

**Most of the following books can be found in the school library.**

**It is important that you read a wide range of different types of books. We would strongly suggest that you to select some books from the Modern Fiction section, some from the Classic Fiction section and some Non-Fiction books (these may relate to the topics you are studying in class).**

**In addition to this we would encourage you to read some poetry, myths and legends, stories from other cultures and some short stories.**

### **Modern Fiction**

|                      |                                                   |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| David Almond         | Skellig                                           |
| Natalie Babbitt      | Tuck Everlasting                                  |
| Nina Bawden          | Granny the Pag                                    |
|                      | The Peppermint Pig                                |
|                      | Carrie's War                                      |
| Malorie Blackman     | Pig Heart Boy                                     |
|                      | A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E                                   |
|                      | Hacker                                            |
|                      | Thief!                                            |
| Tim Bowler           | River Boy                                         |
|                      | Starseeker                                        |
| Frank Cottrell Boyce | Millions                                          |
| Melvin Burgess       | Kite                                              |
| Eoin Colfer          | Artemis Fowl                                      |
| Sharon Creech        | Ruby Holler                                       |
| Helen Cresswell      | The Nightwatchmen                                 |
| Gillian Cross        | Wolf                                              |
|                      | The Lost Trilogy                                  |
|                      | The Demon Headmaster (Series)                     |
| Anita Desai          | The Village by the Sea                            |
| Berlie Doherty       | Street Child                                      |
|                      | Children of Winter                                |
| Siobhan Dowd         | A Swift Pure Cry                                  |
| Anne Fine            | Flour Babies                                      |
|                      | Goggle Eyes                                       |
|                      | Up on Cloud Nine                                  |
|                      | Bad Dreams                                        |
|                      | Tulip Touch                                       |
| Cornelia Funke       | The Dragon Rider                                  |
|                      | The Thief Lord                                    |
|                      | Inkheart Trilogy                                  |
| Sally Gardner        | I, Coriander                                      |
| Jamilla Gavin        | Coram Boy                                         |
| Morris Gleitzman     | Once                                              |
|                      | Then                                              |
|                      | Now                                               |
| Mark Haddon          | The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time |
| Matt Haig            | Shadow Forest                                     |
| Lian Hearn           | Across the Nightingale Floor (Teen fiction)       |

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Anne Holm             | I am David                                       |
| Anthony Horowitz      | Alex Rider (Series)                              |
|                       | Diamond Brothers (Series)                        |
|                       | Power of Five (Series)                           |
|                       | The Switch                                       |
|                       | The Devil and His Boy                            |
| Isabel Hoving         | The Dream Merchant                               |
| Eva Ibbotson          | Journey to the River Sea                         |
|                       | The Haunting of Hiram                            |
|                       | Island of the Aunts                              |
|                       | The Beasts of Clawstone Castle                   |
|                       | The Star of Kazan                                |
|                       | The Secret of Platform 13                        |
| Gene Kemp             | Nothing Scares Me                                |
| Judith Kerr           | When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit                    |
| Elizabeth Laird       | The Garbage King                                 |
| Derek Landy           | Skulduggery Pleasant                             |
| Joe Layburn           | Ghostscape                                       |
| Caroline Lawrence     | Roman Mysteries (Series)                         |
| Penelope Lively       | The Ghost of Thomas Kempe                        |
|                       | A Stitch in Time                                 |
| Adeline Yen Mah       | Chinese Cinderella                               |
| Geraldine McCaughrean | The Kite Rider                                   |
|                       | The White Darkness (Teen fiction)                |
|                       | Stop the Train                                   |
| Sophie McKenzie       | Girl Missing (Teen fiction)                      |
| Stephenie Meyer       | Twilight Saga (Teen fiction - Breaking Dawn 11+) |
| Michael Morpurgo      | Waiting for Anya                                 |
|                       | Private Peaceful                                 |
|                       | The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips               |
|                       | Born to Run                                      |
|                       | Warhorse                                         |
|                       | Friend or Foe                                    |
|                       | Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea                        |
|                       | Why the Whales Came                              |
|                       | Kenseuke's Kingdom                               |
|                       | My Friend Walter                                 |
|                       | Farm Boy                                         |
|                       | Dear Olly                                        |
|                       | The Last Wolf                                    |
| Robert Muchamore      | Cherub Series (Teen fiction)                     |
|                       | Henderson's Boys (Series)                        |
| William Nicholson     | The Wind Singer                                  |
| Jenny Nimmo           | The Snow Spider (Trilogy)                        |
| Michelle Paver        | The Chronicles of Ancient Darkness (Series)      |
| Varjak Paw            | S. F. Said                                       |
| Philipa Pearce        | A Dog So Small                                   |
| Philip Pullman        | Clockwork                                        |
|                       | Northern Lights                                  |
|                       | The Subtle Knife                                 |
|                       | The Firework Maker's Daughter                    |
|                       | The Amber Spyglass                               |

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| Celia Rees       | Witch Child                          |
| Lynne Reid Banks | The Indian in the Cupboard           |
| Philip Ridley    | Scribbleboy                          |
| Rick Riordan     | Percy Jackson (Series)               |
| Louis Sachar     | There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom |
|                  | Small Steps                          |
| Darren Shan      | The Saga of Darren Shan (Series)     |
| Norman Silver    | A Monkey's Wedding                   |
| Ali Sparkes      | Dark Summer                          |
|                  | Frozen in Time                       |
|                  | Shapeshifter (Series)                |
|                  | Wishful Thinking                     |
| Lauren St. John  | The White Giraffe (Series)           |
| Eleanor Updale   | Montmorency series                   |
| Karen Wallace    | Raspberries on the Yangtze           |
| Robert Westall   | Blitz Cat                            |
|                  | Kingdom by the Sea                   |
| Markus Zusak     | The Book Thief                       |

### **Classic Fiction**

|                        |                                  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Louisa M Alcott        | Little Women                     |
|                        | Little Men                       |
| Edgar Rice Burroughs   | The Land that Time Forgot        |
| Betsy Byars            | The Midnight Fox                 |
| Lewis Carroll          | Alice's Adventures in Wonderland |
| A. De Saint-Exupery    | The Little Prince                |
| Charles Dickens        | A Christmas Carol                |
| Gerald Durrell         | My Family and Other Animals      |
| Judith Elkin           | The Borrowers                    |
| Michael Ende           | The Never-ending Story           |
| Penelope Farmer        | Charlotte Sometimes              |
| Eve Garnett            | The Family from One End Street   |
| Elizabeth Goudge       | The Little White Horse           |
| Kenneth Grahame        | The Wind in the Willows          |
| F. Hodgson Burnett     | The Secret Garden                |
|                        | A Little Princess                |
| Rudyard Kipling        | Just So Stories                  |
|                        | The Jungle Book                  |
| C.S. Lewis             | The Chronicles of Narnia         |
| Jack London            | White Fang                       |
|                        | The Call of the Wild             |
| Lucy Montgomery        | Anne of Green Gables             |
| Edith Nesbit           | The Railway Children             |
|                        | The Phoenix and the Carpet       |
| Robert O'Brien         | Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh  |
| Katherine Paterson     | Bridge to Terabithia             |
| Philippa Pearce        | Tom's Midnight Garden            |
| Anna Sewell            | Black Beauty                     |
| Johanna Spyri          | Heidi                            |
| Robert Louis Stevenson | Treasure Island                  |
| Catherine Storr        | The Mirror Image Ghost           |
|                        | Marianne Dreams                  |

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| Noel Streatfeild  | Ballet Shoes                        |
| Rosmary Sutcliffe | Eagle of the Ninth                  |
| J.R.R. Tolkien    | The Hobbit                          |
| Jules Verne       | 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea        |
|                   | Around the World in Eighty Days     |
| H.G. Wells        | The Time Machine (Penguin Classics) |
| T.H. White        | Mistress Masham's Repose            |
|                   | The Once and Future King            |
| E. B. White       | The Trumpet of the Swan             |
| Alison Uttley     | A Traveller in Time                 |

## Non-Fiction

### Biographies, diaries, journals, letters, true life accounts, etc

|                               |                                                                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nina Bawden                   | In My Own Time: Almost An Autobiography                                       |
| Zlata Filipovic               | Zlata's Diary                                                                 |
| Anne Frank                    | Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl                                         |
| Laurie Lee                    | Cider With Rosie                                                              |
|                               | As I walked Out One Summer Morning                                            |
| Beverley Birch                | Pasteur's Fight Against Microbes                                              |
| Peggy Burns                   | Famous Lives: Writers                                                         |
| Moira Butterfield             | Diary of a Young Nurse in World War Two                                       |
| Roald Dahl                    | Boy                                                                           |
|                               | Going Solo                                                                    |
| Carol Drinkwater              | The Hunger: The Diary of Phyllis McCormack                                    |
| Gerald Durrell                | My Family and Other Animals                                                   |
| Michael Foreman               | War Boy: A Country Childhood                                                  |
| Dennis Hamley                 | World War II Pilot (History Diaries)                                          |
| Elisabeth McNair              | Robert Burns: Maker of Rhymes                                                 |
| Nina Morgan                   | Famous Campaigners for Change                                                 |
| Usborne Famous Lives (Series) | Scientists; Explorers; Kings and Queens; Inventors Famous Women; Writers      |
| Various                       | Telling Tales (Series; Biographies of and Interviews with Children's Authors) |
| Ellen White                   | Voyage on the Great Titanic                                                   |

### General

|                          |                                                  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Jenny Alexander          | Bullies, Bigmouths and So-called Friends         |
| Richard Hammond          | Can You Feel the Force?                          |
| Terry Robinson           | Kings and Queens                                 |
| Lucy and Stephen Hawking | George's Cosmic Treasure Hunt (combined fiction) |
|                          | George's Secret Key to the Universe              |
| David J. Smith           | If the World Were a Village                      |
| Sarah Snashall           | Anatomy of a Volcano (Shockwave)                 |
|                          | Extreme Sports (Shockwave)                       |
|                          | The Water Planet (Shockwave)                     |
|                          | Mighty Earth (Shockwave)                         |
|                          | Full Speed Ahead (Shockwave)                     |
|                          | Genius or Madman (Shockwave)                     |
|                          | Skiing in the Desert (Shockwave)                 |
|                          | Secrets of the Space Shuttle (Shockwave)         |
|                          | The Wind at Work (Shockwave)                     |
|                          | Ashes to Ashes (Shockwave)                       |
|                          | No Animals, No Plants (Shockwave)                |
|                          | Leonardo Da Vinci (Shockwave)                    |

Vision without Sight (Shockwave)  
Caught with a Catch (Shockwave)

## Short Stories and Compilations

|                        |                                                                                                |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| David Almond           | Counting Stars                                                                                 |
| Malorie Blackman       | Words Last Forever                                                                             |
| Edward Blishen         | Science Fiction Stories                                                                        |
| Louise Cooper          | Short and Scary!<br>Short and Spooky!                                                          |
| Compilation            | Ten of the Best                                                                                |
| Kevin Crossley-Holland | Short!: A Book of Very Short Stories                                                           |
| Janni Howker           | Badger on the Barge and Other Stories                                                          |
| George Layton          | The Fib and Other Stories                                                                      |
| Michael Morpurgo       | Singing for Mrs Pettigrew: A Storymaker's Journey<br>War: Stories of Conflict<br>Higher Ground |
| Helen Paiba            | Adventure Stories for Ten Year Olds<br>Funny Stories for Ten Year Olds                         |
| Philipa Pearce         | The Rope and other Stories                                                                     |
| Maggie Pearson         | Short and Shocking!                                                                            |
| Mike Royston           | A New Windmill Book of Very Short Stories                                                      |

## Myths and Legends

|                       |                                                         |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Aesop                 | Aesop's Fables                                          |
| Anthony Horowitz      | Myths and Legends                                       |
| Madhur Jaffrey        | Seasons of Splendour: Tales, Myths and Legends of India |
| Geraldine McCaughrean | Golden Myths and Legends of the World                   |

## Poetry

### Classic and Significant Poetry

|                        |                                                 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Allan Ahlberg          | Heard it in the Playground<br>Please Mrs Butler |
| Hilaire Belloc         | Cautionary Verses                               |
| Robert Browning        | The Pied Piper of Hamelin                       |
| Roald Dahl             | Revolt Rhymes                                   |
| Walter de la Mare      | Peacock Pie                                     |
| Anne Fine              | A Shame to Miss                                 |
| Michael Harrison       | New Oxford Treasury of Children's Poems         |
| Caroline Holden        | The Kingfisher Book of Comic Verse              |
| Alfred Noyes           | The Highwayman                                  |
| Glyn Rees              | The Mammoth Book of Limericks                   |
| Michael Rosen          | Walker Book of Classic Poetry                   |
| Steve Turner           | The Day I fell Down the Toilet                  |
| Fiona Waters           | Poems Then and Now                              |
| Kaye Webb              | I like This Poem                                |
| Robert Louis Stevenson | A Child's Garden of Verse                       |
| Fiona Waters           | Golden Apples<br>Poems Then and Now             |

### Range of poetic forms and nonsense verse

|               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Gerard Benson | This Poem Doesn't Rhyme |
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|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| James Berry       | We Can't Provide Fish Thumbs                         |
| Quentin Blake     | Puffin Book of Nonsense Verse                        |
| Sharon Creech     | Love That Dog                                        |
| John Foster       | Crack Another Yolk                                   |
| Ted Hughes        | Nessie, the Mannerless Monster                       |
| Edward Lear       | Nonsense Songs (or any other Edward Lear collection) |
| Roger McGough     | Nailing the Shadow                                   |
| Spike Milligan    | Silly Verse for Kids                                 |
| Michael Palin     | Limericks                                            |
| Brian Patten      | Gargling with Jelly                                  |
| Joseph Rosenbloom | Little Giant Book of Riddles                         |
| Gary Crew         | Troy Thompson's Excellent Poetry Book                |

## **Shakespeare**

|                     |                                            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Humphrey Carpenter  | Shakespeare Without the Boring Bits        |
| Leon Garfield       | Shakespeare Stories I                      |
|                     | Shakespeare Stories II                     |
| Anita Ganeri        | What They Don't Tell You About Shakespeare |
| Andrew Matthews     | Shakespeare Stories                        |
| Rupert Christiansen | Who Was William Shakespeare?               |