****Year 6: What shall I read now?

Many of you have made super progress with your reading and, no doubt, would love to continue to make great progress. To enable this to happen, you need to ensure that you are developing as an independent reader and that you read and enjoy a wide range of books.

Here are some suggestions for books you could read. Some of the books listed have been recommended by other children. Choose ones that you will enjoy and that are not too difficult. However, don’t just go for the easy reads all the time or ones written by the same author. Try to read books from a variety of genres and authors, giving yourself the right amount of challenge to enable you to develop and grow as a reader. Give yourself time to read and get lost in a book with no distractions around you. It is a great way to escape into another world. Happy Reading!

Many of the books listed are just examples of good books by particular authors. For example, there are several other really good books by Alex Shearer, who wrote ‘Tins.’ So don’t feel that you have to stick just to the books on this list. However, you of course need to be aware that many authors write books for a range of ages, including for adults. If you are not sure whether a book is suitable, please check with somebody.

**Some suggestions organised into genres:**

**Realistic fiction**

![C:\Users\hurst.FCJSCC4\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\6NKN3HQR\MC900390848[1].wmf]() Holly Starcross by Berlie Doherty

Bootleg by Alex Shearer

The Silver Bead by Helen Dunmore

Double Image by Pat Moon

Pictures in the Dark – Gillian Cross

The Granny Project – Anne Fine

Up on Cloud Nine – Anne Fine

Feather Boy – Nick Singer

Cool – Michael Morpurgo

Snakestone – Berlie Docherty

Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson

River Boy – Tim Bowler

Starseeker – Tim Bowler

Stormcatchers – Tim Bowler

Love that Dog – Sharon Creech

The Wanderer – Sharon Creech

Ethan’s Voice – Rachel Carter

Goldfish Boy – Lisa Thompson

**Fantasy**

 The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis

Harry Potter Series – J.K. Rowling

The Wind Singer – William Nicholson

Northern Lights – Phillip Pullman

The Indian in the Cupboard – Lynn Reid Banks

Skulduggery Pleasant – Derek Landy

Raven’s Gate – Anthony Horowitz

The Speed of the Dark – Alex Shearer

Stolen – Alex Shearer

Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer

The Shadow of the Minotaur – Alan Gibbons

Eragon – Christopher Paolini

Inkheart – Cornelia Funke

The Beasts of Clawstone Castle – Eva Ibbotson

Truckers – Terry Pratchett

The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents – Terry Pratchett

The Haunting – Margaret Mahy

Mortal Engines - Phillip Reeve

**Adventure**

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The Recruit – Robert Muchamore

Kensuke’s Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo

Hacker – Malorie Blackman

Thief – Malorie Blackman

By Royal Command – Charlie Higson

Millions - Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Cosmic - Frank Cottrell-Boyce

London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd

 **Historical Fiction**

 Goodnight Mr. Tom – Michelle Magorian

Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo

War Horse – Michael Morpurgo

Friend or Foe – Michael Morpurgo

The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo

Blitz Cat – Robert Westall

Farm Boy – Michael Morpurgo

Wolf – Michael Morpurgo

Carrie’s War – Nina Bawden

Jonny and the Bomb – Terry Pratchett

War Game – Michael Foreman

The Kite Rider – Geraldine McCaughrean

Stop the Train – Geraldine McCaughrean

Crusade – Elizabeth Laird

Once – Morris Gleitzman

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**Science Fiction**

Chocky – John Wyndham

Mortal Engines – Phillip Reeve

Only you can save mankind – Terry Pratchett

Eva – Peter Dickinson

**Comedy**

 The Diamond Brothers Books by Anthony Horowitz

The Invisible Man’s Socks – Alex Shearer

Granny – Anthony Horowitz

Mr. Stink – David Walliams

**Classic Fiction**

 Heidi – Joanna Spyri

The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett

Little Lord Fauntleroy – Frances Hodgson Burnett

Bedknobs and Broomsticks – Mary Norton

The Borrowers – Mary Norton

Five Children and It – E Nesbitt

The Treasure Seekers – E Nesbitt

Alice in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll

What Katie Did – Susan Coolidge

Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stephenson

Swallows and Amazons - Arthur Ransome

Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte

The Lord of the Rings – J.R.R. Tolkien

The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien

**Short Stories**

Tales from Hereabout Hill – Michael Morpurgo

Be Yourself - Michelle Magorian

**Picture Books**  (Picture books are not just for little children!)

Asterix - René Goscinny and Albert Uderzo

Rose Blanche - Roberto Innocenti

Tuesday - David Wiesner

Window – Jannie Baker

Memorial – Gary Crew

How to live forever - Colin Thompson

The Shape Game - Anthony Browne

**These are some other books that other children and teachers have recommended:**

Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins

George’s Secret Key to the Universe – Stephen Hawkins & Lucy Hawkins

Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen

Wolves of the Willowby Chase – Joan Aiken

Charmed Life – Diana Wynne Jones

The Queen Must Die – K.A.S. Quinn

Monster Mission – Iva Ibbotson

The Explorer – Katherine Rundell

The Last Wild – Piers Torday

Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver

Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho-Yen

The Wolf Wilder – Katherine Rundell

Aquila – Andrew Norriss

Murder Most Unladylike – Robin Stevens

The Island at the End of Everything – Kiran Millwood Hargrave

A Place Called Perfect – Helena Duggan

Frost Hollow Hall – Emma Carroll

Garbage King – Elizabeth Laird

Oranges in No Man’s Land – Elizabeth Laird

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate Di Camilo

Who let the gods out? – Maz Evans

The Person Controller – David Baddiel