



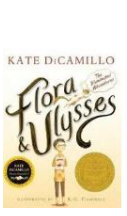



40 Recommended Reading Books for Year 3

We have carefully selected books that will hopefully capture your imagination. This list contains colour-bands and a description of the book so that you are able to choose your favourites according to your book-band level and your personal interests. The 'Lexile rating' included measures the difficulty level of the text; a higher Lexile rating indicates a more difficult text.

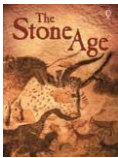




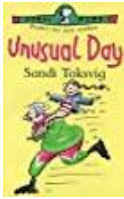

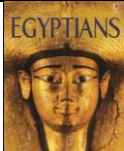
Certificates will be awarded as you read books from this list; you will need to record a brief response to a reading task in your reading record (such as a description of a character). A bronze certificate will be awarded once you have read 5 books from the list, a silver award will be awarded after 10, a gold award will be awarded once you have read 15 and platinum when you have read 25.

Title	Image	Author	ISBN	Overview	Lexile rating	Book Band	Date read
Willy the Champ		Anthony Browne	9780679873914	Tired of being teased by suburban gorillas for his scant interest in macho pursuits, Willy takes up soccer, bike racing, and swimming—all with a notable lack of success. But when chief bully Buster Nose threatens Willy, our hero accidentally decks the thug, gaining hero status.	410	Turquoise	
The Girl Behind the Glass		Jane A Kelley	9780375962202	Hannah and Anna Zimmer, 11-year-old twins, reluctantly move with their family from their beloved Brooklyn to a creepy house on Hemlock Road. Right away, the siblings are unnerved by bizarre disturbances: a haunted closet, mysterious winds, bats in the attic, and a faint voice.	440	Turquoise	
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing		Judy Blume	9780440484745	The story of a boy who is constantly being overshadowed by his little brother.	470	Turquoise	
Gorilla		Anthony Browne	9781406313277	Neglected by her busy father, a lonely young girl receives a toy gorilla for her birthday and together they take a miraculous trip to the zoo.	520	Purple	
Ug		Raymond Brigg	9780375816116	This funny, sad, yet wonderfully life-affirming story is about a misunderstood boy genius who refuses to accept the limitations of the world in which he lives. Young Ug is upwardly mobile, always on the brink of finding a better way, a nicer way of getting through life.	520	Purple	
Crenshaw		Katherine Applegate	9781250043238	Pitch-perfect story about boy and family facing hard times.	540	Purple	
The Fourteenth Goldfish		Jennifer L Holme	9780375870644	Eleven-year-old Ellie has never liked change. She misses fifth grade. She misses her old best friend. She even misses her dearly departed goldfish. Then one day a strange boy shows up. He's bossy. He's cranky. And weirdly enough . . . he looks a lot like Ellie's grandfather, a scientist who's	550	Gold	

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				always been slightly obsessed with immortality. Could this pimply boy really be Grandpa Melvin?			
Flat Stanley		Jeff Brown	9780 0611 2904 9	Meet Stanley Lambchop. He's an ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem. He's four feet tall, about a foot wide . . . oh, and half an inch thick.. But it's not always easy being different, and soon Stanley wishes he could be just like everybody else. Will he ever be normal again?	550	Gold	
Leon and the Place Between		Angela McAllister	9781 8401 1860 5	Do you dare to step into the Place Between? Step into the magic and meet Abdul Kazam!	560	Gold	
Flora and Ulysses		Kate DiCamillo	9780 7636 6040 6	The squirrel's brush with death causes him to develop so called superpowers. Flora then named the squirrel Ulysses after the vacuum cleaner. Flora explains to Ulysses that he must use his newfound powers to right wrongs, fight injustice, "or something."	560	Gold	
The One and Only Ivan		Katherine Applegate	9780 0619 9227 8	Ivan is an easy-going gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all.	570	Gold	
Alice in Wonderland		Lewis Carroll	9780 7945 1239 2	An ordinary day becomes extraordinary when Alice follows the White Rabbit down a rabbit hole and finds herself in Wonderland. Join her as she meets one incredible character after another, in this lively retelling of the classic quirky tale by Lewis Carroll.	580	Gold	
Midnight Gang		David Walliams	9780 0081 6461 4	The Midnight Gang tells an extraordinarily heartwarming and, of course, funny story of five children on a hospital ward – and on a quest for adventure! It is a story of friendship and magic – and of making dreams come true. Readers are set to be utterly spellbound by this heartfelt story that will bring magic to everyone.	580	Gold	

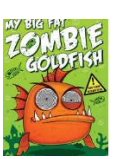

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The Stone Age		Jerome Martin	9781409586418	This information book uncovers the history of Stone Age people and how they lived.	590	Gold	
Middle School: Dog's Best Friend		James Patterson	9780316349543	Rafe's been to the beach and now he's headed to the bush u watch out Australia! It's fair to say that Rafe's recent trip Down Under could not easily be called a success.	600	Gold	
The Famous Five		Enid Blyton	9780340681244	Join the gang on another mystery. Who does the treasure belong to?	610	Gold	
Woof!		Allan Ahlberg	9780140319965	Eric is a perfectly ordinary boy. Perfectly ordinary that is, until the night when, in fifteen seconds flat, he turns into a dog! Eric and his best friend are determined to sniff out the truth - what makes an ordinary boy go 'woof'?	610	Gold	
Harry the Poisonous Centipede		Lynne Reid Banks	9780688147112	Harry likes to eat things that wriggle and crackle, and things that are juicy and munchy! But there are some things that a centipede must "never" try to eat -- dangerous things like flying swoopers, belly wrigglers, mid the most dangerous of all ... Hoo-Mins!	620	Gold	
Unusual Day		Sandi Toksvig	9780552545396	When Jessica brings her granny into school for 'Unusual Day' Miss Johnson thinks she's got muddled up with 'Family Day'. Her granny may be wearing a tracksuit and trainers, but she still looks like a fairly ordinary granny. However, when 'Unusual Day' is disrupted by a fire next door, everybody discovers just how unusual Jessica's granny is...	630	Silver	
George's Marvellous Medicine		Roald Dahl	9780141301112	George's grouchy grandmother needs a taste of her own medicine, and George knows just the right ingredients to put into it!	640	Silver	
Egyptians		Stephanie Turnbull	9781474003228	Why were the pyramids built? Who were the Ancient Egyptians? Find out through this informative text!	640	Silver	


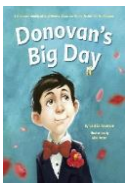

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The Lost Hero		Rick Riordan	9781 4231 1339 3	Jason doesn't remember anything before waking up on a school bus holding hands with a girl.	660	Silver	
From Plant to Seed		Gail Gibbons	978- 0823 4102 55	The processes of pollination, seed formation, and germination are explained with important vocabulary and clear diagrams.	660	Silver	
The World According to Humphrey		Betty G. Birney	9780 5712 2683 2	Sent to live in Room 26, Humphrey, the class hamster, begins to learn a lot about humans through simple observation from his cage, in an amusing tale about a curious creature who takes full advantage of his educational opportunities.	670	Silver	
Quest of the Gods Attack of the scorpion Riders		Dan Hunter	9781 4095 2105 1	This title features one boy, five Gods, and a thousand monsters. Ancient Egypt is in trouble; the evil Pharaoh, Oba, has captured five of the most powerful good gods and imprisoned them. Only one boy can stop them: Akori, an orphaned farm-boy with a huge destiny...	690	Silver	
The Lightning Thief – Percy Jackson		Rick Riordan	9780 7868 5629 9	Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can't seem to focus on his schoolwork or control his temper.	680	Emerald	
Give Peas a Chance		Morris Gleitzman	9780 1433 0262 9	Give fun a chance! Surprise your mum with a chainsaw, be a bigger star than Tom Cruise, save the world with a plate of vegetables, start your new life in a taxi, rescue your family with a tomato, send your dad into a panic with a tractor, do a good deed with a paper bag on your head, pack your suitcase for a trip to the spleen, upset your auntie with ten kilos of chocolate, swap a bomb for three ice creams on a steam train . . . and lots more.	700	Emerald	
Miss Daisy is Crazy		Dan Gutman	9780 0605 0700 8	Never before has school been this mixed up-or this much fun! Miss Daisy, who teaches second grade, doesn't know how to add or subtract. Not only that, she doesn't know how to read or write, either.	700	Emerald	

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The Adventures of Captain Underpants		Dav Pilkey	9780 5908 4628 8	Meet Captain Underpants. His true identity is so secret, even HE doesn't know who he is!	720	Emerald	
The BFG		Roald Dahl	9780 1424 1038 7	Ten-year-old Sophie is in for the adventure of a lifetime when she meets the Big Friendly Giant (Mark Rylance). Naturally scared at first, the young girl soon realizes that the 24-foot behemoth is actually quite gentle and charming.	720	Emerald	
Magician's Elephant		Kate DiCamillo	9780 7636 5298 2	In her eagerly awaited new novel, DiCamillo--the Newbery Medal-winning author of "The Tale of Despereaux"--conjures a haunting fable about trusting the unexpected and making the impossible come true.	730	Emerald	
Kensuke's Kingdom		Michael Morpurgo	9780 4393 8202 1	This spellbinding tale of self-discovery begins as Michael and his parents sail around the world. When Michael is swept overboard and washes up on an island, he realizes he's not alone. Kensuke, an old Japanese man, keeps his distance at first, but when Michael's life is threatened, he slowly lets the boy into his world.	730	Emerald	
My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish		Mo O'Hara	9781 2500 2919 5	This book is about Tom and a goldfish that his brother Mark, is using in a science project. Mark dunks Frankie the goldfish into toxic gunk, then Tom and Pradeep, another character, zap Frankie back to life.	740	Emerald	
Digging Up the Past		Lisa Jane Gillespie	9781 4095 1425 1	How do ancient things get buried? Who digs them up? What do they find?	760	Ruby	
The Land of Stories: Beyond the Kingdoms		Chris Colfer	9780 3164 0688 8	The Masked Man is running amok; recruiting the most dastardly villains from literature to join his dark army. Can Alex and Conner stop him?	760	Ruby	
Dinosaur Cove: Swimming with the sea monsters		Rex Stone	9780 1927 3788 5	Are you ready for the best adventure ever? Do you love dinosaurs? Imagine meeting them? Jamie and Tom explore...Which dinosaurs do they discover?	810	Ruby	
Sophie's Lucky		Dick King-Smith	978- 1406 3443 56	Sophie would love to have a pony, but she doesn't think she'll ever be that lucky.	810	Ruby	

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You're a Bad man, Mr Gum!		Andy Stanton	9781405274920	Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob. This book's all about him!	900	Sapphire	
Donovan's Big Day		Lesleá Newman	9781582463322	Donovan's two moms are getting married, and he can't wait for the celebration to begin. After all, as ringbearer, he has a very important job to do.	910	Sapphire	
A pig called Heather		Harry Oulton	ISBN N: 9780823432905	Heather the pig has it all: a lovely farm to live on in the Scottish countryside, apples of all kinds to devour, and a doting best friend in the farmer's daughter, Isla. Unfortunately, Heather's idyllic existence is shattered when Isla's dad has to sell the farm to pushy Farmer Busby and move with Isla to far-off London.	920	Sapphire	

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