
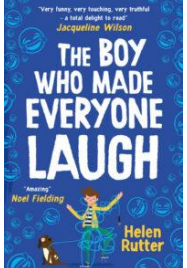
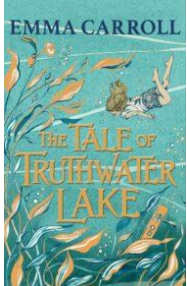
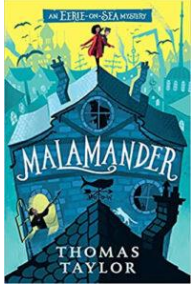

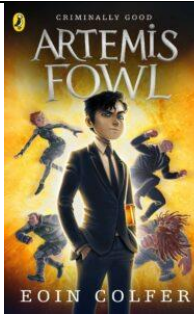
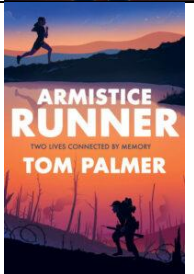


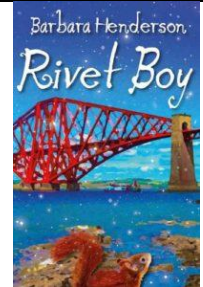

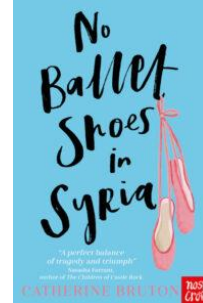

Year 6 Reading Booklist

Title	Author	Description
	<p>Phillipa Pearce</p> <p>Chapter Book</p>	<p>This entrancing and magical story is one of the best-loved classic children's books and is a top choice for Year 6. When Tom is sent to stay at his aunt and uncle's house for the summer, he resigns himself to endless weeks of boredom. As he lies awake in his bed he hears the grandfather clock downstairs strike . . .eleven . . . twelve . . . thirteen . . .Thirteen! Tom races down the stairs and out the back door, into a garden everyone told him wasn't there. In this enchanted thirteenth hour, the garden comes alive - but Tom is never sure whether the children he meets there are real or ghosts.</p>
	<p>Helen Rutter</p> <p>Chapter Book</p>	<p>This debut novel from Helen Rutter is inspired by her own son who has a stammer, and it delves into the worries and thoughts that Billy has about having a stammer and how he thinks the outside world will see him because of it. When eleven-year-old Billy starts Bannerdale secondary school, he wants to fit in and be popular. In fact, he hopes to realise his dream of becoming a comedian and being known throughout the school as 'Billy Plimpton, the Funniest Boy in School'.</p>
	<p>Emma Carroll</p> <p>Chapter Book</p>	<p>The Tale of Truthwater Lake is a gripping and fast paced adventure story, set in part, in the future and in part in the past. The story revolves around Polly and her brother, Joel who are growing up in 2032 when climate change is causing a prolonged summer heatwave, with daily government warnings sent to warn people to stay indoors. The children live with their parents in a small flat in Brighton and are sent away to their aunt's house in the country for a few weeks in the summer holiday – although not before Polly has to be rescued by her brother from a late-night swim resulting in some online bullying.</p>

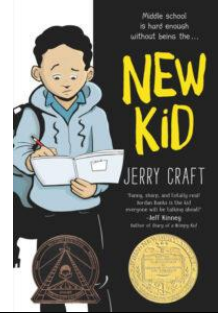

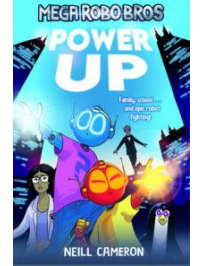

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	<p>Thomas Taylor</p> <p>Chapter Book</p>	<p>A hugely popular sea themed mystery laced with monstrous humour. Welcome to Eerie-on-Sea, a seaside setting with its own legend of the mysterious sea creature called the Malamander. Young friends Herbie and Violet find themselves on a whirlwind of a coastal adventure steeped in imagination and eccentric humour, involving a book dispensary, a mermonkey, a Boathook Man and a flotsamporium shop. Can Herbie and Violet put together all the pieces of the puzzle before it is too late?</p>
	<p>A.F. Steadman</p> <p>Chapter Book</p>	<p>Take everything you think you know about unicorns and discard it. They are not the shiny, mythical creatures that you believe you know. They are ferocious, magical and deadly creatures who are very much real. Each year, mainlander children hope to pass the Hatchery exam in order to become unicorn riders. Thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith is no different. He wants to be a hero.</p> <p>When it is finally Skandar's time to realise his dreams, everything seems to turn against him. The Island's most powerful unicorn is missing after being stolen by a haunting enemy that has returned with a vengeance and Skandar discovers a secret that could change everything and crush his dreams forever.</p>
	<p>Eoin Colfer</p> <p>Chapter Book</p>	<p>Artemis Fowl is now an award-winning fantasy series of books and a huge hit with children in the 9-12 age range. The stories mix supernatural action, thrilling adventure and a good sprinkling of humour. The story follows 12-year-old Artemis, a criminal mastermind, as he plans to kidnap a fairy leader for a ransom of fairy gold, only to find the fairies are armed and ready to fight back. Throughout the series, Artemis finds himself involved in kidnappings, heists and dangerous battles with a host of supernatural beings including goblins, pixies, dwarves and trolls, each with their own quirky characteristics. We recommend this entertaining series for children who love fantasy characters, action-charged adventures and the feeling of getting stuck into a gripping series.</p>
	<p>Tom Palmer and Tom Clohosy-Cole</p> <p>Historical Fiction</p>	<p>Best-selling author Tom Palmer has a track record of bringing together his passions for sport and history in popular stories with a high appeal in primary schools. His gripping story, Armistice Runner, brings into the spotlight messenger runners on the front line of World War I. As with all of Tom's books published by Barrington Stoke, these books are 'super-readable' due to their accessible layout including a dyslexia-friendly font and tinted paper. This is a wonderful story to use in KS2 classrooms to explore the history of the World War 1 Armistice.</p>

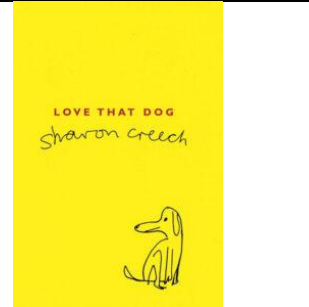
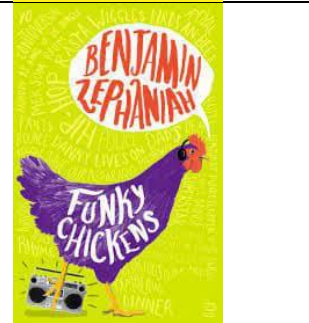
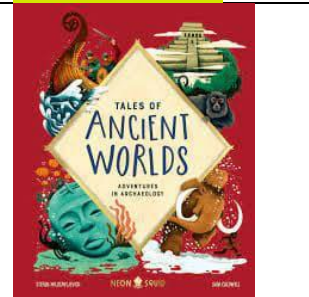

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	<p>Barbara Henderson</p> <p>Historical Fiction</p>	<p>Set in Victorian times, this is the story of the children who worked on the dangerous job of building the famous Forth Bridge. This is a truly exciting adventure that brings a real historical scenario to life. The thought of being perched up on top of the bridge with no safety measures at all made my blood run cold! Add into that some villainous villains and a child hero and you have a recipe for breath-taking episodes and action-packed escapades, with a seamless blending of fact and fiction. The book is quite a slim one and very easy to read. The shorter length makes it very attractive to children who want to read more complex material but have less stamina and are put off by lengthy books.</p>
	<p>Zillah Bethall</p> <p>Chapter Book</p>	<p>The Shark Caller is a stunner of a story – rich with the sights and sounds of its Papua New Guinean setting while also reflecting sagely on universal themes of life and death, family, friendship and time. Full of depth, this story is most suitable for mature readers in KS2 who can handle plot twists and deeper, philosophical themes to discuss. It's beautifully written, wise, enticing – haunting at times – but also full of thrills and surprises....</p>
	<p>Catherine Bruton</p> <p>Chapter Book</p>	<p>A superb read. This is a gripping and thought-provoking story exploring the experience of an eleven-year-old girl fleeing conflict in Syria. Aya's tale is told with such compassion that takes the reader on a real empathy journey. <i>No Ballet Shoes in Syria</i> is an important story that is beautifully told with warmth and compassion.</p>
	<p>Polly Ho-Yen</p> <p>Chapter Book</p>	<p>When they first arrived, they came quietly and stealthily as if they tip-toed into the world when we were all looking the other way. Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him. His mum doesn't really like looking outside - but it's going outside that she hates. She prefers to sleep all day inside their tower, where it's safe. Except it isn't any more. Strange plants have started to take over and tower blocks are falling down around them. Now Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out...</p>

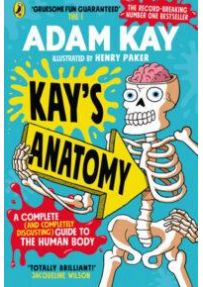
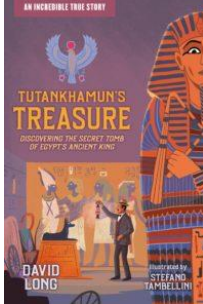
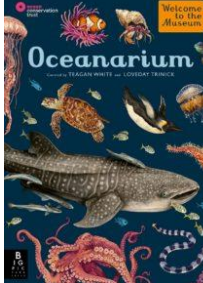
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	<p>Jerry Craft</p> <p>Novel</p>	<p>New Kid is a timely, honest graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real, from award-winning author-illustrator Jerry Craft. Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enrol him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of colour in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds-and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighbourhood friends and staying true to himself?</p>
	<p>Raina Telgemeier</p> <p>Novel</p>	<p>Raina just wanted to be a normal girl, but one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion and friends who turn out to not be so friendly.</p>
	<p>Neill Cameron</p> <p>Novel</p>	<p>Alex and Freddy are robots and also brothers, doing typical brother things like arguing, going to theme parks and annoying each other at school. The boys band together when a series of robot attacks take place in London and the pair need to work as a team to defeat Evil Robot 23.</p> <p>An action-packed graphic novel weaving feel-good themes of family and school life with a good scattering of deadly lasers, jet packs, danger and some excellent sidekicks.</p>
	<p>Mandy Coe</p> <p>Poetry</p>	<p>The life-affirming 'You are Here,' on the first page is a wonderful introduction and sets the positive and optimistic tone for the poems to come with the final line; 'You are Here! You are Here!' The book is jam-packed with original verse; all of them perfectly written for reading aloud - well suited for both pure enjoyment and also as a base for children's own poetry within their English lesson. Each poem explores different aspects of a child's life; from rainy days in 'Puddle Ocean' to wandering around a house at night in 'Tiptoe'. 'Helping Hands' touches on the complexity and diversity within each and every family; it really is beautiful to read and savour, while 'Save You' would be a really powerful poem to use as part of topic work around conservation.</p>

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	<p>Sharon Creech</p> <p>Poetry</p>	<p>A story told entirely through narrative verse. Slowly Jack learns the pleasures of writing poetry as Miss Stretchberry encourages him to tell his own story through verse. What emerges is a moving and memorable verse novel about a boy and his dog and his growing passion for poetry.</p>
	<p>Benjamin Zephaniah</p> <p>Poetry</p>	<p>Enter the crazy world of rap poet Benjamin Zephaniah! A reissue of the wonderfully irreverent collection of poetry for young people, touching on anything from vegetables to the Queen and from sewage to the sun. There's plenty of humour as well as poems on racism, pollution and the murder of a cat.</p>
	<p>Stefan Milosavljevic</p> <p>Non-Fiction</p>	<p>What links shipwrecks, Egyptian treasure, and fossilized Viking poo? They've all been discovered by archaeologists! Read about incredible finds such as the terracotta army that hid underground for 2,000 years and the mysterious Ice Age temple made from mammoth bones. Along the way see if you have what it takes to be an archaeologist and meet the pioneering women and men who have brought the past back to life.</p>
	<p>Lara Albanese</p> <p>Non-Fiction</p>	<p>Space Maps is a super-sized visual treat. It will appeal to those already interested in the topic of space and will attract those who are new to the subject. The reader is invited to take a tour of all things space in the company of a diverse crew of space guides. During our space tour, a wealth of facts are covered -each double page focuses on a different aspect and so information is given in speedy, bite-sized fact boxes making this an ideal book for dipping into.</p>

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	<p>Adam Kay and Henry Paker</p> <p>Non-Fiction</p>	<p>Discover all the weird and wonderful things that go on inside your body with Adam Kay. Do you ever think about your body and how it all works? This book is going to tell you what's actually going on in there, and answer the really important questions, like: Are bogeys safe to eat? Look, if your nose is going to all that effort of creating a snack, the least we can do is check out its nutritional value, and how much of your life will you spend on the toilet? About a year - so bring a good book. So sit back, relax, put on some rubber gloves, and let a doctor take you on a tour of your insides.</p>
	<p>David Long</p> <p>Non-Fiction</p>	<p>On 4 November 1922, a young Egyptian boy working on Howard Carter's archaeological dig in the Valley of the Kings stumbled across a strange piece of rock. On closer inspection it turned out to be a stone step that would lead Carter to a long-lost tomb - and to treasures beyond his wildest dreams. The tomb belonged to boy pharaoh Tutankhamun and was packed full of priceless artefacts. It had been largely untouched for over 3,000 years and remains one of the most important archaeological discoveries of all time. But did the opening of the tomb trigger a deadly curse? David Long's fact-filled account shows how Carter's amazing discoveries told us so much about life in Ancient Egypt.</p>
	<p>Loveday Trinick and Teagan White</p> <p>Non-Fiction</p>	<p>This impressive hardback is the closest thing you can get to a museum in book form. Suited to more mature readers in KS2, the book exhibits aspects of marine biology, diverse ocean habitats and environmental conservation. This is a beautiful large-sized non-fiction with full-page colour illustrations to pore over and plenty of scientific detail and vocabulary to learn.</p>