### Good reads for 8 – 11 years

#### Classics
- Arthur Ransome – Swallows and Amazons
- Richmal Crompton – Just William
- P L Travers – Mary Poppins
- Dodie Smith – 101 Dalmatians
- J M Barrie – Peter Pan
- CS Lewis – Narnia series
- Mark Twain
- L M Boston – Children of Green Knowe
- Joanna Spyri – Heidi
- Jules Verne
- R. L. Stevenson

#### Scary/Science Fiction
- R.L. Stine – Goosebumps
- Tony Donbavand – Scream Street
- Dr Who – Ben 10
- Simon Bartram – Man on the Moon
- Pete Johnson – Spook School
- Barry Hutchison – Invisible Fiends
- Julia Jarman – The Crow Haunting
- Penelope Lively – The Ghost of Thomas Kemp
- Joseph Delaney – Spooks series

#### Fantasy
- Eoin Colfer – Artemis Fowl series
- Angie Sage – Araminta Spook, Septimus Heap
- Cressida Cowell – How to Train a Dragon
- Jove Jansson – Finn Family Moomintroll
- Diterlizzi and Black – Spiderwick
- Emily Rhodda – Deltora Quest
- Philip Reeve – Mortal Engines Quartet
- Michael Scott – The Magician
- Christopher Paolini – Eragon
- Philip Pullman – His Dark Materials Trilogy
- Iva Ibbotson – Michelle Paver
- Marcus Sedgwick
- Rick Riordan – Percy Jackson series

#### Sport and hobbies
- Jonny Zucker – Football
- Sophie Smiley – Football
- Bob Cattell – Cricket
- Jane Lawes – Gym Stars
- Darcey Bussell – Dance
- Arlene Phillips – Dance
- Pippa Funnell – Riding
- Linda Chapman – Bakery

#### Animals
- Andrew Cope - Spy Dog series
- AA Milne
- Jenny Oldfield
- Holly Webb – The Secret Kitten
- Dick King-Smith – The Fox Busters
- Gill Lewis – Sky Hawk
- EB White – Charlotte’s web
- Pippa Funnell
- Lucy Daniels

#### Adventure
- Erich Kastner – Emil and the Detectives
- Hergé – Tintin
- Gosginny – Asterix
- Cornelia Funke – Inkheart
- Michael Morpurgo – Adolphus Tips
- Jenny Nimmo – Charlie Bone
- Terence Blacker – Ms Wiz
- Lemony Snicket
- Charlie Small

#### Historical
- Roald Dahl – George’s Marvellous Medicine
- Morris Gleitzman
- Michael Lawrence
- Sorrel Anderson – The Clumseys
- Lincoln Pierce – Big Nate series
- Andy Stanton – Mr Gum series
- Ann Jungman – Vlad the Drac series
- Dave Pilkey – Captain Underpants
- Harry Winkler – Hank Zipser
- Jeff Kinney – The Wimpy Kid series
- Jeremy Strong

#### Family and Friends
- Jacqueline Wilson – Tracy Beaker
- Megan McDonald – Judy Moody
- Louis Sachar – Redpath series
- Astrid Lindgren – Pippi Longstocking
- Roald Dahl
- Robert Swindells
- Rosie Banks – Secret Kingdom
- Kelly Mckain
- David Almond – Skellig
- Anne Fine – Bill’s New Frock
- David Walliams
- Karen McCombie
- Judy Brolin – Petbotts

#### Humorous
- Enid Blyton
- Helen Dunmore

#### Spies/Secret Agent/Crime
- James Patterson
- Annie Dalton – Angel series
- Charlie Higson – Young Bond series
- Mark Walden – H.I.V.E series
- F W Dixon – The Hardy Boys series
- M G Harris – The Joshua Files
- H L Dennis – Secret Breakers series

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#### Historical
- Antony Horowitz – Diamond Brothers, Alex Rider
Websites for reading suggestions:

**Under 8s**
http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk  
http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org

**8-12 years**
http://readitlovedit.com  
http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk  
www.childrensbooksequels.co.uk

**Children’s Cyber Library at:**
http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/leisureandtourism/libraries/cyberlibrary/childrenscyberlibrary/clchildrensbook.htm

**Parents**
http://www.readingagency.org.uk  
http://www.literacytrust.org.uk