

## Year 7 Reading Lists

The following lists show a range of novels, collections of short stories, collections of poetry and some drama texts,

You will be expected to choose at least one text per half term to read and review alongside the work you are doing in your English lessons.

**Happy reading!**

### Term 1

Class Text: The Odyssey, Geraldine McCaughrean

Key Themes: Journeys, Adventure, Foreign Lands, Fate, Memory, Grief, Fantasy Lands

### Suggested Reading List

- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, Rick Riordan
- The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien
- The Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins
- The Maze Runner Series, James Dashner
- Private Peaceful, Michael Morpurgo
- War Horse, Michael Morpurgo
- Northern Lights, Philip Pullman
- Divergent, Veronica Roth
- The Mortal Instruments, Cassandra Clare
- Gone, Michael Grant
- The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, JRR Tolkien
- Rooftoppers, Katherine Rundell
- Where the World Ends, Geraldine McCaughrean
- How to Eat a Poem, American Poetry & Literacy Project:
- Bull, David Elliott
- Kingdom by the Sea, Robert Westall
- A Long Walk to Water, Linda Sue Park
- Beowulf, Michael Morpurgo
- Watership Down, Richard Adams
- The Dark is Rising, Susan Cooper
- The Weirdstone of Brisingasman, Alan Garner
- Raptor, Paul Zindel
- The Box of Delights, John Masefield
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll
- Lion Boy, Zizou Corder
- The Silver Sword, Ian Serraillier
- I am David, Ann Holm
- Who Let the Gods Out, Maz Evans
- Once, Morris Gleitzman
- The Wreck of the Zanzibar, Michael Morpurgo
- Journey to the River Sea, Eva Ibbotson
- Dragon Rider, Cornelia Funke
- Shadow of the Minotaur, Alan Gibbons
- A Monster Calls, Patrick Ness
- The Broken Road, B.R. Collins
- The Lost Hero, Rick Riordan
- Heroes and Villains, Anthony Horowitz
- The Wrath of the Gods, Anthony Horowitz
- Beasts and Masters, Anthony Horowitz

## Term 2

Class Text: The Canterbury Tales, Geoffrey Chaucer

Key Themes: Competition, Rivalry, Humour and Wit, Friendship, Conflict

### Suggested Reading List

- Wonder, R J Palacio
- A Street Cat Named Bob, James Bowen
- Angus, Thongs and Full-frontal snogging, Louise Rennison
- Jayne Eyre, Charlotte Bronte
- Millions, Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Laughing Out Loud, I Fly, Juan Felipe Herrera
- The Canterbury Tales, Geoffrey Chaucer (Author) and Geraldine McCaughrean
- Seasons of Splendour: Tales, Myths and Legends of India, Madhur Jaffrey
- The Seeing Stone, Kevin Crossley-Holland
- Danny the Champion of the World, Roald Dahl
- George's Marvellous Medicine, Roald Dahl
- The Sword in the Stone, T.H. White
- Knightley and Son, Rohan Gavin
- The Recruit, Robert Muchamore
- Madam Doubtfire, Anne Fine
- The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants, Ann Brashares
- The Curse of the Gloamglozer, Paul Stuart and Chris Riddell
- Anyone but Ivy Pocket, Caleb Krisp
- Time Travelling with a Hamster, Ross Welford
- What Not to Do if You Turn Invisible, Ross Welford
- Sputnik's Guide to Life of Earth, Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Petunia Perry and the Curse of the Ugly Pigeon, Pamela Butchart
- The Switch, Anthony Horowitz
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll
- Moone Boy: The Blunder Years, Chris O'Dowd
- The Private Blog of Joe Cowley, Ben Davies
- The Bolds, Julian Clary
- Bumface, Morris Gleitzman
- Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents, Terry Pratchett
- Cirque du Freak, Darren Shan
- Great Blue Yonder, Alex Shearer
- Magyk, Angie Sage
- There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom, Louis Sachar
- Two Weeks with the Queen, Morris Gleitzman
- Storm Catchers, Tim Bowler
- Skellig, David Almond
- How I Live Now, Meg Roscoff

## Terms 3 & 4

Class Text: Extracts from Shakespeare

Key Themes: Family, Friendship, Love, Conflict, Peace, Magic, Witchcraft, Ambition, Nature, Fate, Responsibility

### Suggested Reading List

- The Diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank
- The Fault in our Stars, John Green
- The Witches, Roald Dahl

- Mortal Engines, Philip Reeve
- Artemis Fowl, Eion Colfer
- Wuthering Heights, Emily Bronte
- Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems by John Grandits
- Stuff I've Been Feeling Lately, Alicia Cook
- Words Last Forever, Malorie Blackman
- The Machine Gunners, Robert Westall
- Cowgirl, G.R. Gemin
- The Kissing Game, Aiden Chambers
- Echoes, Laura Dockrill
- Smoke and Mirrors, Neil Gaiman
- How They Met and Other Stories, David Levithan
- Pretty Monsters, Kelly Link
- Wolf, Gillian Cross
- Cue for Treason, Geoffrey Trease
- Thief, Malorie Blackman
- I, Coriander, Sally Gardener
- Ruby Holler, Sharon Creech
- The Goldfish Boy, Lisa Thompson
- The Bubble Boy, Stewart Foster
- Mold and the Poison Plot, Lorraine Gregory
- Running on the Roof of the World, Jess Butterworth
- Stargazing for Beginners, Jenny McLachlan
- The London Eye Mystery, Siobhan Dowd
- My Name is Mina, David Almond
- The Smell of Other People's Houses, Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
- Wolf Hollow, Lauren Wolk
- Orbiting Jupiter, Gary D. Schmidt
- Life on the Refrigerator Door, Alice Kuipers
- Witch Child, Celie Rees
- The Tulip Touch, Anne Fine
- William Shakespeare, Rosie Dickins

## Term 5

Class Text: 17<sup>th</sup> century non-fiction

### Suggested Reading List

- A selection (at least 15) of broadsheet and tabloid newspaper articles
- First News
- The Diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank
- Out Of The Dust by Karen Hesse
- I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban, by Malala Yousafzai
- Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board, Bethany Hamilton, Sheryl Berk, Rick Bundschuh
- The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery, Steve Sheinkin
- The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia, Candace Fleming
- The Girl With No Name, Marina Chapman
- Honor Girl, Maggie Thrash
- Courage to Soar, Simone Biles
- Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive Paperback, Laura Hillenbrand

- No Summit out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits Paperback, Jordan Romero
- Letters of Note, Edited by Shaun Usher
- I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives Paperback – May 3, 2016, Martin Ganda
- Chinese Cinderella, Adeline Yen Mah
- Boy, Roald Dahl
- Going Solo, Roald Dahl
- Framed, Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Diary of an (Un)Teenager, Pete Johnson
- FYI: Fiction with Stacks of Facts Series, Various Authors
- When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit, Judith Kerr
- My Family and Other Animals, Gerald Durrell
- My Sword Hand is Singing, Marcus Sedgwick
- The Merrybegot, Julia Hearn
- The Princess in the Pigpen, Jane Resh Thomas
- Chasing Red Bird, Sharon Creech
- Hope in a Ballet Shoe, Michaela and Elain DePrince
- El Deafo, Cece Bell
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## Term 6

Class Text: Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe

Key themes: Adventure, Travel, Leadership, Repentance, Difficult Situations, Wealth, Society and Class, The Natural World, Law and Order, Slavery

### Suggested Reading List

- Gulliver's Travels, Jonathan Swift
- The Sword in the Stone, T. H. White
- Good Night Mister Tom, Michelle Magorian
- The Death Defying Pepper Roux, Geraldine McCaughrean
- Oliver Twist, Charles Dickens
- Underground to Canada, Barbara Smucker
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry. Mildred Taylor
- Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson
- Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain
- Across the Barricades, Joan Lingard
- The Eagle of the Ninth, Rosemary Sutcliffe
- The Cay, Theodore Taylor
- The Garbage King, Elizabeth Laird
- Trash, Andy Mulligan
- The Call of the Wild, Jack London
- The Water Babies, Charles Kingsley
- Refugee Boy, Benjamin Zephaniah
- A Fall of Moondust, Arthur C Clark
- Cold Tom, Sally Prue
- Swiss Family Robinson, Johann David Wyss
- The Wheel of Surya, Jamila Gavin
- The Other Side of Truth, Beverley Naidoo
- The Island at the End of Everything, Karen Millwood Hargrave
- The Bone Sparrow, Zana Fraillon
- Salt to the Sea, Ruta Sepetys
- Beck, Mal Peet

- Wolf Brother, Michelle Paver
- Tribes, Art Wolfe
- Hatchet, Gary Paulson