

Year 6 Reading List

We are often asked to recommend books that are popular with children and have a good literary content. Reading a range of modern and classic literature will also help your child to develop their vocabulary whilst enjoying their reading.

Research has found that children benefit from reading for pleasure in many ways including:

'Children who read for pleasure are likely to do significantly better at school than their peers, making greater progress in mathematics, development of vocabulary and spelling.'

(Sullivan & Brown, Social inequalities in cognitive scores at age 16: The role of reading, 2013)

'The lack of vocabulary knowledge is primarily caused by lack of opportunity not a lack of natural ability' (Chall et al)

'Poor vocabulary is the prime cause of academic failure' (Clegg et al)

Not only will it help their education and communication skills, but most importantly, they will really enjoy reading as long as they have a good book to suit their tastes.

We have therefore put together some suggestions for each year group in the form of a recommended reading list. We would also welcome your views and appreciate your suggestions about other books that could be added to the list.

Please remember that parents / carers have final responsibility for assessing the suitability of books that the children choose to read at home. If you want to find out more about a book, reading reviews and ratings on websites like www.lovereading4kids.co.uk and Amazon UK can often help.

If you would like any further information about reading, please ask your child's classteacher and we will be happy to help.

Author	Book Title
Richard Adams	Watership Down
Joan Aiken	The James III Sequence The Whispering Mountain
David Almond	Kit's Wilderness
Bernard Ashley	Little Soldier Rapid
Joyce Annette Barnes	Amistad Junior Novelization
Nina Bawden	Carrie's War The Outside Child The Real Plato Jones
Malorie Blackman	Hacker
Tim Bowler	River Boy Midget
Betsy Byars	The Pinballs Cracker Jackson The Summer of the Swans
Peter Carey	The Big Bazoochley
Lewis Carroll	Alice's Adventure in Wonderland
G K Chesterton	The Puffin Father Brown Stories
Agatha Christie	And Then There Were None
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Susan Cooper	The Dark is Rising Sequence The Boggart
Sharon Creech	The Wanderer Walk Two Moons Chasing Redbird
Helen Cresswell	Moondial
Gillian Cross	Wolf
Kevin Crossley-Holland	Beowulf
Daniel Defoe	Robinson Crusoe
Anita Desai	The Village By The Sea
Charles Dickens	A Christmas Carol
Berlie Doherty	Granny was a Buffer Girl A Parcel of Patterns Children of Winter
Gerald Durrell	My Favourite Animal Stories
T S Eliot	Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats
Anne Fine	Up of Cloud Nine The Tulip Torch
Paul Gallico	Jennie The Snow Goose
Leon Garfield	Black Jack The December Rose
Adele Geras	A Candle in the Dark
Libby Hathorn	Way Home
Anne Holm	I am David
Brian Jacques	The Redwall Series
Robin Jarvis	The Deptford Mice Trilogy The Whitby Witches
Erich Kastner	Emil and the Detectives
Gene Kemp	The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler
Rudyard Kipling	Just So Stories If
Dick King-Smith	The Crowstarver
Medeline L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time
Elizabeth Laird	Secret Friends Kiss the Dust
Charles and Mary Lamb	Tales from Shakespeare
Joan Lingard	The Guilty Party
Penelope Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
Michelle Magorian	Back Home
Margaret Mahy	The Haunting
John Masefield	The Box of Delights
Geraldine McCaughrean	Gold Dust
Kiran Millwood Hargrave	The Girl of Ink and Stars
L.M. Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables
Michael Morpurgo	Out of the Ashes From Hereabout Hill
Beverley Naidoo	The Other Side of Truth
Linda Newbery	Blitz Boys
Jenny Nimmo	Griffin's Castle

	The Snow Spider
Mary Norton	The Borrowers
Judith O'Neill	So Far From Skye
R.J. Palacio	Wonder
Ruth Park	Playing Beatie Bow
Katherine Paterson	Bridge to Terabithia Jacob Have I Loved
Jill Paton-Walsh	The Dolphin Crossing Fireweed
Philippa Pearce	Minnow on the Say The Way to Sattin Shore Tom's Midnight Garden
Terry Pratchett	The Johnny Maxwell Trilogy Truckers
Philip Pullman	I was a Rat The Scarecrow and his Servant The Adventures of the New Cut Gang The Northern Lights Trilogy
Arthur Ransome	Swallows and Amazons
Philip Ridley	Zinderzunder Krindlekrax Scribbleboy
James Riordan	The Prisoner
Katherine Roberts	The Great Pyramid Robbery
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter Series
Katherine Rundell	The Wolf Wilder
Marcus Sedgwick	Floodland The Dark House
Iain Serrallier	Silver Sword
Lemony Snicket	A Series of Unfortunate Events
Robert Louis Stevenson	Treasure Island
Rosemary Sutcliff	Sword Song The Mark of the Horse Lord Beowulf: Dragon Slayer The Eagle of the Ninth The Silver Branch The Witch's Brat
Robert Swindells	Hurricane Summer Abomination Brother in the Land Daz 4 Zoe Room 13 Smash Stone Cold Unbeliever
Mildred D Taylor	Let the Circle be Unbroken Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry The Road to Memphis
Alfred Lord Tennyson	The Lady of Shallot (poem)
Flora Thompson	Lark Rise to Candleford

J.R.R. Tolkien	The Hobbit
Theresa Tomlinson	Child of May The Cellar Lad The Herring Girls
Mark Twain	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Jules Verne	Around the World in 80 Days
Sylvia Waugh	The Menyms
Robert Westall	Blitz Cat The Machine Gunners The Scarecrows
Oscar Wilde	The Selfish Giant
Henry Williamson	Tarka the Otter
Diana Wynne Jones	Black Maria The Time of the Ghost