



Recommended Reading List – Year 6

This list is intended to be a guide to books suitable for children in Year 6. The list, covering a range of genres, is drawn from a number of sources including teachers own recommendations; the National Literacy Strategy's recommended texts; reading lists suggested by other schools and the National Literacy Trust's website. Some of the texts are more difficult to read than others and care should be taken when choosing those which your child might enjoy. Please discuss the book your child reads with him/her and remember it is important to keep reading to your child as they move through the school.

Richard Adams	Watership Down
Joan Aiken	The James III Sequence
	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
David Almond	Skellig
	Kit's Wilderness
Neil Arksey	Playing on the Edge
Linda Aronson	Kelp
Bernard Ashley	Johnny's Blitz
	Little Soldier
	Rapid
Sherry Ashworth	What's Your Problem?
Joyce Annette Barnes	Amistad Junior Novelization
Joan Bauer	Squashed
Nina Bawden	Carrie's War
	The Outside Child
	The Real Plato Jones
Leslie Beake	Song of Be
Tom Becker	Darkside
Gerard Benson	This Poem Doesn't Rhyme
James Berry	Classic Poems to Read Aloud
Malorie Blackman	Hacker
	Noughts and Crosses
Thomas Bloor	The Memory Prisoner
Judy Blume	Are you there God? It's Me, Margaret
Martin Booth	Music on the Bamboo Radio
Tim Bowler	River Boy
	Midget
Elinor M Brent-Dyer	The Chalet School Series
Linda Buckley- Archer	Gideon the Cutpurse
Melvin Burgess	Billy Elliot
	Junk
	The Baby and Fly Pie
Betsy Byars	The Pinballs
	Cracker Jackson
	The Midnight Fox
	The Summer of the Swans
Peter Carey	The Big Bazoohley
Lewis Carroll	Alice's Adventure in Wonderland
G K Chesterton	The Puffin Father Brown Stories
Agatha Christie	And then there were none
John Christopher	The Guardians

Ann Coburn	Worm Songs
Peter Collington	The Coming of the Surfman (Picture Book)
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Susan Cooper	Over Sea. Over Stone
	The Dark is Rising Sequence
	The Boggart
Yvonne Coppard	Bully
Sharon Creech	The Wanderer
	Walk Two Moons
	Chasing Redbird
Helen Cresswell	Moondial
Gillian Cross	The Great Elephant Chase
	Wolf
Kevin Crossley-Holland	Beowulf
Annie Dalton	Angels Unlimited
Nicola Davies	Tangled Webs
Daniel Defoe	Robinson Crusoe
Anita Desai	The Village By The Sea
Charles Dickens	A Christmas Carol
Peter Dickenson	The Weathermonger
Berlie Doherty	Granny was a Buffer Girl
	A Parcel of Patterns
	Children of Winter
Gerald Durrell	My Favourite Animal Stories
T S Eliot	Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats
Deborah Ellis	The Breadwinner
Josephine Feeney	Truth, Lies and Homework
Anne Fine	Up on Cloud Nine
	The Tulip Touch
Catherine Fisher	The Empty Hand
	The Snow-Walker Sequence
Nicholas Fisk	A Rag, a Bone and a Hank of Hair
	Grinny
	Trillions
Charlie Fletcher	Stoneheart
Anne Frank	The Diary of a Young Girl
Jackie French	Hitler's Daughter
Paul Gallico	Jennie
	The Snow Goose
Leon Garfield	Black Jack
	The December Rose
Alan Garner	The Weirdstone of Brisingamen
Carlo Gebler	August '44
Jean Craighead	George
	Julie and the Wolves
	My Side of the Mountain
Adèle Geras	A Candle in the Dark
	Troy
Julie Golding	The Diamond of Drury Lane (A Cat Royal Novel)
Kenneth Graham	The Wind in the Willows
Rosa Guy	The Friends
Cynthia Harnett	The Wool-Pack
Libby Hathorn	Way Home
Esther Hautzig	The Endless Steppe
Nat Hentoff	The Day They Came To Arrest the Book
David Hill	See Ya
Odo Hirsch	Antonio S and the Mystery of Theodore Guzman
Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Secret Garden
Anne Holm	I am David
Anthony Horowitz	Granny
Polly Horvath	Everything on a Waffle
Janni Howker	Badge on the Barge

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
Gene Kemp	The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler
Dick King-Smith	The Crowstarver
Madeline L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time
Elizabeth Laird	Secret Friends
	Kiss the Dust
Charles & Mary Lamb	Tales From Shakespeare
Ursula Le Guin	A Wizard of Earthsea
C.S. Lewis	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
Joan Lingard	The Guilty Party
	Across the Barricades
Penelope Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
Michelle Magorian	Back Home
	Goodnight Mr Tom
	In Deep Water
Margaret Mahy	The Ghost of Thomas Kemp
	The Haunting
Jan Mark	Stratford Boys
	Thunder and Lightnings
John Masefield	The Box of Delights
William Mayne	Cuddy
Geraldine McCaughrean	Forever X
	Gold Dust
Karen McCombie	Ally's World: The Past, the Present and the Loud Loud Girl
Ian McEwan	The Daydreamer
Anne Merrick	Someone Came Knocking
L M Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables
Pat Moon	Double Image
Michael Morpurgo	Out of the Ashes
	From Hereabout Hill
	Private Peaceful
Beverley Naidoo	The Other Side of Truth
Bill Naughton	The Goalkeeper's Revenge
Linda Newbery	Blitz Boys
Jenny Nimmo	Griffin's Castle
	The Snow Spider
Garth Nix	Sabriel
Mary Norton	The Borrowers
Alfred Noyles	The Highwayman
Robert C O'Brien	Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
	Z for Zachariah
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
	Fireweed
Gary Paulsen Hatchet	Gudrun Pausewang
	Fall-Out
	The Final Journey
Philippa Pearce	Minnow on the Say
	The Way To Sattin Shore
	Tom's Midnight Garden

Terry Pratchett	Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents
Susan Price	The Ghost Drum
Willard Price	Cannibal Adventure
Philip Pullman	Clockwork
	Northern Lights
Christine Purkis	Paddlefeet
Arthur Ransome	Swallows and Amazons
Philip Reeve	Darkling Plain
	Mortal Engines
Morton Rhue	The Wave
Hans-Peter Richter	Friedrich
	I Was There
Philip Ridley	Zinderzunder
	Krindlekrax
	Scribbleboy
James Riordan	The Prisoner
Katherine Roberts	The Great Pyramid Robbery
Michael Rosen	A World of Poetry
Louis Sachar	Holes
Marcus Sedgwick	Floodland
	The Dark House
	My Sword is Singing
Iain Serrailier	Silver Sword
Paul Shipton	Bug Muldoon and the Garden of Fear
Robert Louis Stevenson	Treasure Island
David Lee Stone	The Ratastrophe Catastrophe
Rosemary Sutcliff	Sword Song
	The Mark of the Horse Lord
	Beowulf: Dragon Slayer
	The Eagle of the Ninth
	The Silver Branch
	The Witch's Brat
Robert Louis Stevenson	Treasure Island
Robert Swindells	Hurricane Summer
	Abomination
	Brother in the Land
	Daz 4 Zoe
	Room 13
	Smash
	Stone Cold
	Unbeliever
Mildred D Taylor	Let The Circle Be Unbroken
	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
	The Road To Memphis
Alfred LordTennyson	The Lady of Shallot
Ruth Thomas	Hideaway
	The Runaways
Colin Thompson	Paradise Garden
Flora Thompson	Lark Rise To Candleford
Kate Thompson	Switchers
J. R. R. Tolkien	The Hobbit
Theresa Tomlinson	Child of the May
	The Cellar Lad
	The Herring Girls
Sue Townsend	The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged Thirteen and Three Quarters
Geoffrey Trease	Cue for Treason
Mark Twain	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Jean Ure	Becky Bananas
Jules Verne	Around the World in 80 Days
Sylvia Waugh	The Menyms
Kaye Webb	I Like this Poem
Margaret Weis & Tracy	Hickman

Robert Westall

T. H. White

Henry Williamson

Diana Wynne Jones

Cynthia Voigt

Adeline Yen Mah

Benjamin Zephaniah

Dragonlance Chronicles

Dragonlance Tales

Blitz Cat

The Machine Gunners

The Scarecrows

Sword in the Stone

Tarka the Otter

Black Maria

The Time of the Ghost

Homecoming

Chinese Cinderella

Talking Turkeys