

ST PAUL'S JUNIORS

RECOMMENDED READING FOR 7+ EXAM CANDIDATES

May we take this opportunity of giving you this list, which will, we hope, be helpful to parents visiting bookshops and libraries? We don't expect boys to read all the books on this list but to choose a selection from it. This will give an idea of the level they should be when taking the entrance examination. **They will not be asked questions about them at the examination nor, if successful, at interview.** These should be books that they can read comfortably by themselves. We would also suggest the reading of picture books, as the boys really enjoy looking at them, and it is this enjoyment that is key.

Fiction

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| <i>Arabel and Mortimer</i> series | Joan Aiken |
| <i>Paddington</i> series | Michael Bond |
| <i>Flat Stanley</i> series | Jeff Brown |
| <i>Mr Majeika</i> series | Humphrey Carpenter |
| Fantastic Mr. Fox, The Twits, The Magic Finger | Roald Dahl |
| <i>My Naughty Little Sister</i> series | Dorothy Edwards |
| <i>Magical Children</i> series | Sally Gardner |
| <i>Gladiator Boy</i> series | David Grimstone |
| <i>Robo Runners</i> series | Damian Harvey |
| <i>Jack Stalwart</i> series | Elizabeth Singer Hunt |
| George Speaks, The Hodgeheg, and other titles | Dick King-Smith |
| <i>Mammoth Academy</i> series | Neal Layton |
| The Butterfly Lion, Cool!, Dear Olly | Michael Morpurgo |
| <i>Magic Tree House</i> series | Mary Pope Osborne |
| <i>S.W.I.T.C.H.</i> series | Ali Sparkes |
| <i>My Brother's Famous Bottom</i> series | Jeremy Strong |
| Wildy Weird, <i>Sir Quentin Quest</i> series | Kaye Umansky |
| <i>Little Wolf</i> series | Ian Whybrow |

Non-Fiction

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| Horrible Histories | Terry Deary & Martin Brown |
| Horrible Geography | Anita Ganeri and Mike Phillips |
| Horrible Science | Nick Arnold and Tony De Saulles |

More challenging titles – share the reading with your son, read to him, or listen to an audio version:

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| Alice in Wonderland | Lewis Carroll |
| The Wind in the Willows | Kenneth Grahame |
| Nonsense Songs | Edward Lear |
| <i>Winnie the Pooh</i> Series | A.A. Milne |
| Charlotte's Web | E.B. White |

Happy reading!

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