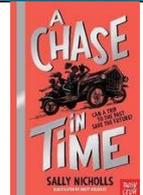
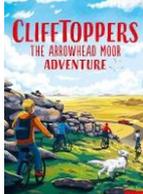
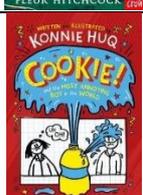
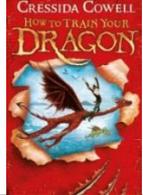


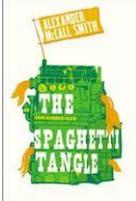
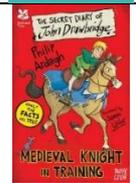
This list contains a variety of books that cover a wide range of reading interests and abilities. Most of the books listed are available in the school library.

A comprehensive list including further information and extracts is available at www.lovereadingschools.co.uk. Look for King's House School under 'Find my School'.

For Starters/ Quick Reads:

These books are recommended for starters, to help the boys build their reading stamina as well as for the simple pleasure of a quick & easy read. They may appeal to reluctant readers as they are shorter in length and often interspersed with illustrations.

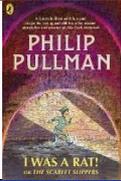
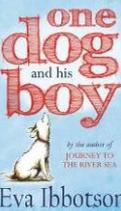
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	A Boy and a Bear in a Boat***	Dave Shelton	Friendship – Humour - Survival
	A Chase in Time	Sally Nicholls	Humour – Time-travel-Adventure
	Clifftoppers series***	Fleur Hitchcock	One of our Battle of the Books 2020 choices. Adventure – mystery – independence For Enid Bylton fans
	Cookie and the Most Annoying Boy in the World	Konnie Huq	Fun – energetic – inspiring for young scientists
	Goth Girl series	Chris Riddell	Ghosts – magic – fantastic illustrations
	How to train a Dragon	Cressida Cowell	Vikings – dragons – adventures - battles

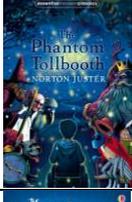
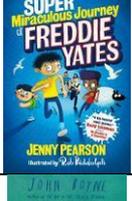
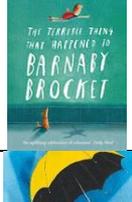
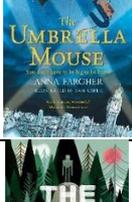
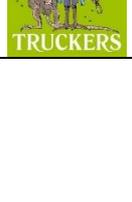
	The Royal Rabbits of London	Santa Montefiore, Simon Sebag Montefiore	Rabbits save the Queen!
	The Spaghetti Tangle The Precious Mystery series	Alexander McCall Smith	Food – fun - adventure
	The Willoughbys	Lois Lowry	Kids versus Parents
	Saving Winslow	Sharon Creech	A boy, his donkey – love, loss & compassion!
	The Secret Diary of... series	Philip Ardagh	Historical diaries full of illustrations, facts and fun!

Recommended Reads:

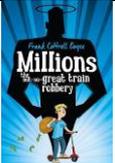
A step up from the quick reads. These books are more of a meaty/ in-depth read.

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	Boy Under Water	Adam Baron	Family – love - loss Contains some upsetting themes
	Five Children on the Western Front	Kate Saunders	A funny, thoughtful account of WWI
	Goblins	Philip Reeve	Goblins, monsters, knights and laugh-out-loud humour!

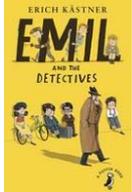
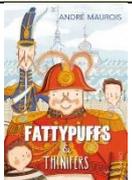
	Ghost Knight	Cornelia Funke	Ghosts – boarding school - adventure
	Kensuke's Kingdom*	Michael Morpurgo	This story of friendship will take you through every emotion you can think of, from great joy and laughter to utter sadness and loss.
	I was a Rat! Or, The Scarlet Slippers	Philip Pullman	Fast-paced alternative to traditional fairy tales
	Midnight for Charlie Bone series	Jenny Nimmo	Family – magic - mystery
	One Dog and His Boy***	Eva Ibbotson	Love – friendship and the power of animals to provide it! An adventure for animal lovers.
	Osbert the Avenger	Christopher William-Hill	Gruesomely funny tales of injustice and revenge. For those with a dark sense of humour!
	Pax	Sara Pennypacker	A story of enduring friendship between a boy and a fox. Beautifully written. Survival – family - friendship
	Shadow Forest	Matt Haig	Siblings embark on a fantastical woodland adventure.
	The Boy at the back of the class***	Onjali Q Rauf	Battle of the books Year 4 choice: Friendship – refugees - empathy

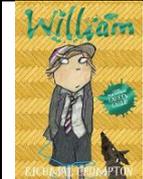
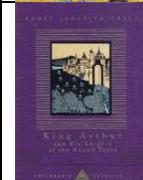
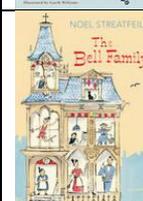
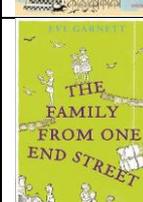
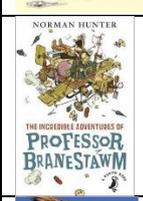
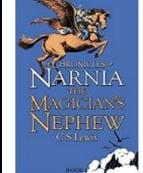
	The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas	David Almond	A life-affirming, funny and fishy tale about one boy's journey from anguish to joy.
	The Land of Roar***	Jenny McLachlin	One of our Battle of the Books choices. Fantasy – Humour - Heart
	The Phantom Tollbooth***	Norman Juster	Lost after the magic of Harry Potter? Try this time-travelling, magical fantasy!
	The Super-Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates***	Jenny Pearson	One of our Battle of the Books choices. Three boys on an incredible journey – brilliantly funny, heart-warming adventure, sprinkled with miracles.
	The Terrible Thing that happened to Barnaby Brocket	John Boyne	Family – adventure – not conforming!
	The Umbrella Mouse*** Umbrella Mouse to the Rescue	Anna Fargher	Follow Pip's adventure as part of an animal resistance group during WWII.
	The Wild Robot/ The Wild Robot Escapes***	Peter Brown	Follows Ros the robot & her animal friends in a magnificent exploration of what it means to be human.
	The Wilderness War	Julia Green	Protest – friendship and the great outdoors!
	Truckers	Terry Pratchett	The fantastically funny first book of the nomes (four inches tall, brave, stubborn and very resourceful)!

For more of a challenge:

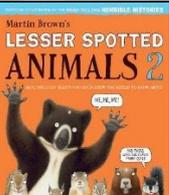
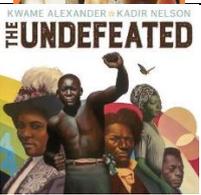
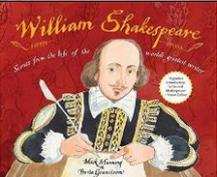
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	Charmed Life	Diana Wynne Jones	
	Listen to the Moon***	Michael Morpurgo	WWII, family, love, war and forgiveness
	Millions and others by FCB	Frank Cottrell Boyce	Funny, thought-provoking story of two brothers trying to spend millions.
	The Last Wild* trilogy	Piers Torady	Imagine a world where animals no longer exist – Kester can't, but what can he do to save them from extinction?
	The Legend of Podkin One-Ear series	Kieran Larwood	One of our Battle of the Books choices. Fantast – warrior rabbits – good vs evil

Classic texts:

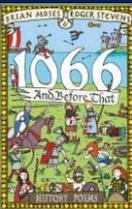
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	Emil and the Detectives	Erich Kästner	One of the first children's detective stories. Action takes place on a train
	Fattypuffs and Thinnifers	Andre Maurois	Two brothers – one fat, one thin – find themselves in battle.
	Five Children and It	E. Nesbit	Magic and adventure – a story about fairies and what-ifs.

	Just William	Richmal Crompton	The classic tale of everyone's favourite schoolboy troublemaker.
	King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table*	Roger Lancelyn Green	The legends of King Arthur – a more challenging but rewarding read.
	Peter Pan	J.M. Barrie	Childhood classic – Peter and the children's adventures in Neverland
	Stuart Little	E. B. White	Enchanting tale of a mouse small in size but not in spirit
	The Bell Family	Noel Streatfeild	Meet the big, happy Bell family & follow them through troubled times and hilarious escapades.
	The Family from One End Street	Eve Garnett	Family – freedom – fun from a by-gone era
	The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler	Gene Kemp	Classic school boy tale with a twist
	The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm	Norman Hunter	Follow the weird and wonderful inventions of this somewhat mad professor!
	The Magician's Nephew	C.S. Lewis	The first in the Narnia series

Illustrated/ Non-fiction:

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	Everest	Alexandra Stewart/ Joe Todd-Stanton	The remarkable story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay
	Lesser Spotted Animals	Gill Lewis	Informative and funny facts about animals you never knew existed
	The Undefeated	Kwame Alexander	A brilliantly bold, poetically rousing picture book presentation of Black American history and achievements
	William Shakespeare Scenes from the Life of the World's Greatest Writer	Mick Manning	Full of fascinating facts and impressive detail presented in their trademark pictorial and accessible style

Poetry:

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	1066 and Before That	Brian Moses/ Roger Stevens	A fantastic collection of history poems that conjure up the sights, sounds and smells of the past
	Love that dog	Sharon Creech	A boy who writes poetry
	Werewolf Club Rules! And Other Poems	Joseph Coelho	From funny and fantastical to spooky and spellbinding

*- May contain more mature themes &/or language

***- favourites in the library

Tips for encouraging reading at home:

- Set a regular time for reading each day;
- Help your child to get started with new books – ‘buddy read’ the first few chapters together (alternating a page each);
- 3 words rule – Read a few pages aloud together. Your child should be able to read and understand (explain) at least 90% of the words on the page. If there are more than 3 words on a page that your child is not familiar/ comfortable with then this might not be the right book for them right now, in which case, consider putting it aside for a later date when they are ready to enjoy it.
- Read a variety of books – we don’t always fancy a heavy, challenging read – so it’s ok if your child wants to choose something lighter, what’s important is that they read for pleasure. Perhaps challenge them to read something ‘meatier’ when they have more time e.g. half term or holidays.
- Exhibit a love of reading. When your child observes that you enjoy & make time for reading, they are more likely to develop a love of reading themselves.

If your son is struggling to find something from the list to get started on or is looking for more stretching reads then please feel free to get in touch with the Librarian, Helen Ingham, on ingham.h@kingshouseschool.org for further recommendations.