

Reading List for Year 6

This list is only a **guide** and a **starting point**.

There are lots of ways to find new and exciting books for your children to read:

Go and browse in bookshops. Your children can look at the cover, look at the blurb and have a look inside to see if it is going to be the right book for them.

Go and browse in libraries. This is the best (and cheapest) way to get new books. Ask the librarians for recommendations.

Speak to other parents and children. Many of the books on this list have been recommended by pupils in the school.

Speak to teachers. If you are still struggling to find books that will suit your child then speak to the teachers.

Use the internet. There are lots of websites that have suggestions for young readers. One website which is particularly helpful is www.whonextguide.com This website allows you to type in the name of an author and then it gives you suggestions about who you can read next.

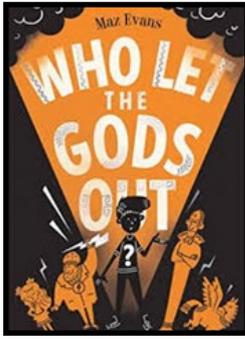
This list has not included any **poetry** or **non-fiction**.

It is not hard to find age-appropriate **poetry** in shops and libraries. Look for an anthology that appeals to your child. Nonsense poems and funny poems can often be a good place to start.

In terms of non-fiction then it is often good to start with newspapers, like **First News**. They can also look for magazines and books about **topics that interest them**. There are good reference sections in bookshops and libraries.

Classics: There are lots of children's classics and these are easy to find, e.g. 'The Railway Children' and 'Alices's Adventures in Wonderland'. In terms of more adult classics, there are some really good abridged versions by **Usborne** and **Real Reads**. We have many of these in the library at school.

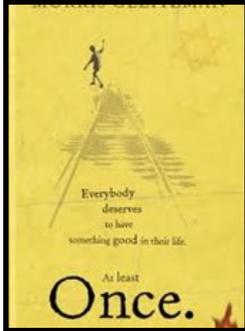
Graphic novels and **picture books** should not be ignored. These are often a good way into difficult subject matters and a great resource for looking at inference. They can read **Manga Shakespeare** or an **Agatha Christie**



Who let the Gods Out

Maz Evans

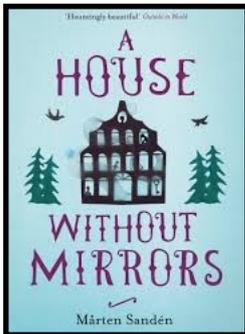
Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help



Once

Morris Gleitzman

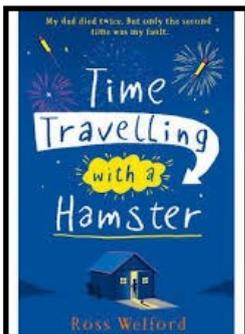
Once is about a Jewish boy named Felix, who lived in Poland, and is on a quest to find his book-keeper parents after he sees Nazis burning the books from a Catholic orphanage library in which he stays.



A House Without Mirrors

Marten Sandén

Thomasine is staying in the dusty house of her great-great aunt who is dying. Her father has withdrawn into himself, following her brother's death. But one day her young cousin makes a strange discovery: there is a wardrobe full of mirrors that lead to a different world.



Time Travelling with my Hamster

Ross Welford

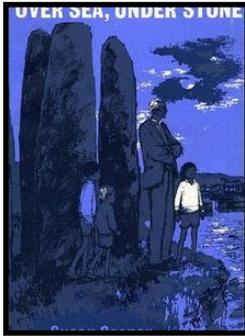
On Al Chaudhury's twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al's late father. In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's life.



Poison

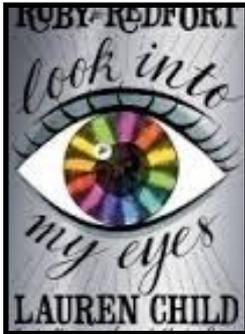
Chris Wooding

Poison has always been a wilful, contrary girl, prone to being argumentative and stubborn. So when her sister is snatched by the mean-spirited faeries, she seeks out the Phaerie Lord to get her back. But finding him isn't easy, and the quest leads Poison into a murderous world of intrigue, danger, and deadly storytelling.



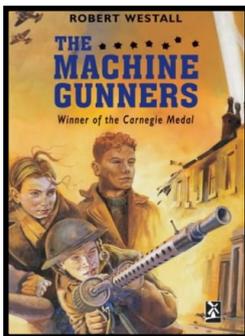
Over Sea, Under Stone Susan Cooper

Simon, Jane, and Barnabas are on a summer trip visiting their mysterious uncle in Trewissick, a small and ancient village, just outside the limits of Cornwall, England. It is fabled that Cornwall is the land of that once and future King, Arthur Pendragon. After discovering an ancient map in the attic of the “Grey House,” which their parents have rented for the holiday, the kids are soon sucked into events and beyond their control.



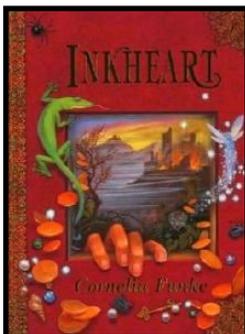
Ruby Redfort: Look into my Eyes Lauren Child

Ruby Redfort is no ordinary 13 year-old school girl. Blessed with an extraordinary talent for spotting things which others seldom notice, she lands an undercover job as a code-breaker for secret -spy organisation, Spectrum. This is the beginning of a code-cracking quest in which Ruby attempts to thwart the plans of the evil ‘Fools Gold Gang’ to steal a priceless historic artefact.



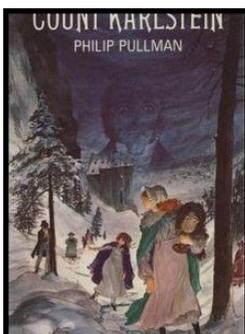
The Machine Gunners Robert Westall

Set during the Second World War the story follows six children living in the fictional town of Garmouth which regularly suffers bombing raids by the German Luftwaffe. When Chas McGill finds a crashed German Heinkel 111 bomber he removes a fully operational *machine* gun and over 2000 rounds of ammunition. But how can the group of friends keep this exciting secret safe from others?



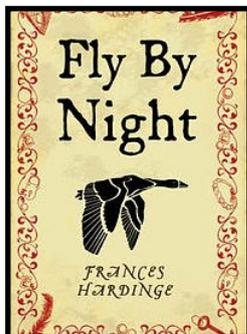
Inkheart Cornelia Funke

Mo has the special talent to bring characters out of books. One night he brings out three characters from Inkheart, a story set in medieval times and filled with magical beings. Capricorn and **Basta**, two villains, and **Dustfinger**, a fire-eater.



Count Karlstein Philip Pullman

The novel is set in the fictional Swiss village of Karlstein in 1816. The evil Count Karlstein made a deal with Zamiel, the Demon Huntsman, in order to obtain his current wealth. The condition of the deal was that in ten years' time the huntsman will be presented with a human sacrifice on All **Souls'** Eve



Fly By Night

Frances Hardinge

Twelve-year-old Mosca Mye hasn't got much. Her parents are dead, her cruel uncle keeps her locked away, and her only friend is her pet goose. But she *does* have one small, rare thing: the ability to read. In a world where books are dangerous things, this gift will change her life - but it may also be the death of her.



Ingo

Helen Dunmore

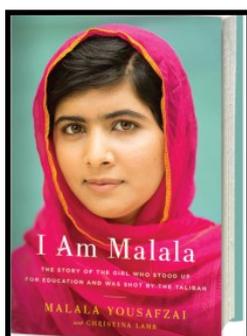
Sapphire's father mysteriously vanishes into the waves off the Cornwall coast where her family has always lived. She misses him terribly, and she longs to hear his spellbinding tales about the Mer, who live in the underwater kingdom of Ingo. Perhaps that is why she imagines herself being pulled like a magnet toward the sea. But when her brother, Conor, starts disappearing for hours on end, Sapphy starts to believe she might not be the only one who hears the call of the ocean.



Death and the Arrow

Chris Priestley

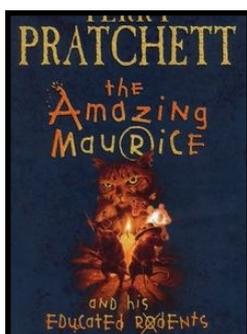
Fifteen-year-old Tom lives in the murky city of London where he helps his father run a print shop. Among the customers is wise old Dr. Harker, a retired physician and seafarer. Both Tom and Harker become intrigued by a murder in the city where the victim is pierced by an arrow and left holding an illustrated card of "Death and the Arrow." The mystery deepens after more "Death and the Arrow" victims are discovered, and Tom cannot rest until he has uncovered the truth behind the murders.



I am Malala

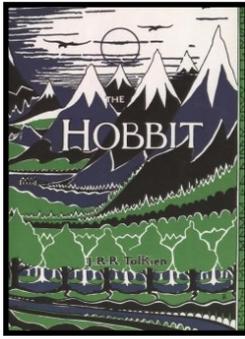
Malala Yousafzai

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an **education**. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price.



The Amazing Maurice Terry Pratchett

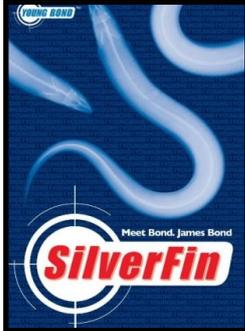
Maurice, an amazing cat who has survived four years on the toughest streets in the whole of the Discworld, reckons that rats are not very clever. Maurice, however, is smart. Smart enough to recognize that there's a new kind of rat around – rats who have been eating wizards' rubbish and can now talk. Smart enough to get a pretty amazing idea when he spots a stupid-looking kid playing the flute...



The Hobbit

J.R.R. Tolkien

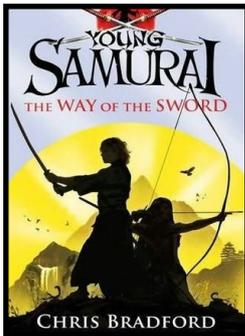
Bilbo Baggins lives a simple life with his fellow hobbits in the shire, until the wizard Gandalf arrives and convinces him to join a group of dwarves on a quest to reclaim the kingdom of Erebor. The journey takes Bilbo on a path through treacherous lands swarming with orcs, goblins and other dangers, not the least of which is an encounter with Gollum.



SilverFin (Young James Bond)

Charlie Higson

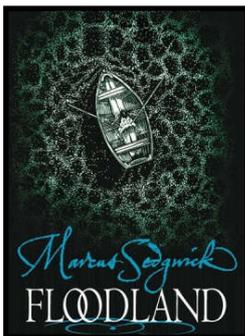
James Bond is a new boy at Eton and must learn the ropes quickly, while fending off the bullying tactics of George Hellebore and his cronies. Travelling to Scotland to spend the holidays with his uncle and aunt, he discovers that Lord Hellebore owns a castle nearby. A local lad has gone missing near the castle, "Red" Kelly's cousin, and James is helping Kelly to find his cousin, when they come across the secret Lord Hellebore is hiding.



The Way of the Sword

Chris Bradford

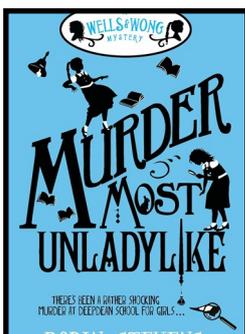
After a vicious ninja attack left him orphaned and stranded in Japan, Jack Fletcher managed to complete his first year of samurai school. ... The prejudice of his Japanese classmates has gained him dangerous enemies within his school, and Dragon Eye—the ninja who killed his father—is still after him.



Floodland

Martin Sedgwick

Floodland takes place in the near future, where most of the United Kingdom is submerged underwater. Norwich has become an island, with food and water increasingly scarce. The story follows the journey of Zoe, a young girl who accidentally gets left behind by her parents during a boat evacuation from the island.



Murder Most Unladylike

Robin Stevens

How do you solve a murder with no body when nobody even realises that a murder has taken place? Such is the task facing the Wells & Wong Detective Society - Deepdean School's most secret society. Society Secretary Hazel Wong found mistress Miss Bell's dead body in the gym. But by the time she returned with President Daisy Wells, Miss Bell's body has disappeared.