



## Year 4

The selection of books cover a range of stories that extend to fantasy stories and traditional books.

(See Pie Corbett's Reading Spine for more detailed teaching notes)

Title	Author	Notes for teaching
<b>Charlotte's Web</b>	E.B. White	Children could chart a graph for a character's feelings and a timeline of events.
<b>Bill's New Frock</b>	Anne Fine	Encourage children to write an extra scene for the book.
<b>The Snow Walker's Son</b>	Catherine Fisher	Compare to the Firework-Maker's Daughter from Y3. Discuss themes of heat and cold and predict what may happen next in the story.
<b>Why the Whales Came</b>	Michael Morpurgo	Why did the families leave Samson Island? Discuss the topic of whale hunting.
<b>Perry Angel's Suitcase</b>	Glenda Milard	Read book yourself first to decide if it is appropriate for the class. Discuss the importance of the suitcase and Perry's behaviour.
<b>Voices in the Park</b>	Anthony Browne	Discuss what other books do we know by this author. (The Tunnel, Gorilla) Will have already read the book in Y2. Who do you feel most sorry for? How do you feel about each character? What would you ask each character?
<b>The Spiderwick Chronicles</b>	Tony DiTerlizzi	(Wordsmith – link to Podkin-One-Ear from Year 3 and compare stories.

### Other Recommended Books for Year 4

Title	Author
<b>The Iron Man (Wordsmith)</b>	Ted Hughes
<b>The Railway Children (Archaic)</b>	Edith Nesbit
<b>Peter Pan (Archaic)</b>	J.M. Barrie
<b>Emil and the Detectives (Archaic)</b>	Erich Kastner
<b>How the Camel got his Hump (Archaic)</b>	Rudyard Kipling
<b>The Wind in the Willows (Archaic)</b>	Kenneth Grahame
<b>The Butterfly Lion (Archaic)</b>	Michael Morpurgo
<b>Max and the Millions</b>	Ross Montgomery
<b>Nim's Island</b>	Wendy Orr
<b>The Mysteries of Harris Burdick</b>	Chris Van Allsburg
<b>How To Train Your Dragon</b>	Cressida Cowell
<b>Owen and the Soldier</b>	Lisa Thompson



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Wed Wabbit	Lissa Evans	
The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate	
Rumblestar	Abi Elphinstone	
Flostsam	David Weisner	
The Boy at the Back of the Class (link to Christophe's Story – Wordsmith)	Onjali J Rauf	
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl	
Starfell	Dominique Valente	
Alex Sparrow	Jennifer Killick	
Stuart Little	E.B. White	
Harriet Versus the Galaxy	Samantha Baines	
How to Train your Parents	Pete Johnson	
The Borrowers	Mary Norton	
Beowulf	Michael Morpurgo	
The Buried Crown	Ally Sherrick	
King Arthur	Marcia Williams	
Anglo-Saxon Boy	Tony Bradman	
The Good Thieves	Katherine Rundell	
Gangster School	Kate Wiseman	
Millions	Frank Cottrell	
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	Job Scieszka & Lane Smith	
We are Britain! (poems)	Benjamin Zephaniah	
A Walk in London	Salvatore Rubbino	
The Queen's Nose	Dick King Smith	
One Dog and his Boy	Eva Ibbotson	
Letters from the Lighthouse	Emma Carroll	
How to help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear	Jess French & Angela Keoghan	
Christophe's Story (Wordsmith)	Nicki Cornwell	
Suggested books linked to Themes		
Theme	Title	Author
WWII in Britain	Owen and the Soldier	Lisa Thompson
	The Day the War Came	Nicola Davies
	Letters from the Lighthouse	Emma Carroll
	The Lion and the Unicorn	Shirley Hughes
Seven Worlds, One Planet	When the Mountains Roared	Jess Butterworth
	How to help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear	Jess French & Angela Keoghan
	The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate
	Why the Whales Came	Michael Morpurgo
Crime and Punishment	The Good Thieves	Katherine Rundell
	Gangster School	Kate Wiseman



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	<b>Millions</b>	Frank Cottrell
	<b>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</b>	Job Scieszka & Lane Smith
<b>Earning a Living</b>	<b>We are Britain! (poems)</b>	Benjamin Zephaniah
	<b>A Walk in London</b>	Salvatore Rubbino
	<b>Junior Atlas</b>	Collins
	<b>The Street Beneath My Feet</b>	Charlotte Guilain & Yuval Zammer
<b>Anglo-Saxons</b>	<b>Beowulf</b>	Michael Morpurgo
	<b>The Buried Crown</b>	Ally Sherrick
	<b>King Arthur</b>	Marcia Williams
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