



## St Joseph and St Theresa Catholic Primary School

### Year 6 Recommended Reading List

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, as well as being an enjoyable pastime, reading impacts hugely on all areas of children's learning and their writing ability. We encourage children to read as much as possible, both at home and in school.

To assist with the difficult task of choosing a new book, we have put together a recommended reading list for each year group across the school.

Whilst the children have access to a variety of books within each classroom, we are aware of the fact that not all of the below titles are available to the children in school. We are currently working on increasing the range of fiction books available to the children both in class and in the library. In the meantime, we also encourage them to bring in their own books from home, to visit their local library and to share some of the recommended books below between their friendship groups.

You will notice that this is not an exhaustive list, but it represents a cross-section of books suitable for your child's year group.

Happy reading!

Mr Pickering

### Recommended books

#### Fantasy

- Joan Aiken- *Midnight is a Place*
- David Almond- *Skellig, Heaven Eyes*
- Eion Colfer- *Artemis Fowl series, The Supernaturalist, Half Moon Investigations*
- Chris D'Lacey- *Icefire, Shrinking Ralph Perfect, The Salt Pirates of Skegness*
- Helen Dunmore- *Ingo*
- Cornelia Funke- *Inkheart, Inkspell, The Thief Lord*
- Alan Garner- *The Owl Service, Elidor*
- Alan Gibbons- *Warriors of the Raven*
- Elizabeth Goudge- *Little White Horse*
- Anthony Horowitz- *The Power of Five series*
- Erin Hunter- *Warrior Cats series*
- Brian Jacques- *Redwall*
- Diane Wynne Jones- *Eight Days of Luke, The Chrestomanci Series*

- Elizabeth Kay- The Divide, Back to the Divide etc
- Stephen Moore- Tooth and Claw
- William Nicholson- The Wind on Fire Trilogy, The Noble Warriors Trilogy
- Jenny Nimmo- Charlie Bone series
- Ian Ogilvy- Measle and the Mallockee
- Christopher Paolini- Eragon, Eldest
- Michele Paver- Wolf Brother, Spirit Walker, Soul Eater
- Terry Pratchett- Johnny and the Bomb, Diggers, The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents
- Philip Pullman- His Dark Materials Series
- Philip Reeve- Mortal Engines
- Philip Ridley- Mighty Fizz Chilla

### Adventure

- Jon Blake- The Last Free Cat
- Frank Cottrell Boyce- Millions, Framed, Cosmic
- Melvin Burgess- An Angel for May
- Joe Craig- Jimmy Coates series
- Jamila Gavin- The Blood Stone, Surya Trilogy
- Carl Hiaasen- Hoot
- Charlie Higson- The Young Bond books
- Sophie Mckenzie- Girl Missing
- Willard Price- Volcano Adventure etc
- Chris Ryan- Alpha Force series
- Ruth Thomas- The Runaways
- Mark Walden- H.I.V.E series
- Jeanette Winterson- Tanglewreck

### WW2

- Nina Bawden- Carrie's War
- John Boyne- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
- The Diary of Anne Frank
- Anne Holm- I am David
- Robert Leeson- Tom's War
- Michele Magorian- Goodnight Mr Tom
- Linda Newberry- Blitz Boys
- Christne Nostlinger- Fly Away Home
- Jill Paton Walsh- Dolphin Crossing
- Robert Westall- Blitzcat

### Classics

- Frances Hodgson Burnett- The Secret Garden, The Little Princess, Little Lord Fauntleroy
- Arthur Conan Doyle- The Lost World
- Alexandre Dumas- The Three Musketeers
- W. E. Johns- Biggles
- C. S. Lewis- Narnia
- L. M. Montgomery- Anne of Green Gables
- E. Nesbit- The Railway Children
- Mary Norton- The Borrowers
- Arthur Ransome- Swallows and Amazons
- Anna Sewell- Black Beauty
- R. L. Stevenson- Treasure Island

- Mark Twain- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
- Jules Verne- Around the World in 80 Days

### Modern Classics

- Richard Adams- Watership Down
  - Joan Aiken- The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
  - Lynne Read Banks- The Indian in the Cupboard
  - Gillian Cross- The Demon Headmaster series, The Great Elephant Chase
  - Penelope Farmer- Charlotte Sometime
  - Norman Juster- The Phantom Tollbooth
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- Jack London- White Fang, Call of the Wild
  - Jenny Nimmo- The Snow Spider Trilogy
  - Phillipa Pearce- Tom's Midnight Garden
  - Sylvia Voight- The Homecoming
  - Laura Ingalls- Wilder Little House on the Prairie
  - Henry Williamson- Tarka The Otter

### Well-loved authors

- Geraldine McCaughrean- Stop the Train, The Stones are Hatching, A Little Lower than Angels, Peter Pan in Scarlet
- Michael Morpurgo books for older readers- Out of the Ashes, Private Peaceful, Alone on the Wide Sea, Adolphus Tips, Why the Whales Came
- Jacqueline Wilson- The Illustrated Mum, Vicky Angel, My Sister Jodie

### Thought provoking books

- Malorie Blackman- Pig Heart Boy, Tell Me No Lies
- Zizou Corder- Lionboy
- Peter Dickinson- The Kin
- Anita Desai- Village by the Sea
- Deborah Ellis- The Breadwinner series
- Adeline Yen Mah- The Chinese Cinderella

### Humour

- Dinah Capparucci- Aliens Don't Eat Dog Food
- Susan Gates- Killer Mushrooms Ate My Gran
- Pete Johnson- Trust Me I'm a Trouble maker
- Diana Wynne Jones- Charmed Life
- Phillip Reeve- Night of the Living Dead, Night of the Living Veg
- Alan Temperley- Harry and the Wrinklies