

Reading List – Year 6

Dear Parents / Carers

The following books have been recommended for year 6 pupils by The National Literacy Trust and The National Literacy strategy. Some of these titles cover themes that are challenging and, although they are introduced in a responsible and age-appropriate way, we have included these themes in this list, so that you can make an informed decision as to whether the books are appropriate for your child.

Authors A to D

Richard Adams	Watership Down
Joan Aiken	The James III Sequence -Science fiction - Post apocalyptic Britain
David Almond	* Skellig * Kit's Wilderness
Neil Arksey	Playing on the Edge – Performance Enhancing Drugs
Linda Aronson	Kelp
Bernard Ashley	* Little Soldier – War, Child soldiers in East Africa * Rapid
Sherry Ashworth	What's Your Problem? - Bullying
Joyce Annette Barnes	Amistad Junior Novelization - Slavery

Joan Bauer	Squashed
Nina Bawden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Carrie's War – World War II * The Outside Child – Discovering new members of a family. * The Real Plato Jones – Fitting in to a different culture
Leslie Beake	Song of Be
Malorie Blackman	Hacker – Computer hacking
Thomas Bloor	The Memory Prisoner- Acrophobia, Low self-esteem
Martin Booth	Music on the Bamboo Radio – Conditions under Japanese occupation of Hong Kong
Tim Bowler	* River Boy – Illness and bereavement of family members.
Elinor M Brent-Dyer	The Chalet School Series
Melvin Burgess	* Billy Elliot
Betsy Byars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Pinballs - Fostering * Cracker Jackson * The Summer of the Swans - Disability

Peter Carey	The Big Bazoohley - Gambling
Lewis Carroll	Alice's Adventure in Wonderland
G K Chesterton	The Puffin Father Brown Stories
John Christopher	The Guardians
Ann Coburn	Worm Songs
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Susan Cooper	* The Dark is Rising Sequence * The Boggart
Yvonne Coppard	Bully - Bullying
Sharon Creech	* The Wanderer – Discovering lost family members * Walk Two Moons – Bereavement, cultural identity * Chasing Redbird – Grief, losing family members
Gillian Cross	Wolf
Kevin Crossley-Holland	Beowulf - Gore

Annie Dalton	Angels Unlimited
Nicola Davies	Tangled Webs
Daniel Defoe	Robinson Crusoe
Anita Desai	The Village By The Sea – Poverty in an Indian village
Charles Dickens	A Christmas Carol
Berlie Doherty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Granny was a Buffer Girl - Prejudice * A Parcel of Patterns - Plague * Children of Winter - Plague
Gerald Durrell	My Favourite Animal Stories

Authors E to K

T S Eliot	Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats
Deborah Ellis	The Breadwinner – Poverty in Afghanistan
Anne Fine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Up on Cloud Nine - Based on a character in a coma after accident. * The Tulip Touch– Obsessive and manipulative friends

Catherine Fisher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Empty Hand * The Snow-Walker Sequence
Nicholas Fisk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A Rag, a Bone and a Hank of Hair * Grinny * Trillions
Anne Frank	The Diary of a Young Girl
Paul Gallico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Jennie * The Snow Goose – World War II - Dunkirk
Leon Garfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Black Jack * The December Rose
Alan Garner	The Weirdstone of Brisingamen
Carlo Gebler	August '44 – World War II
Jean Craighead George	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Julie and the Wolves – Modern day effects on Inuit Culture * My Side of the Mountain
Adèle Geras	A Candle in the Dark – A Jewish family escaping the Nazis
Rosa Guy	The Friends- Racism
Cynthia Harnett	The Wool-Pack

Libby Hathorn	Way Home
Esther Hautzig	The Endless Steppe – Hardship as a result of being sent to Siberian hard labour camp.
Nat Hentoff	The Day They Came To Arrest the Book – Racism
Odo Hirsch	Antonio S and the Mystery of Theodore Guzman
Anne Holm	I am David – A Jewish boy escaping from a concentration camp.
Polly Horvath	Everything on a Waffle
Janni Howker	* Badge on the Barge * Martin Farrell
Norman Hunter	The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawn
Brian Jacques	The Redwall Series
Robin Jarvis	* The Deptford Mice Trilogy * The Whitby Witches
Catherine Jinks	Eye to Eye

Reinhardt Jung	Dreaming in Black & White, translated by Anthea Bell
Erich Kastner	Emil and the Detectives
Elizabeth Kay	The Divide – Young boy with heart condition
Gene Kemp	The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler
Dick King-Smith	The Crowstarver - Disability

Authors L to R

Madeline L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time
Elizabeth Laird	* Secret Friends- Differences, fitting in in a new school. * Kiss the Dust – Asylum seekers.
Charles & Mary Lamb	Tales From Shakespeare
C.S. Lewis	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
Joan Lingard	The Guilty Party – Going to prison for your beliefs
Penelope Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe - Supernatural

Michelle Magorian	* Back Home *Goodnight Mr Tom
Margaret Mahy	* The Haunting - Supernatural
Jan Mark	Stratford Boys
John Masefield	The Box of Delights
William Mayne	Cuddy
Geraldine McCaughrean	Gold Dust
Karen McCombie	Allys World: The Past, the Present and the Loud Loud Girl
Ian McEwan	The Daydreamer
L M Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables
Michael Morpurgo	Out of the Ashes – The effects of Foot and Mouth on rural communities. From Hereabout Hill – Short stories
Beverley Naidoo	The Other Side of Truth - Nigerian political refugees

Bill Naughton	The Goalkeeper's Revenge
Linda Newbery	Blitz Boys – World War Two
Jenny Nimmo	* Griffin's Castle * The Snow Spider
Mary Norton	The Borrowers
Robert C O'Brien	Z for Zachariah – Post apocalyptic
Judith O'Neill	So Far From Skye
Pat O'Shea	The Hounds of the Morrigan
Kenneth Oppel	The Silverwing Saga
Ruth Park	Playing Beatie Bow
Katherine Paterson	* Bridge to Terabithia * Jacob Have I Loved
Jill Paton-Walsh	* The Dolphin Crossing – World War II - Dunkirk * Fireweed – Evacuees during World War II

Gary Paulsen	Hatchet - Survival
Gudrun Pausewang	* The Final Journey – The Holocaust from a child's point of view.
Philippa Pearce	* Minnow on the Say - * The Way To Sattin Shore * Tom's Midnight Garden
Susan Price	The Ghost Drum - cruelty, violence and sudden death.
Philip Pullman	Northern Lights
Christine Purkis	Paddlefeet
Arthur Ransome	Swallows and Amazons
Morton Rhue	The Wave – mob mentality
Hans-Peter Richter	* Friedrich – Growing up in Nazi Germany * I Was There – Boys experience of the Hitler youth movement
Philip Ridley	* Zinderzunder * Krindlekrax * Scribbleboy
James Riordan	The Prisoner – World War II- Capturing a German pilot.

Katherine Roberts	The Great Pyramid Robbery
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Authors S to Z

Marcus Sedgwick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Floodland - * The Dark Horse
Iain Serrailier	Silver Sword – A family escaping the Nazis
Robert Louis Stevenson	Treasure Island
David Lee Stone	The Ratastrophe Catastrophe
Rosemary Sutcliff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sword Song * The Mark of the Horse Lord * Beowulf: Dragon Slayer * The Eagle of the Ninth * The Silver Branch * The Witch's Brat – Witch hunting
Robert Swindells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Hurricane Summer - World War II * Abomination - religious extremism, adolescence, bullying * Brother in the Land - post-apocalyptic novel * Room 13 - horror * Smash - extremism * Stone Cold – serial killer * Unbeliever – a fundamentalist religious sect

Mildred D Taylor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Let The Circle Be Unbroken - racism* Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry - racism* The Road To Memphis - racism
Ruth Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Hideaway - kidnapping* The Runaways
Colin Thompson	The Paradise Garden
Flora Thompson	Lark Rise To Candleford
Kate Thompson	Switchers
J R R Tolkien	The Hobbit
Theresa Tomlinson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Child of the May* The Cellar Lad* The Herring Girls
Geoffrey Trease	Cue for Treason
Mark Twain	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Jules Verne	Around the World in 80 Days
Sylvia Waugh	The Menyms

Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Dragonlance Chronicles* Dragonlance Tales
Robert Westall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Blitz Cat – World War II* The Machine Gunners – Discovering a crashed German aircraft* The Scarecrows - supernatural
Henry Williamson	Tarka the Otter
Diana Wynne Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Black Maria* The Time of the Ghost - supernatural
Adeline Yen Mah	Chinese Cinderella – An unwanted Chinese daughter