

## Suggested reading list for Year 3 pupils in KS2 age 7-8

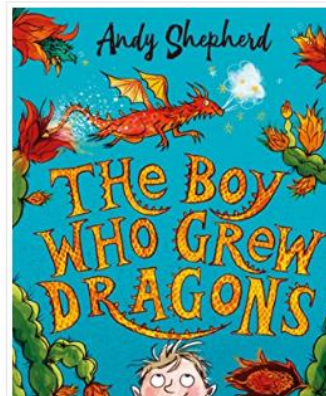
### The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin

When schoolboy Joe's video about how he would make the world a better place goes viral, he becomes very popular and very famous, and ends up being – Prime Minister! Follow Joe's funny journey in which he makes buses banana shaped, cats have hats and traibs have swimming pools. A great chapter book for more confident 7 and 8 year old readers.



### The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd

A funny, heartwarming and captivating adventure about a boy whose dragon fruit from the tree in his garden begins hatching. He soon finds that caring for a small dragon is no easy task. And then more and more dragon fruits start to hatch... Perfect to read to your child or use as a Year 3 class reader.



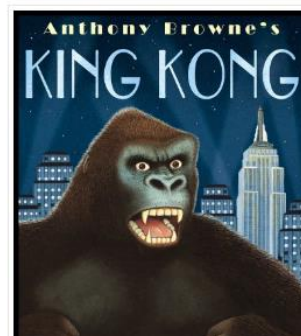
### Dog Man by Dav Pilkey

This lively and easy to read series of comic book style stories, with one idea per picture, may well be your seven year old's next favourite set of books. This book will appeal to the most reluctant readers in year 3 and is ideal for reading independently or aloud.



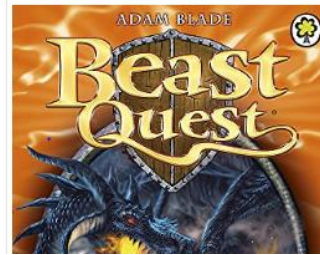
### King Kong by Anthony Browne

The classic tale of the gigantic ape who falls in love with the beautiful Ann Darrow but finds himself locked up and held in captivity. When he escapes, chaos ensues in New York. This large-format book includes lots of stunning illustrations and will appeal to both able and reluctant readers in year three. It is also ideal to read with your child.



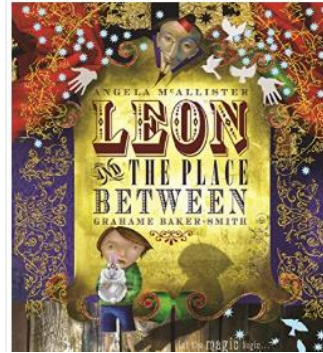
## **Beast Quest by Adam Blade**

A fast-paced and exciting series of books which are ideal for 7 and 8 year old readers in lower KS2. Set in a fantasy land with dragons, wizards, good vs evil and strong heroes and heroines, these stories feature lots of twists and turns and will appeal to reluctant readers.



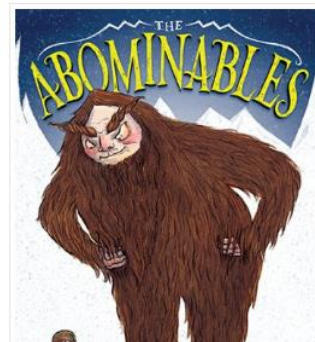
## **Leon and the Place Between by Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith**

Perfect for group reading and ideas for creative writing, this lavishly illustrated picture book for older readers will stretch the creativity and language of year 3 readers. Leon finds out what happens to the rabbit which appears from a hat and where the magician's assistant disappears to – but can he find his way back from the 'place between'?



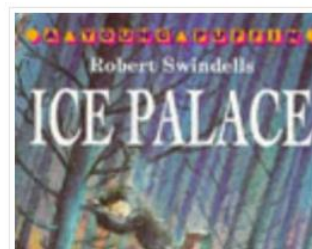
## **The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson**

A funny take on the abominable snowman legend. A boy and a girl hatch a plan to save a family of yetis from hunters, by hiding them in a bridal suite and a giant freezer lorry.



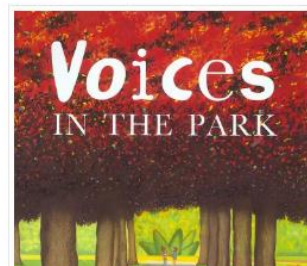
## **Ice Palace by Robert Swindells**

An extremely fast-paced adventure which won't leave the reader bored for a second. When the King of Winter, Ivan sets out on an epic and dangerous quest to get him back.



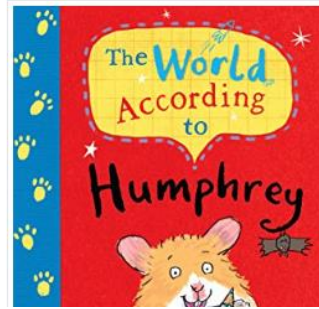
## **Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne**

A clever book which looks at the same story from different perspectives, this is a picture book which is ideal to provoke discussion. There are few words and complex, vibrant illustrations with lots of talking points, making it ideal for less confident 7 and 8 year old readers.



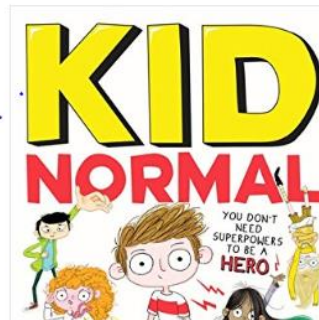
## The World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney

The hilarious adventures of Humphrey the Hamster, told by Humphrey and including Og the Frog and the bully Mean Martin Bean.



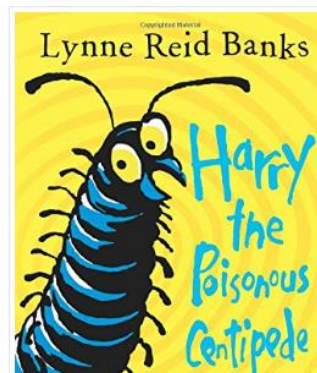
## Kid Normal by Greg James

Murph Cooper is joining a new school. But it is several weeks into the new term and everyone else has settled in. Suddenly he isn't feeling quite so confident. As if that's not enough – there's a strange half insect super villain to deal with. Very funny and easy to read.



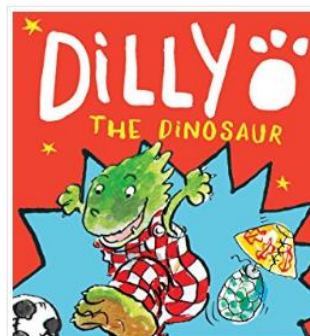
## Harry the poisonous centipede by Lynne Reid Banks

Harry is a centipede who likes to eat things which wriggle and crackle. At the start of the story he's shy, but increasingly he becomes more brave. Will his bravery get the better of him and lead him into danger?



## Dilly the Dinosaur by Tony Bradman

The stories of the world's naughtiest dinosaur, who, amongst other things, refuses to wash; screams the loudest scream; and paints the house in an unusual way.



## At Our House by Isabel Minhos Martins

A lively and colourful picture book which asks the reader to count all the things to do with the people in the author's house. This includes the toes, intestines, finger, freckles and more startling and gross number crunching which will appeal to seven-year-old readers – particularly those reluctant to start chapter books.



## StoryWorlds: A Moment in Time: A Perpetual Picture Atlas by Thomas Hegbrook

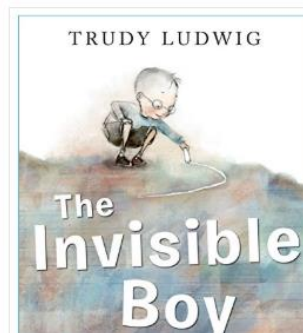
A picture book with few words, this book will appeal to imaginative but reluctant readers. This book explores one single moment in time across many strikingly different locations and situations so the reader can compare what is happening in the world all at the same time. The book folds out to allow a child to read any part without having to start at the beginning or reach the end.



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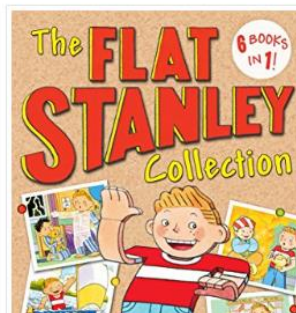
## The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig

A clever picture book which, although it will appeal to reluctant readers, is thought provoking and deals with complex themes of bullying and loneliness. Ideal for PSHE lessons.



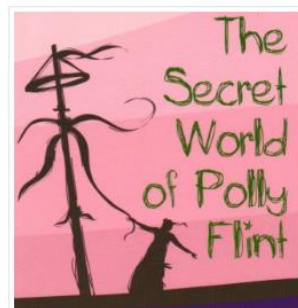
## Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

When a pinboard falls on top of Stanley he is left completely flattened. Sent to America in an envelope will he be able to unflatten himself? A good story for dyslexic readers and an ideal book for year 3 pupils.



## The Secret World of Polly Flint by Helen Cresswell

The imaginative story of Polly Flint who can see things other children cannot, including a village and its inhabitants which disappeared long ago.



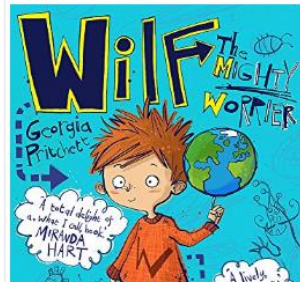
## Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

The timeless story of Mr Fox and how he cunningly outwits the nasty farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean.



## Wilf the Mighty Worrier Saves the World by Georgia Pritchett

Wilf worries about everything – plush toys, peanut butter, the man next door – but then he has to contend with Alan, the Evil Lunatic. Can Wilf save the day? A great books for less confident readers in Year 3.



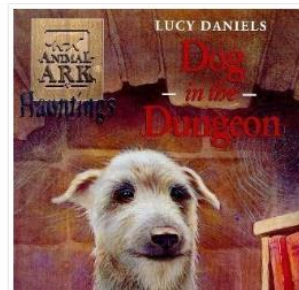
## The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl

When Lucy gets upset she uses her "Magic Finger" and points it at the person who has upset her. Real magic turns her teacher into a cat and Lucy swears never to use her finger again. Until... An ideal book for class reading in year three.



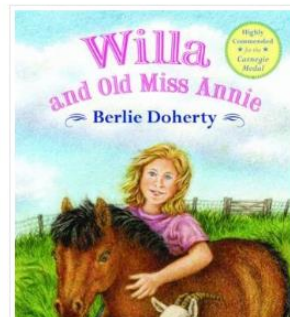
## Dog in the Dungeon by Lucy Daniels

Skelton Castle has a deerhound to protect it. But Aminta, the last deerhound, died recently. But when Mandy and James explore a creepy castle, they find a deerhound, one that looks just like Aminta.



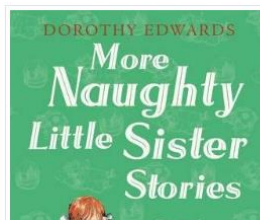
## Willa and Old Miss Annie by Berlie Doherty

When she moves with her parents to a new home, Willa thinks she'll never have friends again. That is until she meets Old Miss Annie, a lonely goat, a forgotten pony, and an orphaned fox.



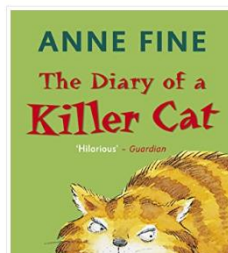
## My Naughty Little Sister by Dorothy Edwards

A story about possibly the naughtiest little sister in the world. She digs up the garden, eats all the trifle, doesn't like Father Christmas and causes chaos all around her.



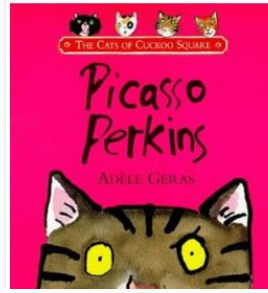
## The Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine

Ellie is shocked to find out her pet cat is a killer. Tuffy brings home a dead bird, then a mouse, and then more victims. Can Ellie stop him? A very funny story. A must-read chapter book for seven year olds.



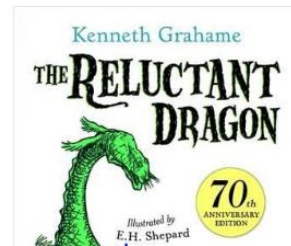
### **Picasso Perkins by Adele Geras**

Perkins is a wise old tabby cat who is annoyed when his 8-year-old owner creates a picture of him for a "Paint Your Pet" competition. Perkins thinks he can do better. This would make an ideal group reading story for year 3.



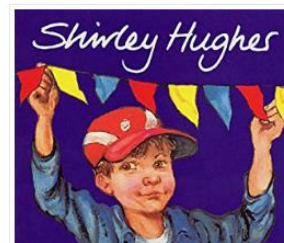
### **The Reluctant Dragon by Kenneth Grahame**

A boy finds a dragon in a cave and he believes it is harmless and friendly, but how can he convince the frightened villagers and St. George, the famous dragon killer?



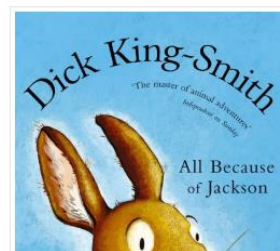
### **The Charlie Moon Collection by Shirley Hughes**

Charlie manages to get himself into all sorts of trouble. His seaside summer holiday turns into a missing jewellery mystery with burglars.



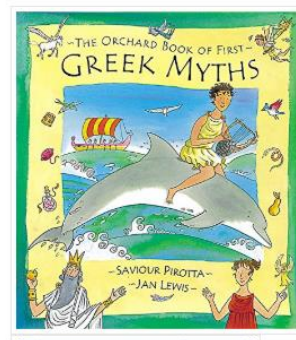
### **All Because of Jackson by Dick King-Smith**

Jackson is an odd rabbit. He stands most days watching ships sail by and he longs to be on one of those ships. One day he boards one of the ships and sets out on an adventure.



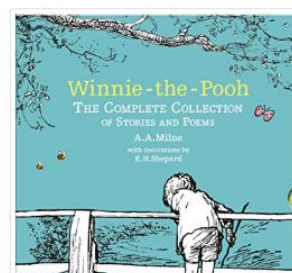
### **The Orchard Book of First Greek Myths by Saviour Pirotta**

A perfect introduction to Greek Myths. This book includes Theseus and the Minotaur, Odysseus, Pandora, King Midas and more.



### **Winnie-the-Pooh Collection by A. A. Milne**

Classic stories about the world's most famous bear. Including what happens when Pooh goes visiting and Piglet meets a Heffalump, the story of when Eeyore loses his tail and Pooh finds one, and many others.



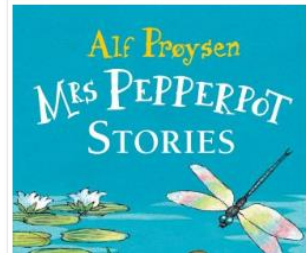
### **Mrs Cockle's Cat by Philippa Pearce**

Mrs Cockle, a balloon seller, loves her cat Peter, and he loves fish. When she runs out of fish, Peter leaves and Mrs Cockle is so upset that she gets thinner and lighter and loses so much weight that her balloons lift her high into the sky.



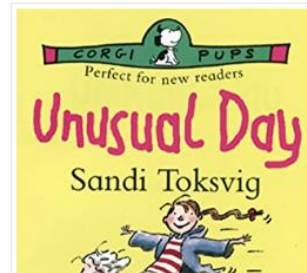
### **Mrs Pepperpot Stories by Alf Proysen**

Mrs Pepperpot has a secret – she can shrink to the size of a pepperpot – and when she does she can talk to animals.



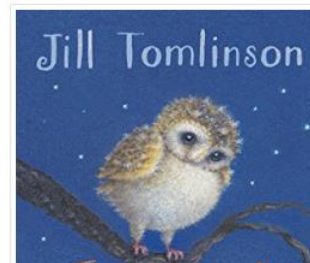
### **Unusual Day by Sandi Toksvig**

Jessica brings her granny to school because she can spin plates. Told to come back next week, Jessica's granny leaves—only to surprise everyone by returning later as a firefighter. A great group reading text for year 3.



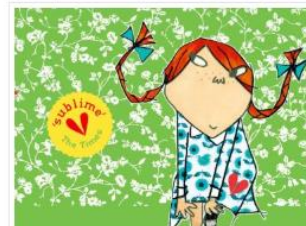
### **The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson**

A young owl, called Plop, is afraid of the dark – something which makes his life more than a little difficult.



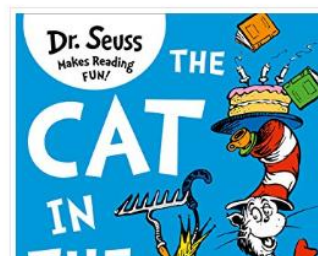
### **Pippi Longstocking Gift Edition by Astrid Lindgren**

Fearless Pippi Longstocking is scared of nothing. She'll wrestle a circus strongman, dance a polka with burglars, and tug a bull's tail!



### **The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss**

Possibly the coolest cat in existence, he can turn the most boring day into a fun adventure for Sally and her brother. An ideal easy reader for your class library of stories for Year 3.



## Who's in the Loo? by Jeanne Willis

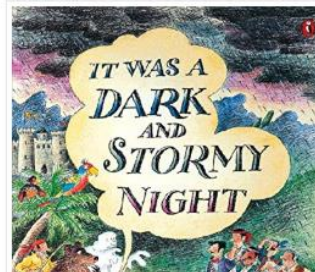
There's a queue for the loo – who is taking so long? Is it a hamster? Is it the wombat? Or is it the rhino? A very funny easy reader.



## It Was a Dark and Stormy Night by Janet Ahlberg

A young boy has been kidnapped by thieves. He stays alive by telling them incredible stories while planning his escape from a cave. Great for reading with your child.

*Read more about Janet Ahlberg.*



## The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

If you thought you knew the story of the Three Little Pigs, think again! This is the real story, told by the Wolf himself.



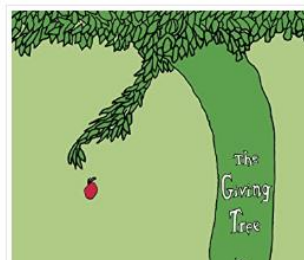
## The Railway Cat by Phyllis Arkle

Alfie the railway cat faces danger and suspense as he tries to escape from his kidnapers in a series of incredible adventures.



## The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

A clever and emotive story about a boy who takes too much from a tree which gives too much. Very useful for discussing the concepts of giving and sharing. An ideal book to use in PSHE with Year 3.



## Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

A tale of love and belonging. Max – eight – decides to dress up as a wolf, and enters a world of wild things in which he becomes the ruler.



