

ST PAUL'S JUNIORS

RECOMMENDED READING FOR 8+ EXAM CANDIDATES

May we take this opportunity of giving you this list, which will, we hope, be helpful to parents visiting bookshops and libraries. **This is to give you an idea of the level at which we expect our entrance examination candidates to be, not to be included as part of the interview process.** These should be books that they can read comfortably by themselves. There are very many good books available and the fundamental recommendation is that your son enjoys spending time reading.

Future Friend D Baddiel
The Polar Bear Adventurer's Club P Bell
Glory Gardens series B Cattell
The Legend of Spud Murphy/Worst Boy in the World E. Colfer
Wizards of Once series C Cowell
The Magic Finger (and other titles) R. Dahl
The Creakers / The Danger Gang T Fletcher
Golden Goal (and other titles) D. Freedman
The Last Bear H Gold
The Diamond Brothers Series A. Horowitz
The Iron Man T. Hughes
Pages & Co. A James
The Sheep-Pig (and other titles) D. King-Smith
Podkin One Ear Kieran Larwood
Beetle Boy (and sequels) M. G. Leonard
S.W.I.T.C.H. series, *Monster Makers* series A. Sparkes
No Such Thing as Dragons P. Reeve
The Boy who Grew Dragons A Shepherd
Fergus Crane P. Stewart & C. Riddell
Wings of Fire Series T. T. Sutherland
The Last Wild (and others) P Torday

Non-fiction

Horrible Histories/Science/Maths/Geography series Various authors
Weird World of Wonders series Tony Robinson
Splat the Fake Fact! Adam Frost
Cook Science Tricks Daniel Tatarsky
(There are others in this series by various authors – Cool Nature, Cool Architecture, Cool Coding, Cool Philosophy...) all published by Pavilion

More challenging titles – please share the reading with your son,

Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series M. Paver
Jungledrop A. Elphinstone
A Boy and a Bear in A Boat D. Shelton
Letter for the King Tonke Dragt
Boy at the Back of the Class O. Rauf

I hope your son takes pleasure in his reading. May 2022