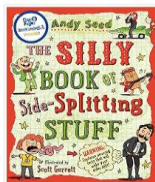


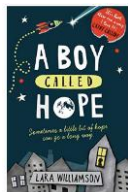
Dear Parents (and children),

These reading recommendations consist of a variety of fiction and non-fiction books for all ability ranges and interests. We recommend these authors, but they are only a selection of the latest titles available. We would love to see more children reading books so if you find a book that you would like to recommend, send a book review our way!



The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff by Andy Seed

An extremely funny book of funny facts and true stories which will appeal to reluctant readers. Bright and engaging illustrations.



A Boy Called Hope by Lara Williamson

An original and interesting peek into the life of Dan Hope and his dysfunctional family. Touching and thought provoking, this is an excellent book to read after Wonder by R.J. Palacio.



Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford

A moving and memorable story about time travel. When Al reads a letter, it sets off a chain of events in which he races to travel back to 1984 to try and save his late father.



The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

In this beautifully realised adventure story with elements of magic, myth and legend, Isabella finds herself the unlikely heroine tasked with saving world.



Eren by Simon P. Clark

A deceptively dark story about a boy taken by him mum to live in the country after a family drama. Eren is the strange and magical creature that lives in the attic. A story full of surprising and unpredictable twists.



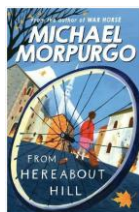
Carrie's War by Nina Bawden

Carrie and her brother Nick are evacuated to Wales to live with the strict Mr Evans. When Carrie visits Hepzibah Green she does perhaps the worst thing imaginable. How can she make things right?



Raspberries on the Yangtze by Karen Wallace

It began, said Nancy, 'the day my brother and I decided to poison our mother.' A memorable story about friendships and growing up from a child's point of view.

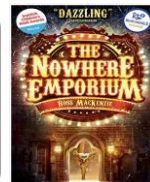


From Hereabout Hill by Michael Morpurgo

An enchanting collection of nice short stories by the former Children's Laureate.

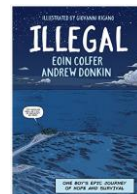
The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie

When a strange shop appears out of nowhere, Daniel finds himself drawn into the mysterious building, with its never-ending passages and surprises.



Illegal by Eoin Colfer

Ebo is left alone when his brother disappears. Now, he must set out on an epic and dangerous journey for a chance to escape and find his family.



Cogheart by Peter Bunzl

When her father goes missing, Lily's life is in sudden danger. Who took her father, and what do they want? A great page turner set in a steampunk Victorian world of shadowy clockmakers.



SeaBEAN by Sarah Holding

Set on the remote island of St Kilda, this is an interesting fantasy/reality story involving a magic black box that can transport 11 years old Alice and her friends to exotic and far flung locations.



The Railway Children by E. Nesbit

A classic story of adventure and loss. Three children and their mother leave their life in London to live in a small cottage in the country. Will they discover the mystery of their father's disappearance?



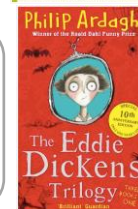
The What on Earth? Wallbook Timeline of Nature by Christopher Lloyd.

A mind-blowing fold out wallchart book which depicts life as we know it from the earliest cells to the present day. Produced in association with the National History Museum.



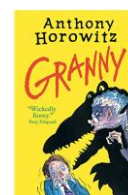
Awful End by Philip Ardagh

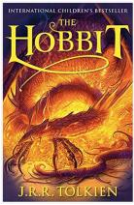
Eddie's parents fall horribly ill with a disease which leaves them yellow, smelly and wrinkled. He's sent to live with his mad relatives at Awful End. Will he ever get there?



Granny by Anthony Horowitz

Joe is miserable and longs to escape from his huge family mansion. But more dangerous is his evil granny who has truly horrid plans for him. Can Joe escape her clutches?



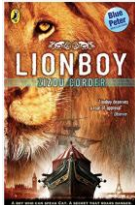


The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien

The classic tale of Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit, and his quest to travel with Gandalf and a band of dwarves to steal the treasure of a fearsome dragon.

Lion Boy by Zizou Corder

Charlie can speak to cats – and every type of cat – even a lion. He sets out on a perilous journey to find his kidnapped parents who have found a cure for asthma.

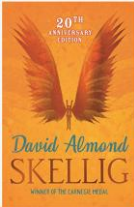
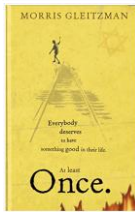


The Viewer by Gary Crew

An imaginative picture book to make your mind wonder and ask questions. Tristan finds an old picture viewing device in a rubbish dump and becomes drawn further into the places he sees – until finally he disappears into one of them.

Once by Morris Gleitzman

Everyone deserves to have something good in their life.....at least ONCE. A young Jewish boy is determined to find and rescue his parents from Nazi Germany.

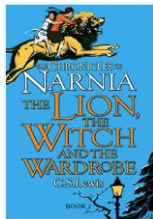


Skellig by David Almond

In the run-down garage of his new home, Michael finds a magical creature called Skellig. At the same time, Michael's baby sister is gravely ill in hospital. Somehow Skellig seems to hold the key to saving her.

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Ed. Otto H Frank

On her thirteenth birthday, just before Anne went into hiding, she was presented with a diary. During the two years she spent in hiding, Anne wrote about events in her secret Annex.

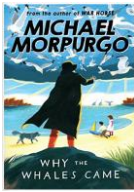
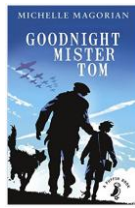


The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

When four children are evacuated to a country house, Lucy looks into the wardrobe and discovers a doorway to the world of Narnia with Aslan, Mr Tumnus and the White Witch.

Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian

Set during WW2, William Beech, a boy from London who is abused by his mother, arrives at the home of Mr Thomas Oakley, a bad-tempered widower in his sixties who lives in the village of Little Weirwold.

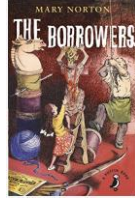


Why the Whales came by Michael Morpurgo

There are rumours that the Birdman is mad and dangerous. When Gracie and Daniel cannot find a place to sail their boats they eventually run into him.

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

A wonderful story about a family of tiny people who live secretly in the walls and floors of an English house and 'borrow' from the big people in order to survive.

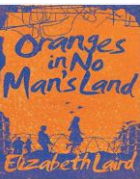
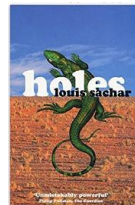


Wonder by R.J. Palacio

You can't blend in when you were born to stand out. An emotional and important tale of a 10-year-old boy with 'Mandibulofacial dysostosis'.

Holes by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he is not too surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre. What is a surprise is what Stanley has to do to fill his days and what he might find buried below?

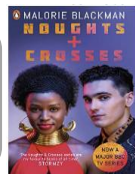


Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird

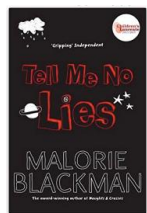
Ayesha is a ten-year-old living in Beirut. With no mother and her father off to find work, she is living with her grandmother and younger siblings. When he grandmother falls ill, she faces the biggest decision of her life.

Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman

A true love story that will lead both Sephy and Callum into terrible dance... and which will have shocking repercussions for generations to come.



Year 6 Challenging Reads



Tell Me No Lies by Malorie Blackman

Gemma struggles to deal with the pain of losing her mother and Mike struggles with a dark secret. When the two children meet they uncover a shocking past which explains both of their pasts. A gripping psychological thriller.

Orphans of the Tide by Struan Murray

In the last city in the World, anyone can be the enemy....
A gripping fantasy thriller packed with drama and unexpected twists.



A pocketful of stars by Aisha Bushby

This atmospheric and gripping read, set in Kuwait and London, follows Safiya and her mum as they struggle to find common ground as Safiya grows up.

Talking to the Moon by S.E. Durrant

A thought-provoking mystery novel about a grandmother suffering from dementia – told from a highly relatable and distinctive viewpoint.

