

Habs

HABERDASHERS'
BOYS' SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Reading

Here at Habs, we strongly believe that reading is one of the most important things in a child's early education. We recommend that prior to your child starting here, you continue to build the habit of reading to them daily, at the same time as encouraging them to read independently and talk about their reading.

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

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 books that have been particularly popular with our current Year 4 students.

- Shipwrecked by Jenny Pearson
- The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
- The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan
- How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell
- Dragon Mountain by Katie and Kevin Tsang
- Hercules: The Diary of a Sort of Hero by Tom Vaughan
- Turtle Moon by Hannah Gold
- The Time Keys series by MG Leonard
- Loki by Louie Stowell

We would also encourage you and your child 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 and poetry

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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Clare Zinkin
Head of Reading/Prep Librarian

