Year 3 are going to be taking part in a new, exciting initiative designed to ignite their passion for reading and open their minds to a world of adventure, mystery, and imagination: the Reading Road Map.

The Reading Road Map is an initiative that has been created to help encourage children to develop a 'love for reading'. It is a tool for children, parents, and educators to recommend different up-to-date books, authors, and genres. All the books on the roadmap, except the titles in the classic's genre, have been published within the last 12 months of the annual launch every October.



Each child in Year 3 has been given a copy of the 'Road Map'. The front of the map has a map of the UK with 10 roads representing a specific genre of books: Adventure, Classics, Crime, Fantasy, Graphic Novels, Horror, Humour, Poetry, Sci-Fi, and Sport. The author and title of each book in each genre are listed along each appropriate road. On the back of the map are the sections listing the books relating to each genre. To the left of each book title is a coloured circle – it is a traffic light system for identifying less challenging, challenging and more challenging books. To the right of the title, there is a small blank circle, which is ticked by the teacher when the book has been read by each child. There's also a section to signpost children and help advise on similar authors.

Whenever the children reach a milestone in terms of books read (5 for Bronze, 10 for silver, 15 for Gold, 25 for Platinum), they will receive a certificate in assembly as well as other prizes. However, as part of completing their reading, the children must evidence that they have read the books; this could be done via book reviews and presentations in class. Then, they will have an opportunity to return their books and choose a new one.

The books that the children take home are in addition to their colour banded books and school library books. We encourage you to support your child's reading journey by exploring the books together at home and engaging in discussions about their favourite stories. Your involvement plays a crucial role in fostering a positive reading experience for your child.

Many thanks,

Ben Roberts,
English Leader
Woodpecker Hall Academy



Welcome to the UK Reading Road Map!

Here you can start your reading journey from any 1 of the 40 titles on the map.

Choose where you want to start and get exploring! You never know which one could be YOUR favourite.

Fantasy

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|---|---------------------|--------------------------|
| ● Dragonracers | Peter Bunzl | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Super happy magic forest and the distant desert | Matty Long | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Isadora Moon and the new girl | Harriet Muncaster | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● The wishkeeper's apprentice | Rachel Chivers Khoo | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Do not panic the pixies | Michelle Robinson | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Suitcase S(witch) | Aisha Bushby | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● The book of legends | Lenny Henry | <input type="checkbox"/> |

TICK WHEN READ

Classics

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|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| ● Pippi Longstocking | Astrid Lindgren | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● A bear called Paddington | Michael Bond | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● The phantom tollbooth | Norton Juster | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Journey to Jo'burg | Beverley Naidoo | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Double act | Jacqueline Wilson | <input type="checkbox"/> |

TICK WHEN READ

Poetry

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| ● Blanksy the street cat | Gavin Puckett | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Smile out loud | Joseph Coelho | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● A dinosaur at the bus stop | Kate Wakeling | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● John Agard's Windrush child | John Agard | <input type="checkbox"/> |

TICK WHEN READ

Adventure

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|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| ● The glass slipper academy | Paula Harrison | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● News hounds: The cow calamity | Laura James | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● The secret explorers and the desert disappearance | SJ King | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Harley Hitch and the fossil mystery | Vashti Hardy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Mermouse mystery | Philip Reeve | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Mischief on the moors | Stephen Davies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Kyan Green and the infinity racers | Colm Field | <input type="checkbox"/> |

TICK WHEN READ

Graphic novels

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| ● Agents of S.U.I.T. | John Patrick Green & Chris Hastings | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Game on, Super Rabbit Boy! | Thomas Flintham | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Operation owl | Mo O'Hara | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Welcome to animal island! | Jamie Smart & Emily Kimbell | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Flood-a-geddon! | James Burks | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Action hero! | Jim Smith | <input type="checkbox"/> |

TICK WHEN READ

Sci Fi

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| ● Marv and the Blizzard Zone | Alex Falase-Koya | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Suzie and the moon bugs | Kevin & Katie Tsang | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Scientists and stripy socks | Iszi Lawrence | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Oh no Pharaoh! | Steven Vinacour | <input type="checkbox"/> |

TICK WHEN READ

Humour

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|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| ● Big berry robbery | Shane Hegarty | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Maddy Yip's guide to parties | Sue Cheung | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● The naughtiest unicorn and the birthday party | Pip Bird | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Dino danger! | Tracey Corderoy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Sheep school | Ross Montgomery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● The big breakout | Burhana Islam | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● Agent Weasel and the highway hedgehog | Nick East | <input type="checkbox"/> |

TICK WHEN READ



The coloured dots beside each book title are there to show you how difficult or easy we think that book is to read. So...

A red dot means the book is more challenging

A yellow dot means the book is challenging

A green dot means the book is less challenging

If you like...
Francesca Simon
then try...

Alex Milway
Elys Dolan
Jim Smith
Gareth P Jones
Barry Hutchinson
Jo Berger
Isla Fisher
Sue Hendra

If you like...
Jaqueline Wilson
then try...

Caryl Hart
Jeremy Strong
Alex T Smith
Pip Jones
Kes Gray
Kate Pankhurst
Kate Davies
Liz Pinchon

If you like...
Adam Blade
then try...

Harry Heape
Zana Davidson
Will Mabbit
Guy Bass
Steve Cole
Chris Riddell
Harriet Whitehorn
Timothy Knapman

If you like...
Roald Dahl
then try...

Andy Stanton
Pamela Butchart
Laura James
Jon Klassen
Polly Faber
Ian Whybrow
Alan Dapre
Andy Riley

If you like...
Cressida Cowell
then try...

Jill Murphy
Sibeal Pounder
Laura Ellen Anderson
Harriet Muncaster
Emma Fichel
Lou Kuenzler
Valerie Thomas
Abi Longstaff

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