
Brambletye Reading List From September 2009

Recommended

All of the books on this list are books that your teachers would recommend you to read during your time at Brambletye. Most of these books are in the Brambletye Library and the rest can easily be purchased by the school on request or from your local bookshop if you would prefer to own your own copy.

There is a General Reading List for Year 4 but for the remaining year groups there are separate categories:
Relationships and Family
Thriller, Horror and Adventure
Fantasy and Science Fiction
Historical and Political
Non-Fiction

In order to qualify for the Brambletye Reading Award you will need to read and write reviews of a number of these books in the course of an academic year. Completing and reviewing FIVE books earns you a BRONZE award; EIGHT books, a SILVER award; and TWELVE books, a GOLD award. Winners of the Gold Award will each receive a book token from the Headmaster at Prizegiving at the end of the Summer Term.

If you are in Years 5 to 8 you must read AT LEAST ONE book from each of the four categories.

You may of course read other books by the same author which are not on the list – but they will not count towards your Reading Award! Twelve books sounds like a lot – but if you are a regular reader and also take the time to read in the holidays, then you should be able to earn your Brambletye Reading Gold Award by the end of the academic year.

Able readers in Year 3 may of course work towards the award by choosing books from the Year 4 list. Year 4 pupils may choose books recommended for any other year group above them – likewise for Years 5, 6 and 7.

Remember that you must write a *proper review* of each book that you have read. This should be e mailed as a Word

document to Mr Gallagher. Once your review has been approved, the book you have read will be counted towards your Reading Award.

A proper review should consist of AT LEAST 250 words. It should contain the following:

A brief summary of the story (without giving away the ending!) – or, in the case of a non-fiction book, a summary of what the book is about.

Your favourite character.

What you liked best about the story.

Anything you didn't like!

What you think the book has taught you – for instance, the book 'The Shrinking Of Treehorn' has an important message – that people don't always take you seriously and that you have to speak up if you want to be heard!

Finally...give it a mark out of 10, please!

What your review will show me is that you have actually read the whole book and have also understood what it is about! A star will be avoided for every review completed and outstanding reviews will receive a 'send up'.

Happy Reading!

Year 4

General Reading List

Lynne Reid Banks – I, Houdini

Enid Blyton – Famous Five adventures

Michael Bond – A Bear Called Paddington

Raymond Briggs – Ug

Jeff Brown – Flat Stanley

Humphrey Carpenter – Mr Majeika

Lauren Child – Clarice Bean, That's Me

Eoin Colfer – The Legend Of Spud Murphy

Zouzou Corder – Lion Boy

Cressida Cowell – How To Train Your Dragon

Helen Cresswell – Lizzie Dripping

Lucy Daniels – Animal Ark series

Tony di Terlizzi – The Spiderwick Chronicles

Anne Fine – Loudmouth Louie

Susan Gates – Night Of The Haunted Trousers

Jean George – My Side Of The Mountain
Grace Hallworth – Mouth Open, Story Jump Out
Florence Parry Heide – The Shrinking Of Treehorn
Shirley Hughes – The Lion And The Unicorn
Ted Hughes – How The Whale Became

Ted Hughes – The Iron Man
Norman Hunter – The Incredible Adventures Of Professor
Branestawm
Tove Jansson – Finn Family Moomintroll
Dick King-Smith – The Sheep-Pig
Rudyard Kipling – Just So Stories

C.S. Lewis – The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe
Hugh Lofting – The Adventures Of Doctor Dolittle
Margaret Mahy – The Great Piratical Rumbustification
Jan Mark – The Snow Maze
A.A. Milne – Winnie-The-Pooh

Michael Morpurgo – The Butterfly Lion
Michael Morpurgo – Cool
Jill Murphy – The Worst Witch
Mary Norton – The Borrowers
Ian Ogilvy – Mearle And The Wrathmark

Philippa Pearce – The Battle Of Bubble And Squeak
K.M. Peyton – The Pony That Went To Sea
S.F. Said – Varjak Paw
Jon Scieszka – The Stinky Cheeseman
Francesca Simon – Helping Hercules

Francesca Simon – Horrid Henry series
Paul Stewart – Fergus Crane
Jeremy Strong – The Hundred Mile An Hour Dog
Jeremy Strong – There's A Viking Under My Bed
Jill Tomlinson – The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark

Kaye Umansky – Pongwiffy
Jean Ure – Daisy May
Martin Waddell – Cup Final Kid
E.B. White – Charlotte's Web
David Henry Wilson – Elephants Don't Sit On Cars

Year 5

Relationships and Family

Alan Ahlberg – Woof!
Malorie Blackman – Pig-Heart Boy
Lucy M. Boston – The Children Of Green Knowe
Anthony Buckridge – Jennings Goes To School
Frances Hodgson Burnett – The Secret Garden

Bob Cattell – Glory Gardens
Rob Childs – All Goalies Are Crazy
Roald Dahl – Danny The Champion Of The World
Cecil Day Lewis – The Otterbury Incident
Paul Gallico – The Small Miracle

Adele Geras – The Fabulous Fantora Files
Gene Kemp – The Turbulent Term Of Tyke Tyler
Clive King – Stig Of The Dump
E. Nesbit – Five Children And It
Philippa Pearce – A Dog So Small

Ann Pilling – Henry's Leg
Arthur Ransome – Swallows And Amazons
E.B. White – Stuart Little
Laura Ingalls Wilder – Little House On The Prairie
Jacqueline Wilson – The Illustrated Mum

Thriller, Horror and Adventure

Malorie Blackman – Don't Be Afraid
Gillian Cross – The Demon Headmaster
Penelope Farmer – Charlotte Sometime
Cornelia Funke – The Thief Lord
Herge – Tintin adventures

Nigel Hinton – Beaver Towers
Robin Jarvis – The Whitby Witches
Philip Pullman – Clockwork
R.L. Stine – Goosebumps

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Quentin Blake ed. – The Puffin Book Of Nonsense Stories
Raymond Briggs – Fungus The Bogeyman
Roald Dahl – Charlie And The Chocolate Factory
Colin Dann – The Animals Of Farthing Wood
Nicholas Fisk – Trillions

Alan Garner – The Weirdstone Of Brisingamen
Anthony Horowitz – The Kingfisher Book Of Myths And Legends

Ted Hughes – The Iron Woman
Norton Juster – The Phantom Tollbooth
Michael Lawrence – The Killer Underpants

C.S. Lewis – Prince Caspian
John Masefield – The Box Of Delights
Dav Pilkey – Captain Underpants
Dodie Smith – One Hundred And One Dalmatians
Matthew Sweeney – Fox
Diana Wynne Jones – Howl's Moving Castle

Historical and Political

Henrietta Branford – Fire, Bed And Bone
Wendy Cooling ed. – Centuries Of Stories
Michael Foreman – War Boy
Goscinnny and Uderzo – Asterix Stories
G.A. Henty – Saint George For England

Caroline Lawrence – The Thieves Of Ostia
Michael Morpurgo – The Wreck Of The Zanzibar
Henry Treece – Horned Helmet
Alison Uttley – A Traveller In Time

Non-Fiction

Simon Barnes – Planet Zoo
Roald Dahl – Boy
Terry Deary ed. – The Groovy Greeks
Terry Deary ed. – The Rotten Romans
Geraldine McCaughrean – Daredevils And Desperadoes
Roger McGough ed. – A Ring Of Words

Year 6

Relationships And Family

Nina Bawden – The Peppermint Pig
Betsy Byars – The Eighteenth Emergency
Richmal Crompton – Just William
Alan Durant ed. – Sports Stories
Morris Gleitzman – Two Weeks With The Queen

Paul Jennings – Undone!
Jan Mark – Thunder And Lightnings
Hilary McKay – Saffy's Angel
Michael Morpurgo – Why The Whales Came
Bill Naughton – The Goalkeeper's Revenge And Other Stories

Philippa Pearce – Tom’s Midnight Garden
Anna Sewell – Black Beauty
Noel Streatfeild – Ballet Shoes
Oscar Wilde – The Selfish Giant & The Happy Prince
Jacqueline Wilson – The Lottie Project

Thriller, Horror and Adventure

Theresa Breslin – Whispers In The Graveyard
Anthony Horowitz – Groosham Grange
Philippa Pearce – Who’s Afraid? and Other Stories
Willard Price – Underwater Adventure
Paul Shipton – Bug Muldoon And The Garden Of Fear

Fantasy and Science Fiction

J.M. Barrie – Peter Pan
Lewis Carroll – Alice’s Adventures In Wonderland
John Christopher – The Tripods series
Susan Cooper – The Dark Is Rising
Catherine Fisher – The Relic Master

Cornelia Funke – Inkheart
Alan Garner – Elidor
Kenneth Grahame – The Wind In The Willows
Brian Jacques – Redwall
Terry Jones – The Saga Of Erik The Viking

C.S. Lewis – The Last Battle
Penelope Lively – The Ghost Of Thomas Kempe
Geraldine McCaughrean – The Odyssey
Jenny Nimmo – The Snow Spider
Christopher Paolini – Eragon

Terry Pratchett – The Amazing Maurice And His Educated Rodents
Philip Pullman – Northern Lights
J.K. Rowling – Harry Potter And The Philosopher’s Stone
Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell – The Curse Of The Gloamglozer
Rosemary Sutcliff – Beowulf

Historical and Political

Nina Bawden – Carrie’s War
Kevin Crossley-Holland – Arthur: The Seeing Stone
Peter Dickinson – The Kin
Leon Garfield – Jack Diamond

Roger Lancelyn Green – The Tale Of Troy

Michael Morpurgo – Friend Or Foe
Ian Serraillier – The Silver Sword
Paul Shipton – The Pig Scrolls
Elizabeth Updale – Montmorency
Jill Paton Walsh – The Dolphin Crossing

Non-Fiction

Nick Arnold – Horrible Science series
John Farman – The Very Bloody History Of Britain
Richard Platt and Chris Riddell – Castle Diary
Kjartan Poskitt – Murderous Maths
Mr William Shakespeare's Plays – Marcia Williams

Year 7

Relationships and Family

David Almond – Skellig
Natalie Babbitt – Tuck Everlasting
Malorie Blackman – Noughts And Crosses
Frank Cottrell Boyce – Millions
Sharon Creech – Ruby Holler

Anne Fine – Flour Babies
Catherine Forde – Fat Boy Swim
Mark Haddon – The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night Time
Susan Hill – I'm The King Of The Castle
E. Nesbit – The Railway Children

Terence Rattigan – The Winslow Boy
James Riordan – Sweet Clarinet
Louis Sachar – Holes
Saki – Short Stories: Sredni Vashtar, The Open Window, Gabriel-
Ernest, The Mouse,
Mrs Packletide's Tiger, The Lumber Room
John Steinbeck – The Pearl
Catherine Storr – Marianne Dreams

Thriller, Horror and Adventure

Roald Dahl – Tales Of The Unexpected
Ellis Dillon – The Island Of Ghosts
Arthur Conan Doyle – The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes

J. Meade Falkner - Moonfleet
Anne Fine – The Tulip Touch

Jack Higgins – The Eagle Has Landed
Charlie Higson – Silverfin
Stephenie Meyer – Twilight series
Robert Muchamore – The Recruit
Philippa Pearce – The Shadow-Cage and Other Stories

Philip Pullman – The Ruby In The Smoke
Darren Shan – Cirque Du Freak
Robert Westall – Ghost Stories

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Lynne Reid Banks – The Indian In The Cupboard
John Christopher – Empty World
Eoin Colfer – Artemis Fowl
Catherine Donnelly – A Gathering Light
Paul Gallico – The Snow Goose

Alan Gibbons – Shadow Of The Minotaur
Lesley Howarth – Maphead
Ursula Le Guin – A Wizard Of Earthsea
Terry Pratchett – Wee Free Men
Celia Rees – Witch Child

Philip Reeve – Mortal Engines
Antoine de Saint-Exupery – The Little Prince
Lemony Snicket – A Bad Beginning

Robert Swindells – Room 13
G.P. Taylor – Shadowmancer

J.R.R. Tolkien – The Hobbit
Robert Westall – The Scarecrows
T.H. White – The Sword In The Stone

Historical and Political

Bernard Cornwell – Sharpe series
C.S. Forester – Mr Midshipman Hornblower
Anne Frank – The Diary Of Anne Frank
Sally Gardner – I, Coriander
Anne Holm – I Am David

Judith Kerr – When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit

Michelle Magorian – Goodnight Mister Tom
Michael Morpurgo – Kensuke’s Kingdom
Patrick O’Brien – Master And Commander series
George Orwell – Animal Farm

Rukshana Smith – Sumitra’s Story
John Steinbeck – The Moon Is Down
Rosemary Sutcliff – The Eagle Of The Ninth
Geoffrey Trease – Cue For Treason
Robert Westall – The Machine Gunners

Non-Fiction

Roald Dahl – Going Solo
Ellen Macarthur – Race Against Time
Ben Macintyre – Agent Zigzag
Gavin Maxwell – Ring Of Bright Water
Dava Sobel - Longitude
Russell Stannard - Black Holes And Uncle Albert
Lynne Truss – Eats, Shoots And Leaves

Year 8

Relationships And Family

David Almond – Clay
Harold Brighouse – Hobson’s Choice
Melvin Burgess – Junk
Robert Cormier – I Am The Cheese
Hugh de Selincourt – The Cricket Match

William Golding – Lord Of The Flies
L.P. Hartley – The Go-Between
Barry Hines – A Kestrel For A Knave (‘Kes’)
Janni Howker – The Nature Of The Beast
Eva Ibbotson – Journey To The River Sea

Harper Lee- To Kill A Mockingbird
James Vance Marshall – Walkabout
Meg Rosoff – How I Live Now
J.D. Salinger – The Catcher In The Rye
Dodie Smith – I Capture The Castle

Dylan Thomas – Under Milk Wood
Hugh Walpole – Mr Perrin And Mr Traill
Keith Waterhouse – Billy Liar (novel)
Keith Waterhouse – Billy Liar (play)

Keith Waterhouse – There Is A Happy Land
Evelyn Waugh – Decline And Fall

Thriller, Horror and Adventure

Joan Aiken – The Wolves Of Willoughby Chase
John Buchan – The Thirty-Nine Steps
Erskine Childers – The Riddle Of The Sands
Frederick Forsyth – The Day Of The Jackal
Henry Rider Haggard – King Solomon's Mines

Anthony Horowitz – Stormbreaker
Jack London – The Call Of The Wild
Garth Nix – Sabriel
Nevil Shute – No Highway
Robert Swindells – Brother In The Land

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Douglas Adams – The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy
Isaac Asimov - I, Robot
Ray Bradbury – Fahrenheit 451
John Christopher – The Guardians
Arthur C. Clarke – 2001: A Space Odyssey

Neil Gaiman – Coraline
Alan Garner – The Owl Service
Russell Hoban – The Mouse And His Child
Homer trans. E.V. Rieu – The Odyssey
Aldous Huxley – Brave New World

William Nicholson – The Wind Singer
Robert C. O'Brien – Z For Zachariah
H.G. Wells – The Time Machine
H.G. Wells – The War Of The Worlds
John Wyndham – The Chrysalids

Historical and Political

Joan Aiken – Black Hearts In Battersea
Laurie Halse Anderson – At The Sign Of The Sugared Plum
Laurie Halse Anderson – Fever 1793
Daisy Ashford – The Young Visitors
John Boyne – The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas

Geoffrey Chaucer – The Canterbury Tales: The Miller’s Tale, The Reeve’s Tale, The Franklin’s Tale, The Nun’s Priest’s Tale, The Pardoner’s Tale

Bernard Cornwell – Sharpe series

F. Scott Fitzgerald – The Great Gatsby

Leon Garfield – Smith

Jamila Gavin – Coram Boy

Adele Geras – Troy

Arthur Miller – The Crucible

Michael Morpurgo – War Horse

Beverley Naidoo – The Other Side Of Truth

George Orwell – Nineteen Eight-Four

Morton Rhue – The Wave

R.C. Sherriff – Journey’s End

Alexander Solzhenitsyn – One Day In The Life Of Ivan Denisovitch

Josephine Tey – The Daughter Of Time

Non-Fiction

Melvyn Bragg – Twelve Books That Changed The World

Bill Bryson – Notes From A Small Island

Bruce Chatwin – In Patagonia

Gerald Durrell – My Family And Other Animals

Garrett Mattingly – The Defeat Of The Spanish Armada

Laurie Lee – Cider With Rosie

Mick O’Hare ed. – Does Anything Eat Wasps?

Antoine de Saint-Exupery – Wind, Sand And Stars

Joe Simpson – Touching The Void

Simon Singh – The Science Of Secrecy

Nigel Slater – Toast

Leslie Thomas – This Time Next Week

This is a grand total of 313 books – of which you only need to read FIVE to gain your Bronze Reading Award!

On the final page you will find some additional books recommended by pupils who have Learning Development or for whom English is a second language.

Learning Development, ESL and Barrington Stoke books

Some special provision can be made for pupils on our Learning Development programme or for whom English is a second language.

Some of the books on our Reading List will be studied in class as class readers and pupils will have the opportunity to hear the text being read aloud while they follow it.

It is often a good idea for parents to purchase story tapes to accompany any private or assisted reading of books.

However the Brambletye Library has a substantial number of books specially designed for weak or reluctant readers. These are designed to deliver text at the appropriate level of difficulty while maintaining a strong narrative and an appropriate interest level for the chronological age of a pupil.

Many of these books are published by the specialist publisher Barrington Stoke. The stories in this collection are always accessible and exciting while avoiding being 'dumbed down' or patronising. The books are printed in a clear font with generous line spacing. The text appears on cream paper which has proved easier to read than 'black on white'! There are short paragraphs and short chapters providing plenty of 'natural breaks'.

It is hoped that books such as these will give pupils the confidence to progress to reading 'mainstream texts' in due course.

Some titles which have been especially enjoyed by Brambletye pupils are reproduced below. However the full catalogue can be obtained from Barrington Stoke, 18 Walker Street, Edinburgh EH3 7LP (Tel 0131 225 4113) or via e mail at

info@barringtonstoke.co.uk

Reading Age 8+

Interest Age 9 to 12

Bernard Ashley – Torrent
Catherine MacPhail – Under The Skin
Anthony Masters – Bike City War
Jeremy Strong – Living With Vampires
John Townsend – Icefall

Reading Age 8+

Interest Age 10 to 14

Martyn Beardsley – Smuggler
Tony Bradman – Assassin
Catherine Forde – Exit Oz
Alan Gibbons – The Number 7 Shirt
Nigel Hinton – Ship Of Ghosts
Catherine MacPhail – A Kind Of Magic
Bali Rai – Dream On

N.B. Pupils on the Learning Development or ESL programmes will be able to earn their Bronze Reading Award by reading and reviewing ANY FIVE of the books on the Barrington Stoke booklist.

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