

Dear Parents,

We have put together some reading suggestions as recommended 'good reads' for children in each year group. The lists are not intended to be prescriptive, nor are they exhaustive; rather they are a place to start if you need some ideas about suitable books to help you guide your children on their reading journey. Many of the books can be found in our school library. The lists represent a range of fictional titles across many genres. Encourage your child to read from as many different types of books as possible. If your child is a reluctant or struggling reader, look at the lists from previous year groups too, and ask your child's teacher for advice.

All children (even strong, fluent readers) benefit enormously from sharing a book with an adult. We would encourage all parents to continue to read to and with their children, discussing the story, characters and language as you go. Make it a relaxed, enjoyable shared activity.

If your child is too tired to read in the evening, read to them and encourage them to follow the words while you read.

In addition to these stories, children should also be encouraged to read factual (non-fiction) books on subjects that interest them and/or about topics that they are learning about in school. Many children love to read poetry and there is a huge variety of modern, humorous, child-friendly verse in your local library and bookshops too.

The benefits of good reading habits cannot be underestimated for children of all ages. Research continues to evidence a strong link between reading habits and achievement at all levels of the education system. Parents often ask us what they can do to help their children with their education. We believe that one of the best things that you can do is to make reading a regular and pleasurable part of your child's life.

Happy Reading!

Year 6

Carrie's War	Nina Bawden
The Star of Kazan	Eva Ibbotson
Blindside	Aidan Chambers
The Weight of Water	Sarah Crossan
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr
Forgotten Voices of the Second World War	Max Arthur
The Diamond of Drury Lane	Julia Golding
Framed	Frank Cottrell Boyce
Homecoming	Cynthia Voigt
Holes	Louis Sachar
The Silver Sword	Ian Serraillier
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 $\frac{3}{4}$	Sue Townsend
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
Mortal Engines	Philip Reeve
Clockwork	Philip Pullman
Dragon Keeper	Carole Wilkinson
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Mark Haddon
Skullduggery Pleasant	Derek Landy
Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children	Ransom Riggs
Wizard of Oz	F Baum
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens
Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling
The Railway Children	E Nesbit
The Borrowers	M Norton
Pax	Sara Pennypacker
Alex Rider series	Anthony Horowitz
My Story series	Various authors
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl	Ed. Otto H Frank
Boy Overboard	Morris Gleitzman
Sabriel	Garth Nix
Between the Lines	Jodie Picoult
How to Capture an Invisible Cat	Paul Tobin
Wonder	R.J. Palacio
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	John Boyne
Clockwork	Philip Pulman
The Legend of Podkin One-Ear	Kieran Warwood
The Book of Dust	Philip Pulman
Small Steps	Louis Sachar
Sky Song	Abi Elphinstone
The Broken Heart Club	Cathy Cassidy

I am David	Anne Holm
Rooftoppers	Katherine Rundell