St Paul's Juniors

7+ Recommended Reading

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 during the assessment process. We do not expect boys to read all the books on this list, but recommend choosing a selection from it. These should be books that they can read comfortably by themselves.

Fiction:

Arabel and Mortimer series Joan Aiken Paddington series Michael Bond Andrew Cole Spy Dog series P Butchart **Baby Aliens series** The Children of Castle Rock Nicola Farrant Fox Investigates Series Adam Frost Atticus Claw series Jennifer Gray Cookie Series Connie Huq

Jack Stalwart series Elizabeth Singer Hunt

George Speaks, Dick King-Smith

The Hodgeheg, and other titles

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, Philip Reeve

Pugs of the Frozen North

Curse of the Chocolate Phoenix Kate Saunders
Cyborg Cat Ade Adipitan
The Hundred-Mile-an-hour series Jeremy Strong
Little Wolf series Ian Whybrow

The enjoyment of independent reading is key and 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

Below are a few challenging titles. With these titles, we suggest you share the reading with your son, or listen to an audio version.

Inkheart
The Astounding Broccoli Boy
The Phantom Tollbooth

Cornelia Funke Frank Cottrell Boyce Norton Juster

Happy reading! June 2023