

Recommended Reading List for 6th Class

The following books are recommended for 6th Class students to read and enjoy during the summer holidays and on into the academic year. They have been chosen from a number of genres to cater for different children’s tastes. Remember your local library is well stocked with children's literature and it is possible to order a specific book if it is not on the shelf. Let your children see you reading, engaging with books and enjoying your own reading. “Crossover Books” (children’s books which are also read and enjoyed by adults) like The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas and The Curious Incident of the Dog In The Night-Time have shown that adults enjoy reading children’s books too.

* Escape from Shangri-La by Michael Morpurgo
* Apple and Rain by Sarah Crossan
* Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford
* The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree by Paola Peretti
* The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

If you would like to read more please check out the list below.

If you like **DANCING and ACTING** try these …

Bright Lights - Linda Chapman

Centre Stage - Linda Chapman

Threads (Series) - Sophia Bennett

Gorgeous - Cora Harrison

Ballet Shoes – Noel Streatfield

Dancing Shoes – Noel Streatfield

If you like books about **FRIENDS or SCHOOL** try these …

The Lottie Project - Jacqueline Wilson

The Suitcase Kid - Jacqueline Wilson

Candyfloss - Jacqueline Wilson

Marshmallow Skye (and other titles) - Cathy Cassidy

Are You There, God? It’s Me, Margaret - Judy Blume

The Princess and the Pauper- Katie Brian

Olivia Kidney (Series) - Ellen Potter

If you like **ANIMALS and HORSES** try these …

One Dog and His Boy – Eva Ibbotson

Heartland (Series) - Lauren Brooke

My Friend Flicka (Series) - Mary O’Hara

Flambards (Series) - K.M. Peyton

National Velvet - Enid Bagnold

Half-Moon Ranch (Series) - Jenny Oldfield

Phantom Stallion (Series) - Terri Farley

If you like **A GOOD LAUGH** try these …

Horrible Histories (Series) – Terry Deary

Granny - Anthony Horowitz

Which Witch? - Eva Ibbotson

Pig City – Louis Sacher

The Beasts of Clawstone Castle - Eva Ibbotson

There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom - Louis Sachar

Howl’s Moving Castle - Diana Wynne Jones

Skulduggery Pleasant (Series) - Derek Landy

The Brilliant World of Tom Gates (series) – L. Pichon

Moone Boy (series) – Chris O’Dowd and Nick V Murphy

If you like **A GOOD SCARE** try these …

Goosebumps (Series) - R.L.Stine

A Series of Unfortunate Events (Series) - Lemony Snicket

Darren Shan (Series) - Darren Shan

Coraline - Neil Gaiman

The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman

Uncle Montague’s Tales of Terror (Series) - Chris Priestley

Raven’s Gate (Series) - Anthony Horowitz

The Children of Green Knowe (Series) - Lucy M. Boston

If you like **MAGIC / FANTASY** try these …

Harry Potter (Series) - J. K. Rowling

Northern Lights – Philip Pullman

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (Series) - Rick Riordan

Switchers (Series) - Kate Thompson

The Thief Lord - Cornelia Funke

Dragon Rider - Cornelia Funke

Inkheart - Cornelia Funke

Eragon (Series) - Christopher Paolini

Tom’s Midnight Garden - Philippa Pearce

I, Coriander - Sally Gardner

The Edge Chronicles (Series) - Paul Stewart

The Fire Thief (Series) - Terry Deary

Pure Dead Magic (Series) - Debi Gliori

Skellig - David Almond

The Secrets of Grindlewood (series) – Jackie Burke

The Letter for the King – Tonke Dragt

If you like **ADVENTURE** try these …

Alex Rider (Series) - Anthony Horowitz

The Red Necklace (Book 1) - Sally Gardner

The Silver Blade (Book 2) - Sally Gardner

Conspiracy 365 (Series) - Gabrielle Lord

H.I.V.E. (Series) - Mark Walden

The City of Ember (Series) - Jeanne Duprau

Conspiracy 365 (Series) - Gabrielle Lord

Invisible City (Series) - M.G. Harris

Holes – Louis Sacher

Bloomability - Sharon Creech

Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson

If you like **MYSTERY / DETECTIVE** stories try these

The Mysterious Adventures of Sherlock Holmes – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Chasing Vermeer - Blue Balliett

The Shakespeare Stealer - Gary Blackwood

The Thieves of Ostia (The Roman Mysteries Series) - Caroline Lawrence

Walk Two Moons - Sharon Creech

The Mysterious Benedict Society - Trenton Lee Stewart

The London-Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd

The Guggenheim Mystery – Robin Stevens

Murder Most Unladylike (series) – Robin Stevens

If you like **HISTORY and WARTIME** stories try these …

My Story (series) – various

Spirit of the Titanic – Nicola Pierce

Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry - Mildred D. Taylor

Hitler’s Canary - Sandi Toksvig

Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah

Ties That Bind, Ties That Break - Lensey Namioka

Pirate Queen - Morgan Llewelyn

Safe Harbour - Marita Conlon-McKenna

The Diary of Anne Frank - Anne Frank

Back Home - Michelle Magorian

Carrie’s War - Nina Bawden

Milkweed - Jerry Spinelli

War Horse - Michael Morpurgo

Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea - Michael Morpurgo

A Girl Called Blue - Marita Conlon-McKenna

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas - John Boyne

Once (Series) - Morris Gleitzman

The Making of Mollie – Anna Carey

A Winter of Spies – Gerard Whelan

I am David – Anne Holm

If you like **POETRY** try these …

Something Beginning with P - O’Brien Press (Publisher)

The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry - Brian Patten (editor)

Revolting Rhymes - Roald Dahl

Read Me and Laugh - Gaby Morgan (Editor)

The Truth about Parents - MacMillan Children’s Books

The Truth about Teachers - MacMillan Children’s Books

If you like the **CLASSICS** try these …

The Railway Children - E. Nesbit

Black Beauty - Anna Sewell

Wuthering Heights - Emily Bronte

Mary Poppins - P. L. Travers

Little Women - Louisa M. Alcott

Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen

Sense and Sensibility - Jane Austen

Anne of Green Gables - L.M. Montgomery

The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien

The Lord of the Rings (series) – J.R.R. Tolkien

Great Expectations - Charles Dickens