

ST PAUL'S JUNIORS

RECOMMENDED READING FOR 7+ EXAM CANDIDATES

This list, we hope, will be helpful to parents visiting bookshops and libraries. We do not 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 your son should be when taking the entrance examination. **The boys 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

<i>Arabel and Mortimer series</i>	Joan Aiken
<i>Paddington series</i>	Michael Bond
<i>Flat Stanley series</i>	Jeff Brown
<i>Spy Dog series</i>	Andrew Cole
Fantastic Mr. Fox, The Twits, The Magic Finger	Roald Dahl
<i>Fox Investigates Series</i>	Adam Frost
<i>Gladiator Boy series</i>	David Grimstone
<i>Robo Runners series</i>	Damian Harvey
<i>Jack Stalwart series</i>	Elizabeth Singer Hunt
George Speaks, The Hodgeheg, and other titles	Dick King-Smith
<i>Mammoth Academy series</i>	Neal Layton
The Butterfly Lion, Cool!, Dear Olly	Michael Morpurgo
<i>Magic Tree House series</i>	Mary Pope Osborne
<i>S.W.I.T.C.H. series</i>	Ali Sparkes
<i>My Brother's Famous Bottom series</i>	Jeremy Strong
<i>Little Wolf series</i>	Ian Whybrow
Royal Rabbits of London	Simon Montifiore
The Legend of Kevin, Cakes in Space, Pugs of the Frozen North	Philip Reeve
<i>Zac Power series</i>	H I Larry

Non-Fiction

Horrible Histories	Terry Deary & Martin Brown
Horrible Geography	Anita Ganeri and Mike Phillips
Horrible Science	Nick Arnold and Tony De Saulles
Playground to Pitch Series	Matt & Tom Oldfield

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

Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
Nonsense Songs	Edward Lear
<i>Winnie the Pooh Series</i>	A.A. Milne
Charlotte's Web	E.B. White
Cool Science Tricks	Daniel Tatarsky
<i>There are also others in this Cool series by various authors – Cool Nature, Cool Architecture, Cool Coding, Cool Art, Cool Philosophy ... all published by Pavilion</i>	

Happy reading!

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