PRESTBURY ST MARY'S C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Recommended Books for YEAR 6

Why have a book list?

We know that finding books for your child to read can be really tricky! As we are often asked for suggestions in school, we thought it might be a good idea to put together a series of book lists to help.

Does my child have to read books from the book list?

Only if they want to! We are certainly not saying that these are the only books that your child should read.

What about all the good books that are not on the list?

If your child finds other books that they want to read, that's no problem – they should read them! There will be lots of other good books, especially those newly published, that will not be on the list but would be great to read. Visiting the local library or any bookshop with a good children's department will always be the best places to get the latest recommendations. There will also be some great titles that we haven't included on the lists as we intend to use them as class readers over the course of the year. Also, to keep the size of the book lists manageable, we have only included fiction titles. However, we would certainly encourage your child to read a wide variety of things so do balance these suggestions with non-fiction books, poetry, newspapers and any other types of quality texts.

What about books that are part of a series?

Again, to keep the size of the book list manageable, we have generally only included one title from any series of books. However, if your child enjoys the book and would like to more read in the series, they should definitely do so!

What about Accelerated Reader?

The Accelerated Reader Book Level is included for each book on the list. We would ask that your child still chooses books from within their reading range if they are going to be reading them to themselves. We will always try to give your child as wide a reading range as possible so that your child should have plenty of books to choose from. However, if they see a book that they fancy reading that is above their range, please feel free to read the book to them at home.

How have the books been chosen as appropriate for the Year 6?

Recommending books for a particular year group is hard. What one person may consider as a challenging read, may not be true for everybody. Similarly, not everybody will agree on what is age appropriate for the year group. With both these things in mind, this list has been compiled after looking at many different published book lists for Year 6. Obviously, we have not been able to read every book listed, so the judgement that this is appropriate has been made in good faith, based on the expertise of other professionals. The Accelerated Reader 'Interest Level' is listed to give you an indication of what the content of the book may be like - MY (Middle Years) books have an age range of 9 to 12yrs. With only a few exceptions, titles which are rated by AR as MY+ (Middle Years Plus - suitable for 12-13 year olds), or UY (Upper Years – suitable for 14 years and older) have not been included in the list. A brief synopsis, with guidance on the content of any of these books, is available for parents on AR if you wish to check. Ultimately, it is up to you whether you are happy for your child to read any title on this list.

Can my child read books from a different year group's book list?

As they have reached Year 6, of course it is fine for them to read books off any of the lists for the other year groups! We have deliberately included a wide range of books, with a wide range of book levels, on every year group's list so there should be plenty of books for your child to choose from.

Are all these books available in my child's class?

Many of the books on the list are available either in your child's class or in the other Y6 classroom and in time, as we are able to, we will aim to keep adding the rest of these titles to the class libraries. In the meantime, if your child is keen to read a particular book and it is not available in school, please remember the local library is an excellent place to start – especially as you can usually reserve titles. All of these books can also be purchased in book stores or online.

Title	Author	Accelerated Reader	
		Interest Level MY = 9 – 12 yrs	Book Level
ADVENTURE			
North of Nowhere	Liz Kessler	MY	4.2
Ruby Holler	Sharon Creech	MY	4.3
The Falcon's Malteser	Anthony Horowitz	MY	4.3
The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare	Zillah Bethell	MY	4.7
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs Basil E Frankweiler	E.L. Konigsburg	MY	4.7
Beyond the Bright Sea	Lauren Wolk	MY	4.8
The 1000 Year Old Boy	Ross Welford	MY	5.1
Why the Whales Came	Michael Morpurgo	MY	5.2
The Dream Snatcher	Abi Elphinstone	MY	5.4
The Boy Who Sailed The Ocean in an Armchair	Lara Williamson	MY	5.4
Brightstorm	Vashti Hardy	MY	5.5
Noah Barleywater Runs Away	John Boyne	MY	5.6
Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson	MY	5.6
Time Travelling With a Hamster	Ross Welford	MY	5.6
The Jamie Drake Equation	Christopher Edge	MY	6.4
HUMOUR			
Superfudge	Judy Blume	MY	3.4
Millions	Frank Cottrell Boyce	MY	4.0
Cosmic	Frank Cottrell Boyce	MY	4.5
Fruit and Nutcase	Jean Ure	MY	4.8
Ratburger	David Walliams	MY	5.0
The Eddie Dickens Trilogy: Awful End	Philip Ardagh	MY	6.4
The Eddie Dickens Trilogy: Dreadful Acts	Philip Ardagh	MY	6.1
The Eddie Dickens Trilogy: Terrible Times	Philip Ardagh	MY	6.6
A Series of Unfortunate Events	Lemony Snicket	MY	7.3
FANTASY			
The Middler	Kirsty Applebaum	MY	3.3
Johnny and the Bomb	Terry Pratchett	MY	4.3
A Necklace of Raindrops	Joan Aiken	MY	4.3
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	MY	4.5
The Boy who Flew	Fleur Hitchcock	MY	4.6
Snowglobe	Amy Wilson	MY	4.9
The House with Chicken Legs	Sophie Anderson	MY	5.0
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer	MY	5.0
The Lifters	Dave Eggers	MY	5.0
The Nowhere Emporium	Ross Mackenzie	MY	5.0
The Song from Somewhere Else	A.F. Harrold	MY	5.0
The Crooked Sixpence	Jennifer Bell	MY	5.3
Inkheart	Cornelia Funke	MY	5.4
I, Coriander	Sally Gardner	MY	5.5
Eragon	Christopher Paolini	MY	5.6
Lion Boy	Zizou Corder	MY	5.7
The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day	Christopher Edge	MY	6.0
The Crowstarver	Dick King-Smith	MY	6.2
The Dark is Rising	Susan Cooper	MY	6.2
Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse	Chris Riddell	MY	6.6
REAL LIFE STORIES			
There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom	Louis Sachar	MY	3.4

Bubble Boy	Stewart Foster	MY	3.6
The Unforgotten Coat	Frank Cottrell-Boyce	MY	4.4
Head Kid	David Baddiel	MY	4.4
Moone Boy	Chris O'Dowd	MY	4.7
The Eighteenth Emergency	Betsy Byars	MY	4.7
Ballet Shoes	Noel Streatfield	MY	5.7
HISTORY BASED			
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry	MY	4.5
Goodnight Mr Tom	Michelle Magorian	MY	5.1
Street Child	Berlie Doherty	MY	5.1
Pax	Sara Pennypacker	MY	5.3
Carrie's War	Nina Bawden	MY	5.3
Five Children on the Western Front	Kate Saunders	MY	5.4
Our Castle by the Sea	Lucy Strange	MY	5.8
The Wheel of Surya	Jamila Gavin	MY	5.9
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo	MY	5.9
War Boy	Michael Foreman	MY	6.1
CLASSICS			
The Indian in the Cupboard	Lynne Reid Banks	MY	4.7
Thunder and Lightnings	Jan Mark	MY	4.9
The Railway Children	E. Nesbit	UY	5.5
Boy	Roald Dahl	MY	6.0
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce	MY	6.1
Watership Down	Richard Adams	UY	6.2
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aitken	MY	6.5
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	MY	7.5
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell	MY	7.7
The Call of the Wild	Jack London	MY	8.0
What Katy Did	Susan Coolidge	MY	8.2