

# Summer Reading: Junior

The aim of a summer reading list is to encourage as much reading as possible over the summer break! More enthusiastic readers may like to look at the Year 5 and 6 list for a little more inspiration. You might even find something to help you with the Summer Reading Book Bingo!

## **Balloon to the Moon by Gill Arbuthnott**

Long before anyone had designed a rocket, the Montgolfier brothers were making hot air balloons. In October 1783, they became the first people to experience controlled flight. Balloon to the Moon starts there and leads to Neil Armstrong's 'small step' and beyond. But why stop there?

## **The Adventures of Harry Stevenson by Ali Pye**

Meet Harry Stevenson. He doesn't live in a castle, or a witch's cottage, or anywhere exciting like that. His home is in a flat with seven-year-old Billy and his mum and dad. And at first glance, Harry doesn't seem any different from your average guinea pig.

## **The Extraordinary Life of Katherine Johnson by Devika Jina**

In 1969 history was made when the first humans stepped on the moon. Back on earth, one woman was running the numbers that ensured they got there and back in one piece.

## **Dog Diaries: Mission Impawsible by Steven Butler & James Patterson**

You'll never guess what, my person-pal... I'M GOING TO HOLLYWOOD! And, what's even better? All my best mutt-mates are coming with me! But my dreams of being talent-spotted while walking down streets paved with sausage meat don't quite come true...

## **Ottoline and the Yellow Cat by Chris Riddell**

Ottoline loves solving puzzles, and her friend, Mr Munro, a cat with a distinct personality and a number of foibles. The two set out to resolve the mystery of the lapdogs who are being stolen from all over town.

## **Atticus Claw Breaks the Law by Jennifer Gray**

Atticus Claw is a cat with a background. And not in a good way... he is the world's leading cat burglar and, when he's approached by the equally criminal Jimmy Magpie to steal all the sparkling gems in Littleton-on-Sea, the pair looks set for a life of crime. But then Atticus Claw meets Inspector Cheddar and his family and soon he sees there is more to life than crime...

## **The Race Kangaroo Cliff by Alexander McCall Smith**

Ben and Fee MacTavish and the rest of the School Ship Tobermory crew head down under to take part in a tall ships race, but after a good start the Tobermory runs aground after it drops out to rescue a local boy, Kimba, stranded on rocks. When the ship's dog Henry disappears, Kimba helps Ben, Fee and their friends find him.

## **Wave me Goodbye by Jacqueline Wilson**

Shirley is a bit of a misfit, a daydreamer, happiest with imaginary friends. Awkward and shy, she's one of the last evacuees from her school to be adopted and is finally forced on a wealthy elderly lady and her housekeeper with two boys similarly rejected. The arrival of the three youngster shakes up the household!

**Emily Windsnap and the Falls of Forgotten Island** by Liz Kessler

Emily, an ordinary girl on land and a magical mermaid in water, is overdue a break from excitement – as her exhausted best friend Shona keeps reminding her! So, promising to stay out of trouble, Emily invites Shona for a relaxing holiday in the sun... but it seems adventure is hot on her heels – and her tail.

**Barkbelly** by Cat Weatherill

Brought up by loving human parents, Barkbelly is a little wooden boy who goes on the run after a tragic accident. The world he encounters is full of the unexpected, including pirates, giant hedgehogs and life in the circus. Barkbelly's adventures take the reader on a rollercoaster of the unexpected in a beautifully realised fantasy world.

**Anton and Piranha** by Milena Baisch

A glorious summer holiday is ruined for Anton when he discovers that the campsite has no pool! How can he show off his dive bombing and his swimming prowess? Instead, there is a lake. Unluckily, Anton hates lakes. It will take a miracle to get him into that murky water. Can the miracle happen? How Anton overcomes his prejudice is hilarious and delightful.

**A Room Full of Chocolate** by Jane Elson

Grace's fun-loving Mum has found a lump. Her north London world of sleepovers, tap dancing and playing the clarinet fall apart when she is sent to live with her grumpy old granddad on his farm in Yorkshire while her mother goes into hospital to get better. A story of courage and friendship that will tug at your heart strings. A *Goodnight Mister Tom* for today - this is a book that will make you laugh and cry.

**Harper and the Circus of Dreams** by Cerrie Burnell

Late one evening, as the stars begin to twinkle, Harper and her friends are flying on the scarlet umbrella when they see a girl running on air, skipping along a tightrope. She leads them to the Circus of Dreams, suspended in the air by hot air balloons. As the children meet the mermaid acrobat, the spectacular circus baker, the mysterious fortune teller and the acrobatics troop, they begin to release something about Harper's past...

**The Great Escape** by Megan Rix

Like Michel Morpurgo, Megan Rix writes many beautifully observed stories of animals and their interactions with humans. This is the story of Robert and Lucy Edwards, who are forced to leave their precious pets behind when they are evacuated to Devon at the start of the Second World War; but it is also the story of the three animals who make a courageous journey across the country to find their owners.

## **Tried and tested favourites:**

**Emil and the Detectives** by Erich Kastner

**Goth Girl** by Chris Riddell

**The Indian in the Cupboard** by Lynne Reid Banks

**My Naughty Little Sister series** by Dorothy Edwards

**The Peppermint Pig** by Nina Bawden

**The Indoor Pirates** by Jeremy Strong

**100 Mile an Hour Dog series** by Jeremy Strong

**Charlie and the Chocolate factory** by Roald Dahl

**Percy Jackson series** by Rick Riordan

**Cliffhanger** by Jacqueline Wilson

## **More suitable for reading aloud, or to be read to:**

**The Wind in the Willows** by Kenneth Grahame

**The Just So Stories** by Rudyard Kipling

**Nonsense Songs** by Edward Lear

**The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett

**Winnie the Pooh series** by A.A. Milne

**Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White

**5 Children and It** by E. Nesbitt