

## Year 6 Suggested Reading List

This list is based on the books that are in the school library and features many of the more challenging reads. A selection of the books available are aimed at the upper end of primary school and have a suggested age of 10/11+ due to their content. Younger pupils are not allowed these books and care has been taken not to stock 'teen' fiction.

The Barrington Stoke books, listed at the back of this leaflet, are written for children who find reading a bit of a challenge, they have cream pages, an easy to read typeface and engaging stories. Badger books, similarly, are high interest books for reluctant readers. The story content of the Barrington Stoke and Badger books, as listed, is aimed at 10 to 12 year olds.

### Adventure

**Jon Blake** *The Last Free Cat*

**Frank Cottrell Boyce** *Millions, Framed, Cosmic*

**Joe Craig** *Jimmy Coates series*

**Jamila Gavin** *The Blood Stone*

**Lorraine Gregory** *The Maker of Monsters*

**Bear Grylls** *Mission Survival series*

**Babara Millwood Hargreave** *The Island at the End of Everything*

**M. G. Harris** *The Joshua Files*

**Michelle Harrison** *The 13 Treasures series*

**Carl Hiaasen** *Hoot*

**Charlie Higson** *The Young Bond series*

**Anthony Horowitz** *Alex Rider series*

**Eva Ibbotson** *Journey to the River Sea*

**Sophie Mckenzie** *Girl Missing, Sister Missing etc*

**David Miller** *Shark Island, Sea Wolf*

**Barbara Mitchelhill** *Stormrunners*

**Andrew Norris** *CTRLZ, Aquila, Aquila 2*

**Tom Palmer** *Black Op, White Fear*

**Katherine Roberts** *Great Pyramid Robbery*

**Katherine Rundell** *Rooftoppers, The Explorer, The Wolf Rider*

**Louis Sachar** *Holes, Small Steps*

**Maya Snow** *Sisters of the Sword series*

**David Solomons** *My Brother is a Superhero, My Arch-Enemy is a Brain in a Jar, My Cousin is a Time Traveller*

**Mark Walden** *H.I.V.E series*

**Jeanette Winterson** *Tanglewreck*

## Animal

**Kate DiCamillo** *The Tiger Rising*  
**Roddy Doyle** *Wilderness*  
**Sally Grindley** *Saving Finnegan*  
**Erin Hunter** *Warrior Cats series, Seekers series*  
**Gill Lewis** *Sky Hawk, Moon Bear, The White Dolphin, Sky Dancer*  
**Michael Morpurgo** *Running Wild, Born to Run, Shadow*  
**Jenny Oldfield** *Dreamseeker series*  
**Lauren St John** *The White Giraffe, Dolphin Song, The Last Leopard*

## Classics

**Richard Adams** *Watership Down*  
**Joan Aiken** *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*  
**Louisa May Alcott** *Little Women*  
**Lynne Read Banks** *The Indian in the Cupboard*  
**Frank L. Baum** *Wizard of Oz*  
**Frances Hodgson Burnett** *The Secret Garden, The Little Princess*  
**Gillian Cross** *The Demon Headmaster series, The Great Elephant Chase*  
**Arthur Conan Doyle** *The Lost World*  
**Alexandre Dumas** *The Three Musketeers*  
**Penelope Farmer** *Charlotte Sometimes*  
**Norton Juster** *The Phantom Tollbooth*  
**Rudyard Kipling** *Just So Stories, The Jungle Book*  
**C. S. Lewis** *Narnia*  
**Jack London** *White Fang, Call of the Wild*  
**L. M. Montgomery** *Anne of Green Gables*  
**E. Nesbit** *The Railway Children*  
**Jenny Nimmo** *The Snow Spider*  
**Mary Norton** *The Borrowers*  
**Phillipa Pearce** *Tom's Midnight Garden*  
**Arthur Ransome** *Swallows and Amazons*  
**Anna Sewell** *Black Beauty*  
**R. L. Stevenson** *Treasure Island*  
**Noel Streatfield** *Ballet Shoes*  
**P. L. Travers** *Mary Poppins*  
**Mark Twain** *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*  
**Jules Verne** *Around the World in 80 Days*  
**Laura Ingalls Wilder** *Little House on the Prairie*

## Cultural

**Valerie Bloom** *Suprising Joy*  
**Frank Cottrell Boyce** *The Unforgotten Coat*  
**Anita Desai** *Village by the Sea*  
**Jamila Gavin** *Surya Trilogy*  
**Sally Grindley** *Broken Glass, Torn Pages, Bitter Chocolate*  
**Cynthia Kadohata** *A Million Shades of Grey*  
**Elizabeth Laird** *Welcome to Nowhere*  
**Adeline Yen Mah** *The Chinese Cinderella, The Mystery of the Song Dynasty Painting*  
**Michael Morpurgo** *The Kites are Flying*  
**Benjamin Zephaniah** *Windrush Child*

## Fantasy

**David Almond** *Skellig*  
**R. J. Anderson** *Knife, Rebel, Arrow*  
**Roshani Chokshi**, *Aru Shah and the End of Time*  
**Eoin Colfer** *Artemis Fowl series, The Supernaturalist, Half Moon Investigations*  
**Suzanne Collins** *Underland Chronicles series*  
**Chris Columbus** *House of Secrets series*  
**Susan Cooper** *The Dark is Rising sequence*  
**Zizou Corder** *Lionboy*  
**Chris D'Lacey** *The Last Dragon series*  
**Helen Dunmore** *Ingo series*  
**Abi Elphinstone** *The Night Spinner, Shadow Keeper*  
**Maz Evans** *Who Let the Gods Out series*  
**Cornelia Funke** *Inkheart, Inkspell, Inkdeath, The Thief Lord*  
**Elizabeth Goudge** *Little White Horse*  
**Shannon Hale** *The Book of a Thousand Days*  
**Kiran Millwood Hargrave** *The Girl of Ink and Stars*  
**Susan Hill** *The Battle for Gullywith*  
**Anthony Horowitz** *The Power of Five series*  
**Diane Wynne Jones** *Eight Days of Luke,*  
**Elizabeth Kay** *The Divide, Back to the Divide etc*  
**Liz Kessler** *Emily Windsnap series*  
**William Nicholson** *The Wind on Fire Trilogy*  
**Jenny Nimmo** *Charlie Bone series*  
**Christopher Paolini** *Eragon, Eldest, Bresingr, Inheritance*  
**Edith Pattau** *North Child*  
**Michele Paver** *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series, Gods and Warriors series*  
**Terry Pratchet** *Johnny and the Bomb*  
**Philip Pullman** *His Dark Materials Series, Clockwork*

**Philip Reeve** *Mortal Engines, Predators Gold, Infernal Devices*  
**Rick Riordan** *Percy Jackson series, Heroes of Olympus series, The Kane Chronicles*  
**J. K. Rowling** *Harry Potter*  
**Angie Sage** *Septamus Flyte series*  
**Ali Sparkes** *Shapeshifter series, Dark Summer*  
**Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell** *The Edge Chronicles series*  
**Jonathan Stroud** *The Bartimaeus Trilogy*  
**Robert Swindells** *In the Nick of Time*  
**G. P. Taylor** *Shadowmancer*  
**Kate Thompson** *The Swithchers Trilogy*  
**J. R. R. Tolkien** *The Hobbit / Lord of the Rings*

## Humour

**David Baddiel** *AniMalcolm*  
**Dinah Capparucci** *Aliens Don't Eat Dog Food*  
**Pete Johnson** *Trust Me I'm a Trouble maker, How to Train Your Parents*  
**Jill Marshall** *Doghead*  
**Liz Pichon** *Tom Gates series*  
**Alan Temperley** *Harry and the Wrinklies, Harry and the Treasure of Eddie Carver*  
**David Walliams** *Mr Stink, Gangsta Granny, Awful Auntie, Grandpa's Great Escape, The Boy in the Dress*

## Family / Friends

**Elen Caldecott** *Operation Eiffel Tower, How Ali Ferguson Saved Houdini, How Kirsty Jenkins Stole the Elephant*  
**Cathy Cassidy** *Lucky Star, Scarlet, Sundae Girl, Daizy Star, Chocolate Box Girls series*  
**Sharon Creech** *Ruby Holler, Walk Two Moons, The Wanderer*  
**Anne Fine** *Madame Doubtfire, Flour Babies*  
**Polly Horvath** *Everything on a Waffle*  
**Hilary McKay** *Carson Family series*  
**Rachel Renee Russell** *Dork Diaries series*  
**Jacqueline Wilson** *The Illustrated Mum, Vicky Angel, My Sister Jodie, Little Darlings, The Longest Whale song*

## Mystery

**Janine Beacham** *Rubies and Runaways*  
**Peter Bunzl** *Cogheart, Skycircus, Moonlocket*  
**Fiona Dunbar** *Pink Chameleon, Blue Gene Baby*

**Eva Ibbotson** *The Star of Kazan*  
**Caroline Lawrence** *The Roman Mystery series*  
**Linda Newberry** *The Treasure house*  
**Marcus Sedgwick** *The Raven Mysteries*  
**Nicky Singer** *Feather Boy*  
**Lauren St John** *Kat Wolfe investigates series*  
**Robin Stevens** *Murder Most Unladylike series*  
**Katherine Woodfine** *The Sinclair Mysteries*

## **Past**

**Chris Bradford** *The Young Samurai series*  
**Tony Bradman** *Viking Boy*  
**Paul Dowswell** *Powder Monkey*  
**Catherine Fisher** *The Oracle*  
**Sally Gardner** *I Coriander*  
**Julia Golding** *Cat o' Nine Tails, Dragonfly, The Diamond of Drury Lane*  
**Brian Keaney** *Nathanial Wolfe series*  
**Josh Lacey** *Bearkeeper*  
**Elizabeth Laird** *Crusade*  
**Geraldine McCaughrean** *Stop the Train*  
**Chris Priestley** *Death and the Arrow*  
**Simon Scarrow** *Gladiator*  
**Matthew Skelton** *Endymion Spring*  
**Eleanor Updale** *Montmorency series*  
**Pat Walsh** *The Crowfield Curse, The Crowfield Demon*

## **Scary / Ghost**

**Tom Becker** *Darkside series*  
**David Calcutt** *Shadow Bringer*  
**Roald Dahl** *Witches*  
**Joseph Delaney** *The Wardstone Chronicles*  
**Charles Dickens** *A Christmas Carol*  
**Neil Gaiman** *The Graveyard Book*  
**Eva Ibbotson** *Dial a Ghost*  
**Gareth Jones** *The Considine Curse*  
**Derek Landy** *Skulduggery Pleasant series*  
**Peter J. Murray** *Mokee Joe series*  
**Sebastian Rook** *Vampire Plague series*  
**Justin Somper** *Vampirates series*  
**Robert Swindells** *The Thousand Eyes of Night, Room 13*

## Science Fiction

**Susan Gates** *Iron Heads*  
**Lucy Hawking** *George's Secret Key to the Universe*  
**Ally Kennan** *The Everything Machine*  
**Geraldine McCaughrean** *The Stones are Hatching*  
**Andrew Norris** *The Portal*  
**Alex Scarrow** *Time Riders series*  
**Ali Sparkes** *Out of this World, Frozen in Time*  
**David Thorpe** *Hybrids*  
**Various authors** *Dr Who story books*

## Sport

**Lauren Brooke** *Chestnut Hill series*  
**Tom Palmer** *Foul Play series, Rugby Academy series*

## Thought provoking

**David Almond** *My Name is Mina*  
**Malorie Blackman** *Pig Heart Boy, Tell Me No Lies*  
**Frank Cottrell Boyce** *The Unforgotten Coat*  
**Janet Lee Carey** *Wenny Has Wings*  
**Peter Dickinson** *The Kin*  
**Stewart Foster** *The Bubble Boy*  
**Sally Grindley** *Hurricane Wills*  
**Polly Ho-Yen** *Boy in the Tower*  
**Ally Kennan** *Sparks*  
**Michael Morpurgo** *The Boy Giant*  
**Sally Nicholls** *Ways to Live Forever*  
**R. J. Palacio** *Wonder, Augie and Me*  
**Lisa Thompson** *Owen and the Soldier*

## WW2

**Nina Bawden** *Carrie's War*  
**John Boyne** *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*  
**Anne Frank** *The Diary of Anne Frank*  
**Sonia Hartnett** *The Children of the King*  
**Anne Holm** *I am David*  
**Eva Ibbotson** *The Dragonfly Pool*  
**Judith Kerr** *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*  
**Robert Leeson** *Tom's War*  
**Michele Magorian** *Goodnight Mr Tom*

**Barbara Mitchelhill** *Run Rabbit Run*  
**Michael Morpurgo** *Adolphus Tips, Eagle in the Snow*  
**Megan Rix** *Bomber Dog, Victory Dogs, The Great Escape*  
**Ian Serrallier** *The Silver Sword*  
**Jill Paton Walsh** *Dolphin Crossing*  
**Robert Westall** *Blitzcat, The Machine Gunners, Fathom Five, A Time of Fire*

## **WW1**

**John Boyne** *Stay Where you are then Leave*  
**Hilary McKay** *The Skylark's War*  
**Michael Morpurgo** *War Horse, Private Peaceful, Why the Whales Came*

## **Badger Books**

### **Alien Detective Agency series**

**Roger Hurn** *Horror in the Chamber, Slime Time, The Day of the Scoffalot, Pirate Planet*  
**Jane West** *Take Two, The Onyx star, Jack and Wanda Ride Again, the Dark Side of the Moon, Fan Club*

### **Ignite series**

**Stan Cullimore** *Spiders from Space*  
**Lynda Gore** *Rocket Dog*  
**Mike Gould** *Gone Viral*  
**Alison Hawes** *The Old Lift*  
**Roger Hurn** *The Ghost Train*  
**Melanie Joyce** *Team Games*  
**Clare Lawrence** *Dog Diaries*  
**Danny Pearson** *Monster Diner*  
**Richard Taylor** *Mutant Baby Werewolf*  
**Jonny Zucker** *Alien Sports TV*

## **Barrington Stoke For Older Readers**

**Malorie Blackman** *Hostage*  
**Tony Bradman** *The Dirty Dozen*  
**Theresa Breslin** *Starship Rescue*  
**Annie Dalton** *Friday Forever*  
**Mary Hoffman** *Virtual Friend*  
**Mary Hooper** *The Genie*  
**Ann Jungman** *Resistance*  
**Michael Lawrence** *Young Dracula*

**Lynne Markham** *Cinderalf*  
**Hazel Townson** *Lift Off, The Secret Room*

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