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Hannah's Recommended reads for KS2

At Key Stage Two (KS2) students should start to be introduced to a wide range of texts. As well as this students should have plenty of opportunities to read and write independently, listen to rich read aloud texts and develop their questioning of texts.

This is by no means an exclusive list but it's an essential starter pack.

- **The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin** – modern and hilarious tale of a viral video that lands Jo as Prime Minister. Excellent chapter book for confident readers.
- **The Bee is not Afraid of Me edited by Fran Long and Isabel Galleymore** – beautiful selection of insect-based poems.
- **The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd** – humorous and heart-warming tale of a boy who is unexpectedly successful at growing dragon fruit. Great class reader.
- **Varjak Paw by SF Said** – you'll never look at a cat in the same way again. This tells the story of secret ninja cats. Great group read.
- **Dog Man by Dav Pilkey** – easy to read comic-book-style books that's very lively and engaging. Great starting point for less confident readers that need a new series.
- **Small Worlds: Earth** by Laura Hawthorne and Camilla De La Bedoyere – perfect non-fiction book to learn about the fascinating world around us. Stunning illustrations accompany accurate and interesting text.
- **Beast Quest by Adam Blade** – set in a fantasy land filled with wizards, dragons, good vs evil as well as inspiring heroes and heroines. Excellent series for less confident KS2 readers.
- **Leon and the Place Between** by Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith – Leon discovers what happens to the rabbit which appears from a magician's hat. This is a richly illustrated book is ideal for inspiring creative writing.



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- **The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson** – a humorous twist on the abominable snowman legend. Great page-turner and makes for the perfect read aloud.

- **Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne** – inspiring picture book with the same story told through different perspectives. Engaging illustrations and some sophisticated vocabulary but makes for a good discussion piece.

- **The World According to Humphrey by Betty G Birney** – Humphrey is anything but an ordinary hamster. He's very adventurous and this story makes for a great class reader.

- **Kid Normal by Greg James** – Murph Cooper is just trying to get his head around settling into a new school when suddenly he's got to take on a super insect villain. Good PHSE circle time book.

- **Wilf the Mighty Worrier Saves the World by Georgia Pritchett** – Wilf worries about everything but it's down to him to save the day. Encouraging read for reluctant readers.

- **The Twits by Roald Dahl** – Mr and Mrs Twit may be married but they're not friends. Classic tale to be shared as a class or for a confident independent reader.

- **The Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine** – Ellie is shocked when she realises her cat, Tuffy, is a killer. Very funny and a staple chapter book for your library.

- **Winnie-the-Pooh by A. A. Milne** – quite possibly the most loved and well-known fictional bear. Excellent stories of friendship and self-belief.

- **The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka** – the real story from the Wolf's perspective. Great option to develop children's creative writing with plot twists and cliff-hangers.