



Year 3

Many of these books will intrigue the children and provide a challenge for this age group. Children of this age need a great storyline, but should also be experiencing deep and rich books. (See Pie Corbett's Reading Spine for more detailed teaching notes)

Title	Author	Notes for teaching
Cat Tales: Ice Cat	Linda Newberry	Explore imagery and similes for the snow.
The Sheep-Pig	Dick King-Smith	Children could write police reports about the sheep incident and a news report for the trials.
The Abdominables	Eva Ibbotson	This is a longer read and gives opportunities for newspaper stories and writing leaflets to persuade people to help find the yetis.
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis	Archaic story type. Children could write list poems 'through the magical door I saw...', draw the lantern in the snow with the trees and they could write descriptions.
Hansel and Gretel	Anthony Browne	Read the story without the pictures initially and compare with the original story.
The Firework-Maker's Daughter	Phillip Pullman	Class can invent names for new fireworks and act out scenes. Children could write persuasive adverts for a firework show.
Other Recommended Books for Year 3		
Title	Author	
Pippi Longstocking (Archaic)	Astrid Lindgren	
Emperor's New Clothes (Archaic)	Hans Christian Anderson	
A Bear called Paddington (Archaic)	Michael Bond	
Podkin-One-Ear	Keiran Larwood	
The Witches	Roald Dahl	
The Tunnel	Anthony Browne	
Revolting Rhymes	Roald Dahl	
Topsy Turvy World (poem)	William Brightly Rands	
Cloud Busting	Malorie Blackman	
Storm (Wordsmith)	Kevin Crossley-Holland	
Ottoline and the Yellow Cat (Wordsmith)	Chris Riddell	
Tilly and the Time Machine	Adrian Edmonson	
The Truth Pixie	Matt Haig	
The Tin Forest	Helen Ward	



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Gangsta Granny	David Walliams	
Leon and the Place Between	Angela McAllister	
The Accidental Prime Minister	Tom McLaughlin	
The Boy Who Grew Dragons	Andy Shepherd	
The Curse of the School Rabbit	Judith Kerr	
Judy Moody	Megan McDonald	
A Walk in Paris	Salvatore Rubbino	
A Walk in London	Salvatore Rubbino	
The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour-Dog	Jeremy Strong	
We are Britain! (poems)	Benjamin Zephaniah	
Meet the Ancient Romans	James Davies	
Empire’s End – A Roman Story	Leila Rasheed	
Romans on the Rampage	Jeremy Strong	
A Roman Adventure (The Histronauts)	Frances Durkin & Grace Cooke	
Heard it in the Playground	Allan Ahlberg	
The Last Wolf	Mini Grey	
The Street Beneath My Feet	Charlotte Guilain & Yuval Zammer	
The Pebble in My Pocket	Meredith Hooper & Chris Coady	
Flat Stanley: The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery	Sara Pennypacker	
Pharaoh’s Fate	Camille Gautier & Stephanie Vernet	
An Egyptian Adventure (The Histronauts)	Frances Durkin & Grace Cooke	
Stone Age Boy	Statoshi Kitamura	
Ug: Boy Genuis of the Stone Age	Raymond Briggs	
Stig of the Dump	Clive King	
How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth	Michelle Robinson & Katie Hindley	
Suggested books linked to Themes		
Theme	Title	Author
Discovering Europe	We are Britain! (poems)	Benjamin Zephaniah
	A Walk in Paris	Salvatore Rubbino
	A Walk in London	Salvatore Rubbino
	Junior Atlas	Collins
Roman Britain	Meet the Ancient Romans	James Davies
	Empire’s End – A Roman Story	Leila Rasheed
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Investigating our Local Area	The Last Wolf	Mini Grey
	The Street Beneath My Feet	Charlotte Guilain & Yuval Zammer
	The Pebble in My Pocket	Meredith Hooper & Chris Coady
Can you walk like an Egyptian?	Flat Stanley: The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery	Sara Pennypacker
	Pharaoh's Fate	Camille Gautier & Stephanie Vernet
	The Scarab's Secret	Nick Would & Christina Balit
	An Egyptian Adventure (The Histronauts)	Frances Durkin & Grace Cooke
Who first lived in Britain? (The Stone Age)	Stone Age Boy	Statoshi Kitamura
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