



Year 6 Recommended Reads!



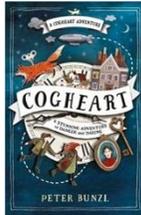
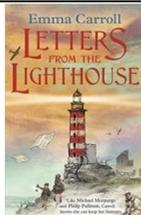
"There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book."

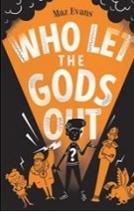
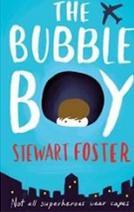
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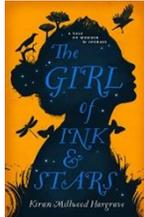
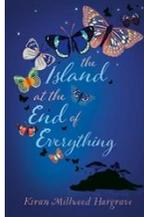
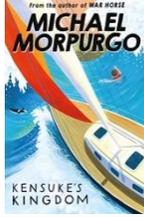
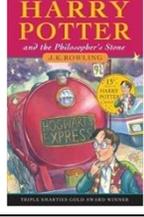
The following list includes books that we have read and would recommend to my classes. They all fall into the 9-12 age range so would be perfect for Years 5 & 6.

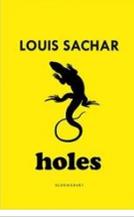
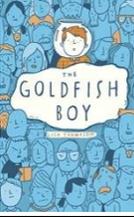
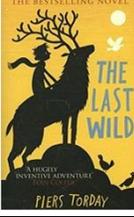
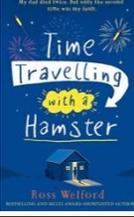
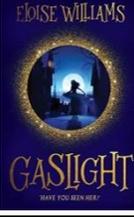
Happy reading...

Miss Maund and Mr Byrne

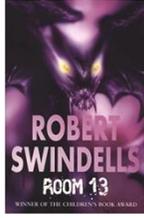
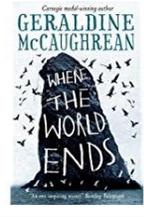
Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide...
	Cogheart Books which follow in the series: Moonlocket	Peter Bunzl	Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her? With her friends – Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox – Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realises that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart... Murder, mayhem and mystery meet in this gripping Victorian adventure.
	Running on the Roof of the World	Jess Butterworth	Tash has to follow many rules to survive in Tibet, a country occupied by Chinese soldiers. But when a man sets himself on fire in protest and soldiers seize Tash's parents, she and her best friend Sam must break the rules. They are determined to escape Tibet - and seek the help of the Dalai Lama himself in India. And so, with a backpack of Tash's father's mysterious papers and two trusty yaks by their side, their extraordinary journey across the mountains begins.
	Letters From The Lighthouse	Emma Carroll	After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees. Desperate to be helpful, Olive becomes his post-girl, carrying secret messages to the villagers. But Olive has a secret of her own. Her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid, and she's desperate to discover what happened to her.

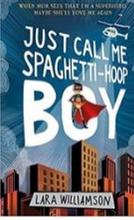
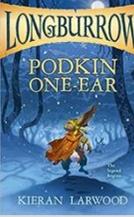
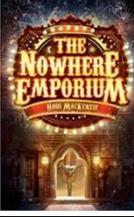
	<h2>A Library of Lemons</h2>	<p>Jo Cotterill</p>	<p>Calypso's mum died a few years ago and her emotionally incompetent Dad can't, or won't, talk about Mum at all. Instead he throws himself into writing his book 'A History of the Lemon'. Meanwhile the house is dusty, there's never any food in the fridge, and Calypso retreats into her own world of books and fiction.</p>
	<h2>The Many Worlds of Albie Bright</h2>	<p>Christopher Edge</p>	<p>When Albie's mum dies, it's natural he should wonder where she's gone. His parents are both scientists and they usually have all the answers. Dad mutters something about Albie's mum being alive and with them in a parallel universe. So Albie finds a box, his mum's computer and a rotting banana, and sends himself through time and space to find her...</p>
	<h2>The Dreamsnatcher</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: The Shadow Keeper The Night Spinner</p>	<p>Abi Elphinstone</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Molly Pecksniff wakes one night in the middle of the forest, lured there by a recurring nightmare - the one with the drums and the rattles and the masks. The Dreamsnatcher is waiting. He has already taken her dreams and now he wants her life. Because Moll is more important than she knows... The Oracle Bones foretold that she and Gryff, a wildcat that has always been by her side, are the only ones who can fight back against the Dreamsnatcher's dark magic. Suddenly everything is at stake...</p>
	<h2>Who Let The Gods Out?</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: Simply the Quest</p>	<p>Maz Evans</p>	<p>A shooting star crashes to earth and changes Elliot's life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. When the pair accidentally unleash the wicked death daemon Thanatos, they turn to the old Olympian gods for help. But after centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task?</p>
	<h2>All The Things That Could Go Wrong</h2>	<p>Stewart Foster</p>	<p>Dan is angry. Nothing has been the same since his big brother left, and he's taking it out on the nearest and weakest target: Alex. Alex is struggling. His severe OCD makes it hard for him to leave the house, especially when Dan and his gang are waiting for him at school . . . Then the boys' mums arrange for them to meet up and finish building the raft that Dan started with his brother. Two enemies stuck together for the whole of the school holidays – what could possibly go wrong?</p>
	<h2>The Bubble Boy</h2>	<p>Stewart Foster</p>	<p>Eleven-year-old Joe can't remember a life outside of his hospital room, with its beeping machines and view of London's rooftops. His condition means he's not allowed outside, not even for a moment, and his few visitors risk bringing life-threatening germs inside his 'bubble'. But then someone new enters his world and changes it for ever...</p>

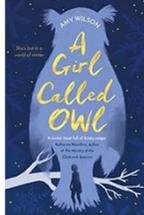
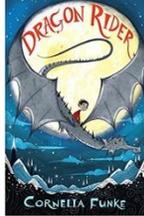
	<h2>The Girl of Ink and Stars</h2>	<p>Kiran Millwood Hargrave</p>	<p>When Isabella's friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search party. As a mapmaker's daughter, she's equipped with elaborate ink maps and knowledge of the stars, eager to navigate the island's forgotten heart. But beneath the mountains a legendary fire demon awakens, and her journey is fraught with danger...</p>
	<h2>The Island at the End of Everything</h2>	<p>Kiran Millwood Hargrave</p>	<p>Ami lives on Culion, an island for people who have leprosy. Her mother is infected. She loves her home - but then islanders untouched by sickness are forced to leave. Ami's desperate to return before her mother's death. She finds a strange and fragile hope in a colony of butterflies. Can they lead her home before it's too late?</p>
	<h2>Beetle Boy</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: Beetle Queen Battle of the Beetles (Jan '18)</p>	<p>MG Leonard</p>	<p>Darkus's dad has disappeared - but his new friend, a giant beetle called Baxter, is some consolation. Together, boy and beetle set out to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance. But Lucretia Cutter - a fashion designer with a penchant for beetle jewellery - is dead set against their success...</p>
	<h2>Kensuke's Kingdom</h2>	<p>Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone...</p>
	<h2>Wonder</h2>	<p>RJ Palacio</p>	<p>'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.'</p> <p>Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.</p>
	<h2>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</h2> <p>Books which follow in the series: Many!</p>	<p>JK Rowling</p>	<p>Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat at 4 Privet Drive. Addressed in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.</p>

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Rooftoppers</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Katherine Rundell</p>	<p>Join plucky heroine Sophie, her eccentric guardian Charles, and her intrepid orphan allies on the rooftops of Victorian Paris, as they encounter suspense and adventure that will keep kids of all ages on the edge of their seats right to the end...</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Holes</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Louis Sachar</p>	<p>Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. The evil warden claims that it is character building, but this is a lie and Stanley must dig up the truth...</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Goldfish Boy</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lisa Thompson</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance...</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Last Wild</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: The Dark Wild The Wild Beyond</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Piers Torday</p>	<p>In a world where animals no longer exist, twelve-year-old Kester Jaynes sometimes feels like he hardly exists either. Locked away in a home for troubled children, he's told there's something wrong with him. So when he meets a flock of talking pigeons and a bossy cockroach, Kester thinks he's finally gone crazy. But the animals have something to say. And they need him...</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Time Travelling With a Hamster</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ross Welford</p>	<p>"My dad died twice. Once when he was thirty nine and again four years later when he was twelve." On Al Chaudhury's twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al's late father. In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's life. Al soon discovers that time travel requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, setting his school on fire and ignoring philosophical advice from Grandpa Byron. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer...</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Gaslight</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eloise Williams</p>	<p>1899. All Nansi knows is that her mother disappeared on the day she was fished out of Cardiff docks. She can't remember anything else. Now, with no other family to turn to, she works for Sid at the Empire Theatre, sometimes legally, sometimes thieving, trying to earn enough money to hire a detective to find her mother.</p>

	<h2>A Boy Called Hope</h2>	<p>Lara Williamson</p>	<p>'I'm Dan Hope and deep inside my head I keep a list of things I want to come true. For example, I want my sister, Ninja Grace, to go to university at the North Pole and only come back once a year. I want to help Sherlock Holmes solve his most daring mystery yet. And if it could be a zombie mystery, all the more exciting. I want my dog to stop eating the planets and throwing them up on the carpet. And finally, the biggest dream of all, I want my dad to love me.'</p>
	<h2>The Boy Who Sailed The Ocean In An Armchair</h2>	<p>Lara Williamson</p>	<p>All Becket wants is for his family to be whole again. But standing in his way are two things: 1) His dad, his brother and him seem to have run away from home in the middle of the night and 2) Becket's mum died before he got the chance to say goodbye to her. Arming himself with an armchair of stories, a snail named Brian and one thousand paper cranes, Becket ploughs on, determined to make his wish come true.</p>
	<h2>A Storm of Strawberries</h2>	<p>Jo Cotterill</p>	<p>Darby is twelve and has Down's syndrome. Her favourite things are music, chocolate, and her big sister Kaydee. It's nearly time for the annual chocolate hunt, the highlight of Darby's year, but Kaydee has brought a friend home for the weekend. Suddenly both the chocolate hunt and her favourite person are in danger of slipping away... and to make things worse, the family's strawberry farm is hit by a tornado...</p>
	<h2>What Not To Do If You Turn Invisible</h2>	<p>Ross Welford</p>	<p>Turning invisible at will: it's one way of curing your acne. But far more drastic than 13 year-old Ethel Leatherhead intended when she tried a combination of untested medicines and a sunbed. It's fun at first, being invisible. And aided by her friend Boydy, she manages to keep her extraordinary ability secret. Or does she...?</p>
	<h2>My Brother is a Superhero</h2>	<p>David Solomons</p>	<p>Luke is a comic-mad eleven-year old who shares a treehouse with his geeky older brother, Zack. Luke's only mistake is to go for a wee right at the wrong time. While he's gone, an alien gives his undeserving, never-read-a-comic-in-his-life brother superpowers and then tells him to save the universe. Luke is massively annoyed about this, but when Zack is kidnapped by his arch-nemesis, Luke and his friends have only five days to find him and save the world...</p>
	<h2>Phoenix</h2>	<p>SF Said</p>	<p>Lucky thinks he's an ordinary Human boy. But one night, he dreams that the stars are singing to him, and wakes to find an uncontrollable power rising inside him. Now he's on the run, racing through space, searching for answers. In a galaxy at war, where Humans and Aliens are deadly enemies, the only people who can help him are an Alien starship crew – and an Alien warrior girl, with neon needles in her hair . . .</p>

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Cosmic</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Frank Cottrell- Bryce</p>	<p>Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force-defying Cosmic rollercoaster - or to be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job? Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Wolf Wilder</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Katherine Rundell</p>	<p>Feodora and her mother live in the snowbound woods of Russia, in a house full of food and fireplaces. Ten minutes away, in a ruined chapel, lives a pack of wolves. Feodora's mother is a wolf wilder, and Feo is a wolf wilder in training. A wolf wilder is the opposite of an animal tamer: it is a person who teaches tamed animals to fend for themselves, and to fight and to run, and to be wary of humans. When the murderous hostility of the Russian Army threatens her very existence, Feo is left with no option but to go on the run...</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Room 13</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Robert Swindells</p>	<p>There is no room thirteen in the creepy Crow's Nest Hotel, where Fliss and her friends are staying on a school trip. Or is there? For at the stroke of midnight, something peculiar happens to the door of the linen cupboard next to room 12. And something is happening to Ellie-May Sunderland, too - something very sinister . . .</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Where The World Ends</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Geraldine McCaughrea n</p>	<p>In the summer of 1727, a group of men and boys are put ashore on a remote sea stac to harvest birds for food. No one returns to collect them. Why? Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they have been abandoned to endure storms, starvation and terror. And how can they survive, housed in stone and imprisoned on every side by the ocean?</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Fly Me Home</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Polly Ho-Yen</p>	<p>Feeling lost and alone in a strange new city, Leelu wishes she could fly away back home – her real home where her dad is, thousands of miles away. London is cold and grey and the neighbours are noisy and there's concrete everywhere. But Leelu is not alone; someone is leaving her gifts outside her house – wonders which give her curious magical powers. Powers which might help her find her way home . . .</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Gauntlet</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Karuna Riazi</p>	<p>A trio of friends from New York City find themselves trapped inside a mechanical board game that they must dismantle in order to save themselves and generations of other children in this action-packed debut that's a steampunk Jumanji with a Middle Eastern flair. Nothing can prepare you for The Gauntlet...</p>

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Just Call Me Spaghetti Hoop Boy</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lara Williamson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">My name is Adam Butters. I live on planet Earth, I like eating spaghetti hoops and I've decided I'm going to be a SUPERHERO.</p> <p>Everyone loves superheroes, they solve problems and make people happy, and that's good because my mum needs cheering up. Also, I've found out that before I was adopted my real mum called me ACE. So now I've just got to prove to the world that's what I am. One mission at a time...</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Podkin One Ear</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kieran Larwood</p>	<p>In a classic fantasy world of anthropomorphic rabbits, three young siblings are on the run from the villainous Gorm tribe who have killed and enslaved their clan. Podkin, once destined to be clan leader, has always been spoiled, but now he must act bravely as he, his older sister, and baby brother flee for their lives. Facing pursuit and treachery, the three collect allies in their search for refuge, until at last they are ready to fight back against the Gorm and attempt to rid the land of an evil scourge.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Unforgotten</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Laura Powell</p>	<p>Summer, 1956. Fifteen-year-old Betty Broadbent has never left the Cornish fishing village of St Steele or ventured far beyond the walls of the boarding house run by her erratic mother. But when the London press pack descends on her village to report on a series of gruesome murders, Betty's world changes. In particular, she is transfixed by mysterious and aloof reporter, Mr Gallagher. But as their bond deepens, they find themselves entangled with the murders and each is forced to make a devastating choice...</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Nowhere Emporium</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ross Mackenzie</p>	<p>When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms. But when Mr Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Perijee & Me</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ross Montgomery</p>	<p>When 11-year-old Caitlin discovers a shrimp-like alien creature on the shores of her island home, she takes responsibility for teaching it about the world. Caitlin becomes increasingly close to her alien friend, treating him like a brother. There's only one problem - Perijee won't stop growing. Then the authorities try to hunt him down and through his fear, Perijee disappears and starts causing trouble. Caitlin must leave home and travel across the country to try and convince Perijee to stop destroying everything before it's too late.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">There May Be A Castle</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Piers Torday</p>	<p>Eleven-year-old Mouse is travelling to see his grandparents on Christmas Eve with his mother and two sisters. But it's snowing, and visibility is bad, and the car goes off the road, and crashes. Mouse is thrown from the car. When he wakes, he's not in his world any more. So begins a quest to find a castle in a world of wonder - a world of monsters, minstrels, dangerous knights and mysterious wizards; a world of terrifying danger but also more excitement than Mouse has ever known.</p>

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Apprentice Witch</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">James Nicol</p>	<p>Arianwyn fluffs her witch's assessment. Awarded the dull bronze disc of an apprentice - to the glee of her arch-rival, Gimma - she's sent to protect the remote, dreary town of Lull. But her new life is far from boring. Turns out Gimma is the pompous mayor's favourite niece - and worse, she opens a magical rift in the nearby forest. As Arianwyn struggles with her spells, it's soon clear there's much more than her pride at stake ...</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">A Girl Called Owl</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amy Wilson</p>	<p>It's bad enough having a mum dippy enough to name you Owl, but when you've got a dad you've never met, a best friend who needs you more than ever, and a new boy at school giving you weird looks, there's not a lot of room for much else. So when Owl starts seeing strange frost patterns on her skin, she's tempted to just burrow down under the duvet and forget all about it. Could her strange new powers be linked to her mysterious father? And what will happen when she enters the magical world of winter for the first time?</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The House on Hummingbird Island</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sam Angus</p>	<p>Idie Grace is twelve when she inherits a grand old house on a Caribbean island, and is sent away from grey old England to a place where hummingbirds hover and monkeys clamber from tree to tree. As a lady of property Idie can do as she pleases, so she fills the house with exotic animals, keeps her beloved horse in the hallway, and carries a grumpy, talking cockatoo called Homer on her shoulder. But the island house holds as many secrets as it does animals, and the truth behind Idie's inheritance is the biggest secret of all . . .</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Explorer</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Katherine Rundell</p>	<p>From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small. Except, it seems, someone has been there before them...</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Dragon Rider</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Books which follow in the series: The Griffin's Feather</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cornelia Funke</p>	<p>Firedrake, a brave young dragon, embarks on a magical journey to find the legendary place where silver dragons can live in peace for ever. Along the way, he discovers extraordinary new friends and a courage he never knew he had. But the greatest enemy of all is never far behind - a heartless monster intent on destroying the last dragons on earth ...</p>