

Bishop Ramsey  
Church of England School  
English Department



KS3 Recommended Reading  
2022-2023

# Reading at BR

At Bishop Ramsey we encourage all our students to read often and widely.

There are many benefits to reading:

- It makes you smarter!
- Reading increases your vocabulary, command of English and communication skills. It increases your knowledge of the world and will support your studies.
- It improves your concentration and memory. Immersing yourself in a book can really hold your attention. Remember, your brain is a muscle and needs to be used.
- It reduces stress. Studies have shown that just six minutes of reading can reduce stress levels up to 68% It can also help you sleep better
- It supports your emotional development. Reading books allows you explore a range of different emotions, either through the characters themselves, or through your response to them. Reading also develops your empathy skills and can introduce you to new ideas and cultures.
- Most of all reading is fun! Books are written as entertainment, and you should enjoy them.

This reading list includes suggestions for readers of all abilities and interests, but it is not an exhaustive list. Fantastic new books are being published all the time.

As well as general suggestions there is a wider reading list linked to the units you study in English – these might be link by genre, themes or settings.

Some of the books on the list are more challenging or have more mature themes.

If you are not enjoying a book, it is perfectly fine not to finish it! There are too many great books to read ones you do not like.

## **Other ways to find suggestions for reading:**

- Check out the Bishop Ramsey reading lists on [www.lovingreading4schools.co.uk](http://www.lovingreading4schools.co.uk). Use the link and password below:

<https://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/school/12251>

**Password: BRlovesreading**

- Browse the school library and speak to Ms Neal
- Join a public library
- Check out the Carnegie Medal winners list

[Carnegie Medal Winners – The CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards](#)

- Use the Goodreads App to create your own reading lists
- Share books with your friends and family!

## KS3 Suggested Reading

### LGBTQ+:

- Simon Vs The Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli
- The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta
- What is Gender? By Juno Dawson
- Heartbreak Boys by Simon James Green
- The Loves and Lies of Rukhsana Ali by Sabina Khan
- Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan
- Boys Meets Hamster by Birdie Milano
- Heartstopper by Alice Oseman
- If I Was Your Girl by Meredith Russo
- Love Frankie by Jacqueline Wilson

### Sci Fi and Fantasy:

- The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum
- The Spook's Apprentice by Joseph Delaney
- The Eyre Affair by Jasper Fforde
- The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman
- The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan
- The Colour of Magic by Terry Pratchett
- Northern Lights by Philip Pullman
- Goblins by Philip Reeve
- Divergent by Veronica Roth
- The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

### Sports and Games:

- All to Play For by Eva Ainsworth
- Rebound by Kwame Alexander
- Butter-finger by Bob Cattell
- So Done by Paula Chase
- Fat Boy Swim by Catherine Fforde
- The Football Spy by Charlie Fry
- Taking Up Space by Alyson Gerber
- Splash by Charli Howard
- Break the Fall by Jennifer Iacopelli
- Kick by Mitch Johnson

### Sports and Games Continued:

- Fast Break by Mike Lupica
- The Fix by Sophie McKenzie
- Reading the Game by Tom Palmer
- Grace on the Court by Maddy Proud
- The Walls Around Us by Nova Ren Suma
- Ghost by Jason Reynolds
- After the Shot by Randy Ribay
- Takedown by Laura Shovan
- Fast Pitch by Nic Stone
- A Time to Dance by Padma Venkatraman

### Black Voices:

- Becoming Dinah by Kit de Waal
- And the Stars Were Burning Brightly by Danielle Jawando
- I am Thunder by Muhammad Khan
- Orangeboy by Patrice Lawrence
- Fruit of the Lemon by Andrea Levy
- The Private Joys of Nnenna Maloney by Okechukwu Nzelu
- Black and British by David Olusoga
- Cane Warriors by Alex Wheatle
- Dear Martin by Nic Stone
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

### Classics:

- Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
- Alice's Adventure in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
- The Water Babies by Charles Kingsley
- Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
- The Railway Children by E. Nesbit
- Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome
- Heidi by Johanna Spyri
- Treasure Island by R. L. Stevenson
- Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

## KS3 Suggested Reading Continued

### Historical:

- Prisoner of the Inquisition by Teresa Breslin
- Henry VIII by H. M. Castor
- The Silver Pigs by Lindsay Davis
- Cecily's Portrait by Adele Geras
- Fallen Grace by Mary Hooper
  
- Fleshmarket by Nicola Morgan
- A Parcel of Patters by Jill Patton Walsh
- Raider's Tale by Maggie Prince
- Here Lies Arthur by Philip Reeve
- Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli

### Family/Coming of Age:

- My Name is Mina by David Almond
- Kelp by Linda Aranson
- Lucas by Kevin Brooks
- Horace by Chris d'Lacey
- My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell
- The Frozen Waterfall by Gaye Hicyilmaz
- Coming of Age by Valerie Mendes
- The Great Blue Yonder by Alex Shearer
- The Boy in the Bubble by Ian Strachan
- The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole by Sue Townsend

### Action Adventure:

- The Wanderer by Sharon Creech
  
- Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd
  
- Moonfleet by J. Meade Falkner
- Maggot Moon by Sally Gardner
- The God Beneath the Sea by Leon Garfield
- The Edge by Alan Gibbons
  
- The Kite Rider by Geraldine McCaughrean
- Black Harvest by Ann Pilling
- Black Ships Before Troy by Rosemary Sutcliff
- The Extraordinary and Unusual Adventures of Horatio Lyle by Catherine Webb

### Humour:

- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- Half My Facebook Friends Are Ferrets by J. A. Buckle
- Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce
- The Private Blog of Joe Cowley by Ben Davis
- Mars Attacks by Ron Fontes
- Good Omens by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett
- Unreal! By Paul Jennings
- Round Ireland with a Fridge by Tony Hawks
- Maggot Pie by Michael Lawrence
- A Boy and a Bear in a Boat by Dave Shelton

### Graphic Novels:

- Speak by Laura Halse Anderson
- Through the Woods by Emily Carroll
- The Gigantic Beard That Was Evil by Stephen Collins
- Trinity by Jonathan Fetter-Vorm
- Apollo by Matt Finch
- Coraline by Neil Gaiman
- Positively Izzy by Terri Libenson
- The Recruit by Robert Muchamore
- Paper Girls by Brian K. Vaughan
- On a Sunbeam by Tillie Walden

### Award Nominated:

- October October by Katya Balen
- Guard Your Heart by Sue Divin
- Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay
  
- The Crossing by Manjeet Mann
- Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds
- Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay
- Tsunami Girl by Julian Sedgwick
- The Fountain of Silence by Ruta Sepetys
- Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk
- Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

## Year 7 Wider Reading

### Unit 1: All About Me:

- Artichoke Hearts by Sita Brahmachari
- Nobody Real by Steve Camden
- Wink by Rob Harrell
- Saffy's Angel by Hilary McKay
- Wonder by R. J. Palacio
- The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter
- The Star Outside My Window by Onjali Q Rauf
- The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
- Can You See Me? By Libby Scott
- Being Miss Nobody Tamsin Winter

### Unit 2: The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas:

- Carrie's War by Nina Bawden
- A Pocketful of Stars by Aisha Busby
- The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- Once by Morris Gleitzman
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian
- The Swallows Flight by Hilary McKay
- The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier
- The Machine Gunners by Robert Westall
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

### Unit 3: Harry Potter and Fantasy:

- Children of Blood and Bone by Toni Adeyemi
- The Potion Diaries by Amy Aylward
- Clockwork Angel by Cassandra Clare
- A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K Le Guin
- The Girl of Ink and Stars by Karen Millward Hargreaves
- Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafar
- Eragon by Christopher Paolini
- Bridge to Terebithia by Katherine Paterson
- Mortal Engines by Philip Reeves
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by R. Riggs

### Unit 4: Identity and Culture:

- Crossover by Kwame Alexander
- Chinglish by Sue Cheung
- The Skin I'm In by Sharon G Flake
- The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon
- Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin
- When Life Gives You Mangoes by Kereen Getten
- You Should See Me in a Crown by Leah Johnson
- The Boy Behind the Wall by Maximillian Jones
- Furia by Yamile Saied Mendez
- Anita and Me by Meera Syal

### Unit 5: The Environment:

- Watership Down by Richard Adams
- The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken
- Welcome to Trashland by Steve Cole
- The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge
- Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
- Green Rising by Lauren James
- The Call of the Wild by Jack London
- Z for Zachariah by Robert O'Brien
- Where the World Turns Wild by Nicola Penfold
- Wolf wilder by Katherine Rundell

### Unit 6: A Midsummer Night's Dream:

- Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie
- The Polar Bear Explorer's Club by Alex Bell
- The Book of Hidden Things by Francesco Dimitri
- A Pinch of Magic by Michelle Harrison
- Tales from Shakespeare Charles and Mary Lamb
- Lost in the Imagination by Hiawyn Oram
- Anya and the Dragon by Sofiya Pasternack
- Root Magic by Eden Royce
- The House at the Edge of Magic by Amy Sparkles
- Loki by Louie Stowell

## Year 8 Wider Reading

### Unit 1: War Poetry:

- Stay Where You Are and Then Leave by John Boyne
- Remembrance by Theresa Breslin
- The Last Paper Crane by Kerry Drewery
- When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle
- Orphan Monster Spy by Matt Kileen
- The Battle of Cable Street by Tanya Landman
- Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo
- Poems of the First World War ed Gary Morgan
- The Silent Stars Go By by Sally Nicholls
- Star by Star by Sheena Wilkinson

### Unit 2: Campaigning for a Cause:

- Bear Boy by Justin Barker
- Rolling Warrior by Judith Heumann
- Green Rising by Lauren James
- Youth to Power; Your Voice and How to Use it by Jamie Margolin
- Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu
- Dumplin' by Julie Murphy
- Things a Bright Girl Can Do by Sally Nicholls
- On The Come Up by Angie Thomas
- No One is Too Small to Make a Difference by Greta Thunberg
- Watch Us Rise by Renée Watson and Ellen Hagan

### Unit 3: Refugee Boy/The Other Side of Truth:

- Surprising Joy by Valerie Bloom
- The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
- Boy, Everywhere by A. M. Dassu
- Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin
- I am David by Anne Holm
- Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
- Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird
- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah
- Face by Benjamin Zephaniah

### Unit 4: Myths and Legends:

- Lore by Alexandra Bracken
- Basilisk by N. M. Browne
- A Thousand Steps into Night by Traci Chee
- The Seeing Stone by Kevin Crossley-Holland
- The Beast Awakens by Joseph Delaney
- The Princess Bride by William Goldman
- The Trials of Apollo by Rick Riordan
- Oh My Gods by Alexandra Sheppard
- The Cold is in her Bones by Peternelle Van Arsdale
- The Sword in the Stone by T. H. White

### Unit 5: Romeo and Juliet:

- Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman
- City of Bones by Cassandra Clare
- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- To All the Boys I've Loved Before by Jenny Han
- Outsiders by S. E. Hinton
- Orangeboy by Patrice Lawrence
- Five Feet Apart by Rachel Lippincott
- How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff
- Crongton Knights by Alex Wheatle
- If You Come Softly by Jacqueline Woodson

### Unit 6: The Speckled Band:

- Hacked by Tracy Alexander
- Cogheart by Peter Bunzl
- Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
- Half Moon Investigations by Eoin Colfer
- Framed by Frank Cottrell-Boyce
- The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd
- Silverfin by Charlie Higson
- Death Cloud by Andrew Lane
- Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pullman
- Smart by Kim Slater

## Year 9 Wider Reading

### Unit 1: Gothic:

- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier
- The Woman in Black by Susan Hill
- Twilight by Stephanie Meyer
- My Swordhand is Singing by Marcus Sedgwick
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
  
- The Mirror Image Ghost by Catherine Starr
  
- Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by R. L. Stevenson
- Dracula by Bram Stoker
- The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

### Unit 2: Of Mice and Men:

- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
  
- Paddy Clarke Ha, Ha, Ha by Roddy Doyle
  
- Lord of the Flies by William Golding
  
- The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
- A Kestrel for a Knave by Barry Hines
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
  
- Animal Farm by George Orwell
- The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger
- I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

### Unit 3: The Art of Rhetoric:

- How the World Works by Noam Chomsky
- She Speaks by Yvette Cooper
- The Teens Guide to Debating and Public Speaking by Claire Duffy
- Talking History by Joan Haig
- Penguin Book of Modern Speeches by Brian MacArthur
- Why Do We Say That? by Scott Matthew
- Voices of History by Simon Sebag Montefiore
- Great Women's Speeches by Anna Russell
- Lend Me Your Ears by William Safire
- 101 Essays that will Change the Way You Think by Brianna West

### Unit 4: Diverse Shorts:

- Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo
- Boys Don't Cry by Malorie Blackman
- Looking for JJ by Anne Cassidy
- The Girl With the Louding Voice by Abi Dare
- Noah Can't Even by Simon James Green
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon
- Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
- The Henna Wars by Adiba Jaigirdar
- Sick Kids in Love by Hannah Moskowitz
- Make More Noise - anthology

### Unit 5: An Inspector Calls:

- J. B. Priestley: The Last of the Sages by John Alfred Atkins
- J. B. Priestley: Portrait of an Author by Susan Cooper
- J.B. Priestley: An Annotated Bibliography by Alan Edwin Day
- J.B. Priestley by A. A. Vitis
- The Vision of J.B. Priestley by Roger Fragge
- J. B. Priestley: An Informal Study of his Work by David Hughes
- J.B. Priestley, the Dramatist by Gareth Lloyd Evans
- J.B. Priestley and the Theatre by Rex Pogson

### Unit 6: Poetry:

- The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
- The Dark Lady by Akala
- Overheard in a Tower Block by Joseph Coelho
  
- Toffee by Sarah Crossan
- A Poem for Everyday of the Year Ed. by Allie Esiri
  
- These are the Words by Nikita Gill
- Collected Poems by Philip Larkin
- Rhythm and Poetry by Karl Nova
- Happy Poems chosen by Roger McGough
- She is Fierce ed by Ana Sampson