

## **ST PAUL'S JUNIORS**

### **RECOMMENDED READING FOR 7+ EXAM CANDIDATES**

This list, we hope, will be helpful to parents visiting bookshops and libraries. The boys will not be asked questions about any of these titles at the examination nor, if successful, at interview. 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. These should be books that they can read comfortably by themselves. We would also suggest the reading of picture books for older children. The boys really benefit from the juxtaposition of words and pictures adding a further dimension to their reading comprehension and enjoyment.

Fiction:

Arabel and Mortimer series Joan Aiken  
Paddington series Michael Bond  
Spy Dog series Andrew Cole  
Fantastic Mr. Fox, The Twits, The Magic Finger Roald Dahl  
The Children of Castle Rock Nicola Farrant  
Fox Investigates Series Adam Frost  
Atticus Claw series Jennifer Gray  
Gladiator Boy series David Grimstone  
Jack Stalwart series Elizabeth Singer Hunt  
George Speaks, The Hodgeheg, and other titles Dick King-Smith  
Zac Power series H I Larry  
The Land of Roar Jenny McLachlan  
Royal Rabbits of London Simon Montifiore  
The Legend of Kevin, Cakes in Space, Pugs of the Frozen North Philip Reeve  
Curse of the Chocolate Phoenix Kate Saunders  
S.W.I.T.C.H. series Ali Sparkes  
The Hundred-Mile-an-hour series Jeremy Strong  
Little Wolf series Ian Whybrow

The enjoyment of independent reading is key, the titles above are just a few of the wide selection of books available. Boys preparing for 7+ exam should be confident independent readers of both fiction and non-fiction.

Non-Fiction:

Horrible Histories Terry Deary & Martin Brown  
Horrible Geography Anita Ganeri and Mike Phillips  
Playground to Pitch Series Matt & Tom Oldfield  
Cool Science Tricks Daniel Tatarsky  
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

More challenging titles – please share the reading with your son, read to him, or listen to an audio version: There are many books which you son will enjoy with you, these are a few suggestions.

Inkheart Cornelia Funke  
The Astounding Broccoli Boy Frank Cottrell Boyce  
The Phantom Tollbooth Norton Juster

Happy reading! May 2022