

Year 6/7 Recommended Reads: Many of these books are the first in a series, or by an author who has written several books. They are all fiction/autobiography.

| Title | Author | Genre | Story in a sentence or two... |
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| The Falcon's Malteser (Diamond Brothers Series) | Anthony Horowitz | Detective Fiction Humour | When a dwarf comes into the office and leaves a package, Tim Diamond, the world's worst private-detective, is faced with his toughest case yet. Who was the dwarf ... and why was he murdered shortly after his visit? |
| Pie in the Sky | Remy Lai | Graphic novel Humour | An illustrated, heartfelt story about the redemptive power of creativity, bereavement, family and making a new life. |
| Some Places more than Others | Renée Watson | Cultural | Amara's family history is tied together with the extensive roots of black American history, giving her a true sense of empowerment and identity. |
| The Girl Who Speaks Bear | Sophie Anderson, | Fantasy, Folklore Adventure novel | A wonderful adventure that draws heavily on Russian folk tales to bring us a gripping story of dragons, bears and magic, with underlying themes of friendship, identity and family |
| Artemis Fowl | Eoin Colfer | Fantasy | Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind, Artemis Fowl, hatches an ingenious plot to steal all the gold in fairy land. |
| The Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte Mettlesone | Jaclyn Moriarty | Fantasy Adventure Humour | Ten-year-old Bronte's parents have left her a will full of bizarre, detailed instructions that she must follow or her home town will be destroyed by magic. |
| Hidden Planet | Ben Rothery | Natural History Non-Fiction | A study of the hidden connections between species, their relationships and the unexpected abilities and behaviours of many creatures that we think we know. |
| Wolf Brother | Michelle Paver | Historical adventure | Torak fights for his life in the Neolithic arctic forests along with his friend Wolf. |
| War Horse | Michael Morpurgo | War/animals | A boy and his horse fight together in WW1 |
| Billionaire Boy | David Walliams | Humour | Joe Spud's dad is a toilet paper millionaire. But can having money buy you the one thing Joe wants – a friend? |
| Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief | Rick Riordan | 21 st C Mythological fantasy | Percy has to solve the riddle of the Oracle and come to terms with being called Percy – there is a good reason.... |
| Mic Drop: A High-Rise Mystery | Sharna Jackson | whodunnit Detective | Sisters Nik and Norva are delighted when Katarzyna ropes them in to be part of the shoot. Yet when tragedy strikes, Nik and Norva are there to investigate. |
| TrooFriend | Kirsty Appelbaum | Artificial Intelligence Science Fiction | An original and fascinating exploration of artificial intelligence that feels all too relevant, TrooFriend manages to tackle tricky moral questions about human (and android) rights and what actually makes us human. |
| Diary of a Wimpy Kid | Jeff Kinney | Humour | Greg Heffley struggles with the challenges of growing up |
| The Unforgotten Coat | Frankie Cottrell Boyce | Friendship/ school life | 2 Mongolian brothers join Julia's school; she becomes their 'good guide'... |

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| The Wind Singer | William Nicholson | Fantasy Adventure Quest | The twins and Mumpo escape Aramanth's walls on their quest through city sewers and desert sandstorms to find the voice of the Wind Singer, an ancient and mysterious instrument whose song can save Aramanth from its dreamless existence. |
| Millions | Frank Cottrell Boyce | Family Fiction Bereavement Humour | One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God, and contemplates with his older brother Anthony the best way to spend it. |
| Once | Morris Gleitzman | World War II Historical Fiction | Felix has lived in a Catholic orphanage for over three years but always hopes that his Jewish bookseller parents to come for him. Alarmed by the sight of what he assumes are official 'librarians' burning Jewish books in the orphanage, he sets off in search of his parents to warn them of the danger. |
| The Hobbit | JRR Tolkien | Fantasy Adventure Quest | This is the classic story of Bilbo Baggins - a home-loving hobbit who enjoys a quiet and contented life in his cosy hobbit hole and has no desire to travel afar. But then the wizard Gandalf and a band of dwarves arrive unexpectedly and enlist his services... |
| The Borrowers | Mary Norton | Fantasy Fiction | The Borrowers are tiny people who live in the secret places of old houses - behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock. They borrow everything from humans, existing on the scraps they collect from the homes they live in. |
| The Goldfish Boy | Lisa Thompson | Detective Mystery Mental Health | Matthew finds himself at the center of a high-stakes mystery, and every one of his neighbors is a suspect. Matthew is the key to figuring out what happened and potentially saving a child's life... but is he able to do so if it means exposing his own secrets, and stepping out from the safety of his home? |
| Wonder | R.J. Palacio | Disability School Life Friendship | August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. |
| George's Secret Key to the Universe | Lucy and Stephen Hawking | Non-Fiction Popular Science | Written by science educator Lucy Hawking and her father - the most famous scientist in the world – this book will take you on a rollercoaster ride through space to discover the mysteries of our universe. |
| The Way Things Work Now: A Visual Guide to the World of Machines | David Macaulay and Neil Ardley | Non-Fiction Science Mechanics | From the basic lever to the modern microprocessor, this bestseller has been completely updated with the latest technologies, and explains every machine you've ever wanted to understand, and some you've probably never thought about. |