

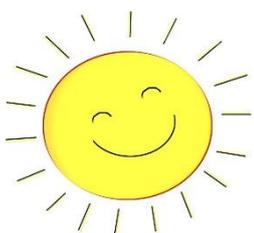
## A Summer of Reading

Remember that you will get merit points based on the amount of books you read and for the activities you complete! There are certificates and prizes for the best ones and for most-completed. Good Luck!

Here are some ideas for activities. You can do your own too!

- Write a book review for students your age
- Write a diary entry/blog as your character
- Write a letter to the character asking him/her questions about his/her actions and feelings
- Devise 10 questions to ask a character. What responses do you think the character would give?
- Turn a section of the book into a play script
- Create a board game based on the characters/themes/ideas
- Imagine the book is turned into a film. Storyboard the main ideas from the book
- If the book is turned into a film, which actors would play the characters? Where would it be set? Design/draw the film set as well as draw/design the costumes that the characters would wear
- Write down 10 things that you learnt from this book. What else would you like to know?
- Write the prequel/sequel
- Create a new front page and write the blurb
- Create a poster that shows the main things that happens in this book
- Draw an outline of 3 main characters and write down what you know about them, use words to describe their personality and appearance
- Use a dictionary to find out the meaning of every word you come across that you don't know. Then get a thesaurus and find alternative words to use for this word
- Research the author and create a poster that tells us all about him/her.

**Remember to compile all your work together in a folder, create a front page and present it to your new English teacher in September.**





# Books to Enjoy

Here is a small selection of books recommended to students moving up from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3. Please ensure that you are happy with the themes/ideas discussed within each book for your son or daughter.

## *If you like* **Action and Adventure**

*Special Forces Cadets* by Chris Ryan

*Robin Hood* by Robert Muchamore

*Nightshade* by Anthony Horowitz

*Strike Lightning* by Steve Cole

*Never Say Die* by Anthony Horowitz

*The Lair of the Leopard* by Bear Grylls

*Earthfall: Redemption* by Mark Walden

*New Guard* by Robert Muchamore

## *If you like* **Crime Fiction**

*The Mystery of the Jewelled Moth* by Katherine Woodfine

*Ruby Redfort: Pick Your Poison* by Lauren Child

*Rose Ravenhorpe Investigates* by Janine Beacham

*Nancy Parker's Diary of Detection* by Julia Lee

*Jolly Foul Play* by Robin Stevens

*The Good Thieves* by Katherine Rundell

*The Highland Falcon Thief* by M G Leonard

*Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll

## *If you like* **Classics**

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

*Ballet Shoes* by Noel Streatfield

*Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne

*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*Anne of Green Gables* by L M Montgomery

*The Railway Children* by E Nesbit

*Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

*Heidi* by Johanna Spyri

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## *If you like* **books that make you think...**

*A House Without Walls* by Elizabeth Laird

*The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson

*The Bubble Boy* by Stewart Foster

*Terror Kid* by Benjamin Zephaniah

*If You Were Me* by Sam Hepburn

*The One Memory of Flora Banks* by Emily Barr

*Ella on the Outside* by Cath Howe

## *If You like* **Award Winners!**

*Skellig* by David Almond

*Buffalo Soldier* by Tanya Landman

*Millions* by Frank Cottrell Boyce

*Northern Lights* by Philip Pullman

*The Other Side of Truth* by Beverly Naidoo

*A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness

*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

## *If you like* **books that are scary.....**

*The Company of Ghosts* by Berlie Doherty

*The Nest* by Kenneth Oppel

*S.C.R.E.A.M. The Mummy's Revenge* by Andrew Beasley

*Lockwood & Co: The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud

*Revolver* by Marcus Sedgwick

*The Devil Walks* by Anne Fine

## *If you like* **books about friends and family**

*Library of Lemons* by Jo Cottrill

*Danger is Everywhere* by David O'Doherty

*A Boy Called Hope* by Lara Williamson

*The Looking-Glass Girl* by Cathy Cassidy

*Sweet Pizza* by G R Gemin

*15 Days Without a Head* by Dave Cousins

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## *If you like a quick read*

*Amber's Song* by Gillian Cross

*The Liar's Handbook* by Keren David

*Tales from Weird Street* by Anne Fine

*Wave* by Paul Dowsell

*The Greatest Show of All* by Jane Eagland

*In At the Deep End* by Michelle Magorian

## *If you like a summer story*

*Butterfly Summer* by Anne-Marie Conway

*Mates, Dates and Sizzling Summers* by Cathy Hopkins

*The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants* by Ann Brashares

*The Garden of Lost Secrets* by A M Howell

*Summer's Dream* by Cathy Cassidy

*How to Survive Summer Camp* by Jacqueline Wilson

## *If you want to visit enchanted places*

*Swallows and Amazons* by Arthur Ransome

*The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame

*Tom's Midnight Garden* by Phillipa Pearce

*The Northern Lights* by Philip Pullman

*Minnow on the Say* by Phillipa Pearce

## *If you like Football*

*The Kick Off* by Dan Freedman

*The Boys United* by Tom Palmer

*Foul Play* by Tom Palmer

*Bend it Like Beckham* by Narinder Dharmi

*City Boy* by Alan Coombs

*The Number 7 Shirt* by Alan Gibbons

*Ultimate Football Heroes* Series by Matt Oldfield

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## *If you like Diaries*

*Dandelion Clocks* by Rebecca Westcott

*Artichoke Hearts* by Sita Brahmachari

*I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith

*My Secret War Diary* by Marcia Williams

*Polly Price's Totally Secret Diary* by Dee Shulman

*Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech

## *If you like funny stories*

*How to Rob a Bank* by Tom Mitchell

*Taylor Turbochaser* by David Baddiel

*I Swapped my Brother on the Internet* by Jo Simmons

*Superhero Street* by Phil Earle

*We Are All Made of Molecules* by Susin Nielsen

*I, Cosmo* by Carlie Sorosiak

## **Favourite authors at Higham Lane School**

These are some of our favourite authors whose books are enjoyed by students in Year 7. You'll find all their books in the school library:

David Baddiel, Malorie Blackman, Holly Bourne, Meg Cabot, Emma Carroll,

Cathy Cassidy, Susanne Collins, Cressida Cowell, Keren David, Paul Dowswell,

Abi Elphinstone, Jane Elson, Anne Fine, Michael Grant, Charlie Higson, Anthony Horowitz, Derek Landy, Karen McCombie, Simon Mason, Michael Morpurgo,

Robert Muchamore, Susin Nielsen, Patrick Ness, Matt Oldfield, Tom Palmer,

Philip Pullman, Bali Rai, Rick Riordan, Katherine Rundell, Chris Ryan, Louis Sachar,

Darren Shan, Lemony Snicket, Robin Stevens, Jean Ure, David Walliams,

Jacqueline Wilson, Benjamin Zephaniah,

## **A Summer of Reading – Classics Reading Challenge**

### **Why read a classic novel?**

You might see some of these books as challenging to read, but we know that reading a challenging book will bring you many more benefits than sticking with what you find comfortable! If you read a classic novel then you should feel proud of yourself! Reading a classic novel challenges the brain, it requires you to think more deeply about what you are reading. By reading a classic novel it also gives you an understanding of history and culture which means you'll accumulate more knowledge, and we know that knowledge is power! These classic novels will also help develop and improve your vocabulary. So, why not take part in the Classics Reading Challenge?!

### **The Classics Reading Challenge:**

Choose a book (or more!) from the list to read. Using the reading log, write brief notes about what each chapter is about alongside any questions you might have. Show your English teacher your reading log in September along with the review at the end of the reading log.

Remember you will earn merits and be rewarded with a certificate for your excellent effort in reading!

<p>The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll The Lost World by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Black Beauty by Anna Sewell Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stephenson The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien Count of Monte Christo by Alexandre Dumas The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome.</p>
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