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Summary

This advice sheet offers a list of some materials suitable for Key Stage 2 readers who are significantly advanced. Materials are listed according to maturity of theme and/or language. In the fiction list a single asterisk* denotes that part of a series or individual titles by an author are of more advanced content; a double asterisk** denotes works that overlap Key Stage 3 material in school. Additional advice sheets containing lists of reading material for high learning potential Key Stage 1 and Early Years readers are also available.

Introduction

We are often asked for ideas for reading material for advanced readers. Whilst we acknowledge that children have diverse tastes in their reading, this list can be used as a general guide to age-appropriate more advanced reading material. In order for children to develop as readers, it is a good idea for them to broaden their horizons by varying the subject, format and media.

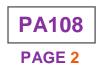
Supporting a High Learning Potential Key Stage 2 Reader

High learning potential children's emotional development is often out of line with their reading ability and anyone supporting them needs to consider the appropriateness of the subject of the book, along with the level of difficulty. It is important that high learning potential children are given opportunities to read aloud even though they can read well and fluently, since they will come across unfamiliar words in their reading and they may get into the habit of mispronouncing them.

High learning potential children will also benefit from practising new vocabulary by incorporating them in written work after checking the meaning with an adult or using a (virtual) dictionary (http://www.thesaurus.com or_http://www.visuwords.com) and looking for synonyms.

Theme reading on particular topics of interest will help to develop these and broaden the scope of their reading: moving from a book they have enjoyed to information books about the theme then back to another fiction book.

To support the development of comprehension skills, set tasks that ask about the feelings of the characters, why they did things, and other questions that help your child to read between the lines and provide examples from the text to back up their ideas. Open-ended questions can also be asked about a book: Why did X happen? What do you think will happen next? and (if not part of the story), What do you think happened before? Use higher order thinking skills to set tasks based on books: Compare the characters X and Y (analyse). How would you rate this book in terms of plot, entertainment value, etc? (evaluate). Come up with a new story verbally with the same theme but in a different setting (create).





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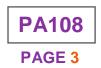
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Periodicals

- First News. A weekly newspaper for children.
- The Week Junior. A weekly current affairs magazine for ages 8-14.
- How it Works. A monthly science and technology magazine for young minds.
- Aquila. A monthly magazine for children aged 8-12 with brain-stretching ideas covering science, history and general knowledge.
- National Geographic Kids. A monthly children's magazine including animals, science and nature, history, geography
- BBC Focus. A monthly science and technology magazine
- Whizz Pop Bang. A monthly science magazine for ages 6-11

Non-Fiction

- *Timelines of World History* by Jane Chisholm. An Usborne book of information, comparisons and illustrations, from wars and revolutions to ground-breaking inventions, discoveries and artistic movements.
- A Really Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson. The wonder and mysteries of time and space; scientists and the methods they used; theories which held sway for far too long; accidental discoveries; how the universe exists and life came to be on our planet.
- Daily Life In Ancient Egypt by Don Nardo. One of a series of books exploring what life was
 really like for everyday people in Ancient Egypt. Using primary sources and information
 from archaeological discoveries, it uncovers some fascinating insights and explodes some
 myths.
- Children's Book of Philosophy by Sarah Tomley and Marcus Weeks. Delve into the minds
 of the world's most famous philosophers and discovers the answers to the world's big
 questions, from Socrates and Aristotle to Kant and Confucius.
- Philosophy for Kids: 40 Fun Questions That Help You to Wonder by David White. Inspire animated discussions of questions that concern all of us with this interactive book.
- All About Politics by Andrew Marr and Dorling Kindersley. A straight-talking guide to how
 politics really work. Examines political structures and ideas from ancient Greek philosophy
 to modern governments.
- Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes and Monsters
 by Donna Jo Napoli. Timeless stories of Greek myths brought to life with lyrical text and
 artwork.
- Basher Science by Simon Basher, Dan Green and Adrian Dingle. A series of illustrated books, examining science topics such as the periodic table, technology and microbiology.
- The Story of the Olympics by Richard Brassey. A lowdown on the modern Olympic games, packed full of records and reputations, cheats and champs, victors and venues.
- Knowledge Encyclopedia Space! by Dorling Kindersley. Amazing space facts and NASA images revealing the wonders of the cosmos, from black holes to the big bang.





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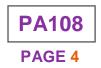
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- The Worst Children's Jobs in History by Sir Tony Robinson. Stories of all the children whose work fed the nation, kept trains running, and put clothes on everyone's backs, over the last few hundred years of Britain's history.
- Story of the Titanic by Steve Noon. Cutaway artworks provide a full insight into the 'unsinkable ship' from its planning, building and fateful maiden voyage, to attempts to reclaim it from the ocean.
- Hello World! Computer Programming for Kids and Other Beginners by Warren and Carter Sande. An introduction to computer programming in Python.
- Get Coding! Learn HTML, CSS, and JavaScript and Build a Website, App, and Game by Young Rewired State. Help Professor Bairstone and Dr Day keep the Monk Diamond safe from dangerous jewel thieves; learn coding skills in bite-size chunks.
- 13 Photos Children Should Know by Brad Finger. Some of the world's most renowned pictures. Other books in this series include 13 Paintings Children Should Know, 13 Sculptures Children Should Know and 13 Buildings Children Should Know.

Fiction

Classics (Pre-1970)

- Emil and the Detectives by Erich Kästner
- The Railway Children, Five Children and It, The Story of the Amulet and The Phoenix and the Carpet by Edith Nesbit
- Charlotte's Web by E. B. White
- The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
- The Borrowers by Mary Norton
- Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie
- Just William series by Richmal Crompton
- What Katy Did Next by Susan Coolidge
- Anne of Green Gables series by Lucy Maud Montgomery
- Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce
- Stig of the Dump by Clive King
- The Chronicles of Narnia series by C. S. Lewis
- Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome
- The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
- Charlotte Sometimes by Penelope Farmer
- Tintin books by Hergé
- The Changes trilogy by Peter Dickinson
- I am David by Anne Holm
- The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier

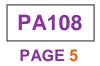




- The Hobbit and The Fellowship of the Ring by J. R. R. Tolkien
- The Call of the Wild and White Fang by Jack London
- A Christmas Carol and Oliver Twist ** by Charles Dickens
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

Modern

- I Am a Tree by Kaye Umansky
- The Meanwhile Adventures by Roddy Doyle
- A Handful of Magic series by Stephen Elboz
- How to Train your Dragon series by Cressida Cowell
- Flood and Fang (Raven Mysteries series), My Swordhand is Singing* by Marcus Sedgwick
- Beaver Towers series by Nigel Hinton
- Moondial, Lizzie Dripping series by Helen Cresswell
- The Diamond Brothers series, Groosham Grange series, The Devil and his Boy, Granny*
 by Anthony Horowitz
- The Haunting of Charity Delafield by Ian Beck
- Superfudge by Judy Bloom
- Fruit and Nutcase by Jean Ure
- At the Firefly Gate by Linda Newberry
- The City of Ember series by Jeanne DuPrau
- Araminta Spook series by Angie Sage
- Roman Mysteries series by Caroline Lawrence
- Model Under Cover series by Carina Axelsson
- The Great Brain, More Adventures of the Great Brain and Me and My Little Brain by John D Fitzgerald
- Asterix and Obelix graphic novels by Goscinny and Uderzo
- Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald J Sobol
- The Animals of Farthing Wood series by Colin Dann
- The Snow Spider, The Chestnut Soldier, Emlyn's Moon, The Charlie Bone series by Jenny Nimmo
- The Midnight Gang, Grandpa's Great Escape, Gangsta Granny by David Walliams
- The Bromeliad trilogy, The Tiffany Aching series, Johnny Maxwell trilogy by Terry Pratchett
- The Various by Steve Augarde
- Journey to the River Sea and Dial-a-Ghost by Eva Ibbotsen
- The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
- The Ghost of Thomas Kempe and A Stitch in Time by Penelope Lively
- When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr

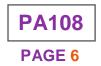




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- Rose series by Holly Webb
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- Ruby Redfort series by Lauren Child
- Inkheart series and Dragonrider by Cornelia Funke
- Howl's Moving Castle, House of Many Ways, Chrestomanci series by Dianna Wynne Jones
- The Familiars series by Adam Epstein and Andrew Jacobson
- The Phantom Tollbooth by Norman Juster
- Aquila by Andrew Norriss
- The Weirdstone of Brisingamen, Elidor and The Owl Service by Alan Garner
- Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan
- A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
- Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling
- The Demon Headmaster series by Gillian Cross
- Dog Zombies Rule by Tom Gates
- Lion Boy series by Zizou Corder
- Carrie's War and Peppermint Pig by Nina Bawden
- Noah Barleywater Runs Away, The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** by John Boyne
- The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar by Roald Dahl
- The Suitcase Kid by Jacqueline Wilson
- Awful End by Philip Ardagh
- The Eighteenth Emergency by Betsy Byars
- The Other Side of Truth by Beverley Naidoo
- The 10pm Question by Kate di Goldi
- Pig-heart Boy and Hacker by Malorie Blackman
- Millions by Frank Cotterell Boyce
- Holes by Louis Sacher
- The Firework Maker's Daughter, The Tin Princess, Clockwork, His Dark Materials* trilogy by Philip Pullman
- Skellig by David Almond
- The Machine Gunners by Robert Westall
- The Crowstarver by Dick King-Smith
- Once by Morris Gleitzman
- Watership Down by Richard Adams
- The Last Dragon Chronicles by Chris d'Lacey
- Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian
- The Young Bond series by Charlie Higson
- The Witches by Roald Dahl
- The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black
- The Surya trilogy by Jamila Gavin





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- The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd
- Moon Bear, White Dolphin, Sky Hawk by Gill Lewis
- Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird
- Flour Babies and The Tulip Touch* by Anne Fine
- Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series by Michelle Paver
- Predator Cities series by Philip Reeve
- Seraphina and Shadow Scale by Rachel Hartman
- Inventing Elliot* by Graham Gardner
- Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror by Chris Priestley
- Artemis Fowl series, Supernaturalist* by Eoin Colfer
- Skullduggery Pleasant* series by Derek Landy
- Tanglewreck by Jeanette Winterson
- Double Identity by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Hunger Games** trilogy by Suzanne Collins
- Divergent** series by Veronica Roth
- Kensuke's Kingdom and Private Peaceful** by Michael Morpurgo

Autobiography

• Boy**, Going Solo** by Roald Dahl

Poetry

- Poetry Pie by Roger McGough. Over 50 poems full of wit and wisdom, with word play, puns and sharp observations on themes ranging from food and animals to school and ghouls.
- Classic Poetry: An Illustrated Collection selected by Michael Rosen. Over eighty of the most memorable poems written in the English language, from William Blake's "The Tyger" to Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky".
- Silly Verse for Kids by Spike Milligan. A collection of absurd, ridiculous, sublime and characteristically anarchic verse for children.
- The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. Ride with the highwayman and recoil from the terrible fate that befalls him and his sweetheart Bess, the landlord's daughter.
- The Lady of Shallott by Lord Alfred Tennyson. A romantic poem, t the story of the mysterious Lady of Shalott.
- Beowulf by anon., retold by Kevin Crossly-Holland. Beowulf is an epic poem from Anglo-Saxon England. It recounts the heroic struggles of one man against supernatural monsters.
- Peacock Pie by Walter de la Mare. The finest of his poems for children, accompanied by original illustrations from Edward Ardizzone.





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- The Barefoot Book of Classic Poetry by Jackie Morris and Carol Ann Duffy. Classic poems
 from English literary tradition that trace our journey through life with a thoughtful blend of
 humour and playfulness, poignancy and nostalgia.
- The Complete Nonsense of Edward Lear by Edward Lear. Includes the limericks, longer verses, alphabets and his own illustrations.

Further Information

PA107 Reading List for Key Stage 1 High Learning Potential Children	Comprises a list of some materials suitable for confident Key Stage 1 readers who are ready to move on. The materials are listed in ascending order of difficulty.
PA401 Supporting High Learning Potential in English (Primary)	Covers how to recognise high learning potential in English at the Primary level, as well as how parents and carers can support a child with high learning potential and/or a strong interest in this. There are also links to further resources in this subject area.
www.commonsensemedia.org/book- lists	Common Sense Media recommends children's books for families
www.lovereading4kids.co.uk	Love Reading 4 Kids offers reviews of books and a search facility.
www.thebookbag.co.uk/reviews/index .php?title=Category:Confident_Read ers	Bookbag includes reviews and top ten lists. Books are sorted by subject and type of book, rather than being age specific.
schoolreadinglist.co.uk	The School Reading List suggests reading books for primary and secondary aged children in the UK.
Some of My Best Friends Are Books: Guiding Gifted Readers from Preschool to High School by Judith Wynn Halsted	Books can be wonderful bridges for communications on feelings, values and decision-making. The extensive indexing makes it easy to select appropriate books that are interesting to a particular child.

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