

BISHOP WINNINGTON-INGRAM C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

**What is a Genre?**

Just to clarify what I mean by the genres chosen for each Year Group:

Animal stories	Animals are the main characters, e.g. Paddington Bear, Lassie, Black Beauty
Humorous	Joke books, comedy writing e.g. Dr Xargle's book of Earthlings. Not solely comics!
Non-fiction	On any subject of interest to the child
Poetry	As much variety as possible
Fairy tales/Fantasy	Puss in Boots, Lord of the Rings, Peter Pan - anything involving "other worlds"
School stories	Stories set in school e.g. the Trebizon series
Historical stories	Stories set in the past, fairly authentic
Poetry, Plays and Letters	A variety, to experience different styles
Everyday life	"Realistic" fiction, like Tracey Beaker, Just William
Science fiction	Stories set in the future or on different planets
Adventure and Mystery	Detective stories, spy stories, Famous Five etc.
Myths, Fables and Legends	From many other cultures - there are lots of Norse, Roman and Greek ones around

Please note that the specific books mentioned are not ones I especially recommend, just ones I thought you would all be familiar with! This is not meant to be prescriptive - by all means allow the children to read other genres, but they *should all read one book from the designated genre each half term.*

Books do not need to be bought; they may be borrowed from the school library or from public libraries. There will be discussions in class about the genres, and children will be expected to know which book they have read from the genre, and to be able to talk briefly about it. Some teachers may set occasional written tasks. This will give them a taste of many different genres and hopefully expand their reading repertoire.

**It is important that children read for enjoyment.** We hope that these ideas will help your child to find many different kinds of books that he/she will enjoy reading.

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