

Recommended reading list books for Year 3 pupils age 7- 8 (as suggested by schoolreadinglist.co.uk)

The Nothing to See Here Hotel by Steven Butler

Young Frankie, and his family who run a hotel, are plunged into frantic action when they find out a particularly awkward guest is coming to stay. Nothing is quite good enough for the goblin prince Grogbah in this laugh-out-loud and magical page-turner that's perfect for independent readers in year 3.

Funny | Fantasy



The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin

When schoolboy Joe's video about how he would make the world a better place goes viral, he becomes very popular and very famous and ends up being – Prime Minister! Follow Joe's funny journey in which he makes buses banana-shaped, cats have hats and trains have swimming pools. A great chapter book for more confident 7-year-old readers.

Funny



This Bee is not Afraid of Me edited by Fran Long and Isabel Galleymore

This anthology of more than 40 poems suitable for KS2 children explores a myriad of different insects and how and where they live. Ants, beetles, butterflies, moths and ladybirds are featured. Cafe Six is a highlight – a perfect impetus for teaching poetry in lower KS2 – if you can stomach the edible creepy crawlies. For schools teaching minibests, or classes with access to outside space or a Forest School, this collection of poems will be a useful resource for cross-curricular topic teaching.

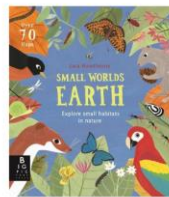
Poetry



Small Worlds: Earth by Lara Hawthorne and Camilla De La Bedoyere

This spectacularly realised illustrated non-fiction guide to the micro-world of undergrowth, meadows, foliage, forest floors, caves and more, features eye-catching graphics and precise natural history and ecological observations. The language is refreshingly not dumbed down and there are over 70 card flaps with information on the creatures displayed. Lifting them reveals what they get up to and how they interact with the ecosystem. This book would make a wonderful present for a KS2 child interested in the natural world. Also in the series is Small Worlds: Water.

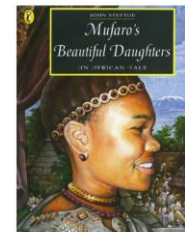
Non fiction



Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale by John Steptoe

A thoughtful picture book retelling of an African folk tale, set to dazzling illustrations. When the king decides to pick a new wife, Mufaro's two daughters behave in very different ways – one unreasonable and aggressive, and the other with kindness and humility. A classic moral tale that is useful to discuss with year 3 pupils.

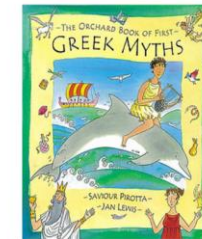
Folk tale | Diverse



The Orchard Book of First Greek Myths by Saviour Pirotta

A perfect illustrated primer of Greek Myths. This book includes Theseus and the Minotaur, Odysseus, Pandora, King Midas and more. The year 3 book of myths is a perfect age-appropriate introduction to these classic stories, and also serves as a useful impetus for creative writing.

Myths



Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian

Omar is a boy with a vivid imagination, but he also worries about school, bullies and what his parents think of him. With ingenious ideas and creative thinking, he manages to make the best of every situation. According to the publisher's blurb, you will laugh so loud that 'snot will come out of your nose'. Just saying that might be enough to ensure your year 3 children will want to read it.

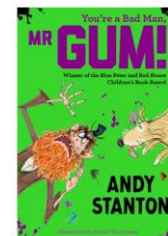
Diverse | Fantasy



You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum! by Andy Stanton

Mr Gum is a delightfully nasty character who hates children, lives with a cantankerous fairy and maintains a perfect garden. The madcap, unlikely and achingly funny adventures will grab young readers' attention. With short chapters, colourful descriptions and memorable language, this text is ideal for reluctant readers. Perfect for group reading, this is an excellent text to help year three pupils develop reading confidence.

Funny



Willa and Old Miss Annie by Berlie Doherty

When she moves with her parents to a new home, Willa thinks she'll never have friends again. That is until she meets Old Miss Annie, a lonely goat, a forgotten pony, and an orphaned fox. An ideal text for seven-year-olds who are interested in animals.

Classic | Animal

