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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Reading for Pleasure

Here at Habs, we strongly believe that one of the most important things in a child's early education is reading for pleasure. We recommend that prior to your son starting Habs, you continue to build the habit of reading to him daily, at the same time as encouraging him to look at books independently.

We do not give prescriptive booklists in the Prep School as we believe that each child has their own individual reading tastes and should be choosing their own reading material, which will then motivate them to read.

Instead, we encourage visits to libraries and bookshops to access as wide a range of books as possible. However, we also recognise that it's helpful to have some guidance. Here are series that have been particularly popular with our current Year 4 and Year 5 students.

- The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook
- The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood
- The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan
- Bunny vs Monkey by Jamie Smart
- The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf
- The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
- Anisha Accidental Detective by Serena Patel
- The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi
- Wed Wabbit by Lissa Evans
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
- Saving Neverland by Abi Elphinstone
- Emil and the Detectives by Erich Kastner
- The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

We would also encourage you and your son to

- Read fairy and folk tales from different cultures and ancient mythologies
- Browse periodicals at the local library, such as First News, The Week Junior etc.
- Read age-appropriate non-fiction
- Read aloud poetry

We look forward to welcoming your son to the Habs library!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Clare Zinkin
Prep Library

