


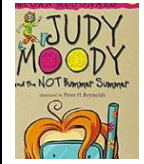
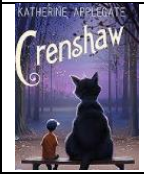
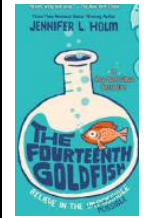

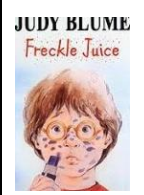


## 40 Recommended Reading Books for Year 3

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 and a gold award will be awarded once you have read 15.

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 Cat in the Hat		Dr. Seuss	9780394800011	Poor Dick and Sally. It's cold and wet and they're stuck in the house with nothing to do...until a giant cat in a hat shows up, transforming the dull day into a madcap adventure!	430	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	Purple	
Big Nate Goes for Broke		Lincoln Peirce	9780062102379	Big Nate is going for broke in the fourth novel in the hilarious New York Times bestselling series by Lincoln Peirce! This time, Nate and his friends are in the Ultimate Snowdown--a wintry snow-sculpture competition against the bullies from Jefferson Middle School, who beat P.S. 38 at EVERYTHING!	450	Purple	
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing		Judy Blume	9780440484745	The story of a boy who is constantly being overshadowed by his little brother.	470	Purple	
Olivia		Ian Falconer	9780689829536	Have fun with Olivia... dressing up singing songs building sand castles napping (maybe) dancing painting on walls and -- whew! -- going to sleep at last.	470	Purple	

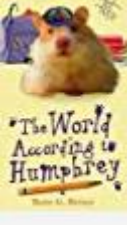
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The Story of the Three Pigs		Jon Scieszka	9780140544510	A spoof on the three little pigs story, this time told from the wolf's point of view. Lane Smith also illustrated Hallowe'en ABC which was one of The New York Times Best Illustrated Books of the Year.	510	Purple	
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	
Judy Moody		Megan McDonald	9780763606855	To start, Judy Moody doesn't have high hopes for Third Grade. Her new desk won't have an armadillo sticker with her name on it. But when Mr. Todd assigns a very special class project, she really gets a chance to express herself!	530	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 always been slightly obsessed with immortality. Could this pimply boy really be Grandpa Melvin?	550	Gold	
Flat Stanley		Jeff Brown	9780061129049	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	
Freckle Juice		Judy Blume	9780440428138	Nicky has freckles – they cover his face, his ears and the whole back of his neck. Sitting behind him in class, Andrew once counted eighty-six of them. One day, he works up enough courage to ask Nicky where he got them....but does he want to find out the truth?	560	Gold	

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Flora and Ulysses		Kate DiCamillo	9780763660406	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	9780061992278	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	9780794512392	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	9780008164614	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	
Middle School: Dog's Best Friend		James Patterson	9780031634954	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	
I survived the Shark Attacks of 1916		Lauren Tarshis	9780545206952	Based on true events. It is the summer of 1916 and the Jersey Shore is being terrorised by a Great White shark. Can ten year old Chet and his friends survive a swim in the local creek?	610	Gold	
The Year of Billy Miller	 	Kevin Henkes	9780062268129	Billy's father, Papa, tells Billy that he will be fine, and drawing on a summer letter from the woman who will become Billy's second grade teacher, Mrs. Silver, in which she mentions the Chinese Year of the Rabbit, Papa explains that this year will actually be the Year of Billy Miller.	620	Silver	
Harry the		Lynne	9780	Harry likes to eat things that wriggle	620	Silver	

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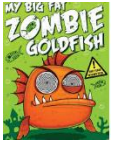
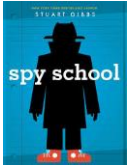
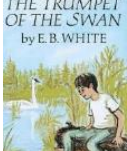

Poisonous Centipede		Reid Banks	6881 4711 2	and crackle, and things that are juicy and munchy! But there are some things that a centipede must "never" try to eat -- dangerous things like flying swoopers, belly wrigglers, mid the most dangerous of all ... Hoo-Mins! Harry's mother makes him promise never to go up the Up-Pipe to the world of Hoo-Mins, but Harry's best friend, George, has other ideas!			
Unusual Day		Sandi Toksvig	9780 5525 4539 6	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	9780 1413 0111 2	George's grouchy grandmother needs a taste of her own medicine, and George knows just the right ingredients to put into it!	640	Silver	
Sarah, Plain and Tall		Patricia MacLachlan	9780 0644 0205 7	The house on the prairie is quiet not that Caleb and Anna's mother has died. When Papa write's to get a new wife, Sarah, plain and tall in a yellow bonnet arrives.	650	Silver	
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	
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	
The Tale of Despereaux		Kate DiCamillo	9780 7636 2529 0	The main plot follows the adventures of a mouse named Despereaux Tilling, as he sets out on his quest to rescue a beautiful human princess from the rats.	670	Silver	



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The Lightning Thief – Percy Jackson		Rick Riordan	9780786856299	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	9780143302629	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	9780060507008	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	
Nancy Drew: The Secret of Mirror Bay		Carolyn Keene	9780044809549	When Nancy Drew and her friends go to a lake in New York to investigate reports of a woman gliding over water, they discover a treasure underwater.	710	Emerald	
The Adventures of Captain Underpants		Dav Pilkey	9780590846288	Meet Captain Underpants. His true identity is so secret, even HE doesn't know who he is!	720	Emerald	
The BFG		Roald Dahl	9780142410387	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	9780763652982	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	9780439382021	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	

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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	
Spy School		Stuart Gibbs	9781 4424 2182 0	Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.	740	Emerald	
The Trumpet of the Swan		E.B. White	9780 0644 0048 0	Knowing how to read and write is not enough for Louis, a voiceless Trumpeter Swan; his determination to learn to play a stolen trumpet takes him far from his wilderness home	750	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	

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