



KEY STAGE 3 SUGGESTED READING LIST



How I live Now by Meg Rosoff

Fifteen-year-old Elizabeth (who goes by the name of Daisy) is sent from the United States to stay with her aunt Penn and her children, Daisy's cousins, on a remote farm in the United Kingdom during the outbreak of a fictional third world war of the 21st century.

Boy and Going Solo by Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl's bestselling autobiography, is full of hilarious anecdotes about his childhood and school days, illustrated by Quentin Blake. As a boy, all sorts of unusual things happened to Roald Dahl. There was the time he and four school friends got their revenge on beastly Mrs Prachett in her sweet shop.



The Cay by Theodore Taylor

A novel which deals with childhood, war and racism. It is about Phillip Enright, a young boy who is shipwrecked in the Caribbean. With the help of Timothy and Stew Cat, he survives on a tiny cay, or island, for four months before being rescued by a navy ship. This is an enthralling read for teenagers and adults alike. It puts across the issues of racism in a simple but direct and unsentimental way.

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started that treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.

The book weaves an extraordinary and heartbreaking tale of mischief, healing and above all, the courage it takes to survive.



I'm the King of the Castle by Susan Hill

Joseph Hooper has inherited a large house, Warings, and lives with his 10-year-old son Edmund Hooper. They have a cold, formal relationship that lacks any compassion. Joseph announces that a housekeeper will be moving in, and will bring her son who is of a similar age to Edmund. Mrs. Helena Kingshaw and her son Charles arrive at Warings. Edmund becomes defensive of his house, and instantly takes a dislike to Charles. He proceeds to taunt and bully Charles. A good book for Year 8 pupils to compare to Lord of the Flies.

Animal Farm by George Orwell

One of Orwell's finest works, it is a political fable based on the events of Russia's Bolshevik revolution and the betrayal of the cause by Joseph Stalin. The book concerns a group of barnyard animals who overthrow and chase off their exploitative human masters and set up an egalitarian society of their own.

