

Good Reads for Year Six and beyond!

The classification is loose – many titles sit between genres and many are so much better than a simple generic title might suggest.

The criteria for inclusion were as follows:

1. We have read each one with a child or group of children, enjoyed the book ourselves and can recall an enthusiastic response from at least one listener.
2. They are reasonably challenging reads and represent a step on from the familiar Blytons, J.K.Rowlings, Roald Dahls and Jacqueline Wilsons.
3. They expose the reader to the level of text they will need to be able to meet at the end of the year.

We have not given details about the plots since you can find these online -Amazon is a good starting point. As we all have our own opinions about what is suitable for our children, we would urge you review them yourself, both for their content and difficulty. Although not all children in Class Six are ready to read independently from this list, many of these books are great for you to read to your child. If you haven't tried it since they were younger, give it another go - it's even more fun when you are able to share a story on a more equal basis. Contrary to what you might expect, it is generally the better readers in Class Six who report that they still read with parents and have stories read to them regularly.

If these books are outside your child's interest level we can try to suggest others –the important thing is exposure to writing that increases vocabulary, demands greater concentration and inferential understanding and provides complexity of plot, character and description. Oh, and you are allowed to enjoy them too!

Please let us know if you have any comments about the books you try or suggestions for future additions to the list. We'll try to read them

Fantasy

David Almond	Skellig	Terry Pratchett	Johnny and the Bomb, Diggers, The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents
Eoin Colfer	Artemis Fowl Series	Philip Pullman	His Dark Materials series
Susan Cooper	The Dark is Rising Sequence	Philip Reeve	Mortal Engines series, Larklight
Chris De Lacy	Icefire	Louis Sachar	Holes
Cornelia Funke	Inkheart, Inkspell, Inkdeath, The Thief Lord	Angie Sage	Septamus Flyte series
Alan Garner	The Owl Service, The Weirdstone of Brisingamen, Elidor	J.R.R. Tolkien	The Hobbit
Antony Horowitz	The Power of Five series	Nicholas Fisk	Grinny, Trillions
Brian Jacques	Redwall series	Pat O'Shea	The Hounds of the Morrigan
Diane Wynne- Jones	The Chrestomanci series	Helen Dunmore	Ingo, Tideknot, The Deep
William Nicholson	The Wind on Fire Trilogy	Steve Augarde	The Various
Christopher Paolini	Inheritance cycle	Sally Prue	Cold Tom
Michelle Paver	Wolf Brother, Spirit Walker, Soul Eater		

Adventure

Frank Cottrell Boyce	Millions
Joe Craig	Jimmy Coates series
Carl Hiaasen	Hoot
Charlie Higson	The Young Bond series
Anthony Horowitz	The Alex Rider series

WW2

Nina Bawden	Carrie's War
John Boyne	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
Anne Frank	Diary of a Young Girl
Judith Kerr	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Michele Magorian	Goodnight Mr Tom
Robert Westall	The Machine Gunners

Historical

Terry Jones	The Knight and his Squire
Caroline Lawrence	The Roman Mysteries series
Philip Pullman	The Ruby in the Smoke
Rosemary Sutcliffe	The Eagle of the Ninth
Sally Gardner	The Red Necklace
Jill Patton Walsh	A Parcel of Patterns
Matthew Skelton	Endymion Spring
Bel Mooney	The Stove Haunting
Elinor Updale	The Montmorency series
Leon Garfield	Smith

Classics

Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Secret Garden
Arthur Conan Doyle	The Lost World, Sherlock Holmes
R. L. Stevenson	Treasure Island
Arthur Ransome	Swallows and Amazons
Anne Sewell	Black Beauty
Kevin Crossley Holland	Beowulf

A Bit Scary!

Margaret Mahy	The Haunting
Sally Gardner	I, Coriander

Modern Classics

Joan Aitkin series)	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase (James III
Gillian Cross	The Demon Headmaster series
Penelope Farmer	Charlotte Sometimes
Norman Juster	The Phantom Tollbooth
Jack London	White Fang, Call of the Wild,
Jenny Nimmo	The Snow Spider Trilogy
Clive King	Stig of the Dump

Thought Provoking Reads

Malorie Blackman	Pig Heart Boy
Peter Dickinson	The Kin
Zizou Corder	Lionboy
Anita Desai	Village by the Sea
Beverley Naidoo	The Other Side of Truth

Humour

Phillip Reeve	Night of the Living Dead, Night of the Living
Veg	
Michael Lawrence	The Killer Underpants
Dianne Wynne Jones	Charmed Life
Terry Pratchett	Wee Free Men, Hatful of Sky, Wintersmith

A few others!

Anne Holm	I Am David
Eva Ibbotson	Journey to the River Sea, The Star of Kazan,
The	Secret of Platform Thirteen
Penelope Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
Antonia Barber	The Amazing Mr Blunden
Michael Morpergo:	Private Peaceful, Adolphus Tips,
(The ones for older readers.	(And many more)