

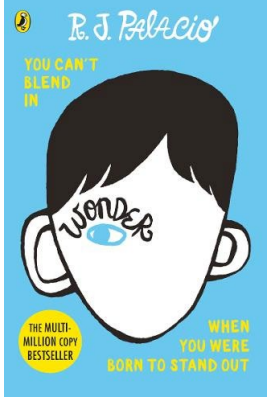
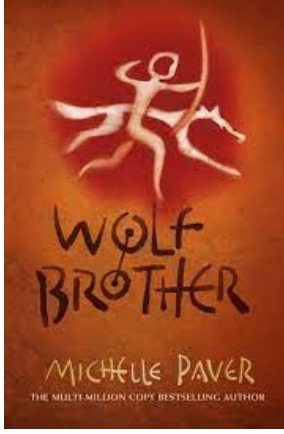

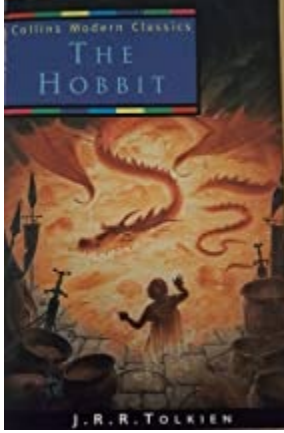
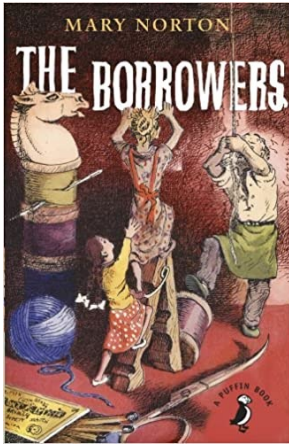


# Year 6 'Must Reads'

 <p>Fantasy</p>	<p><b>The House with Chicken Legs</b> by Sophie Anderson</p> <p>Marinka dreams of a normal life, but her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. Her grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny but her house has other ideas...</p>	 <p>Adventure</p>	<p><b>Cogheart</b> by Peter Bunzl</p> <p>Lily's life is in mortal peril. With her friends - Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox - Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world.</p>
 <p>Diversity</p>	<p><b>Wonder</b> by R. J. Palacio</p> <p>Augie wants to be like every other 10-year-old. But whenever anyone looks at him, they treat him differently. Can he convince everyone that he's just like them inside?</p>	 <p>Myth/fairytale</p>	<p><b>Wolf Brother</b> by Michelle Paver</p> <p>6,000 years ago, 12-year-old Torak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous journey to fulfill an oath the boy made to his dying father.</p>
 <p>Detective</p>	<p><b>Nightfall in New York</b> by Katherine Woodfine</p> <p>Top secret agents, Sophie Taylor and Lil Rose have set sail to New York City on an elegant ocean liner, ready to face their enemies and settle old scores. These two brave friends will need all of their detective skills, courage and derring-do as they race against time to rescue a beloved friend ...</p>	 <p>Fantasy/Classic</p>	<p><b>The Hobbit</b> by J. R. R. Tolkien</p> <p>Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable life. His contentment is disturbed when the wizard, Gandalf, arrives on his doorstep to whisk him away on an unexpected journey 'there and back again'. They have a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon...</p>



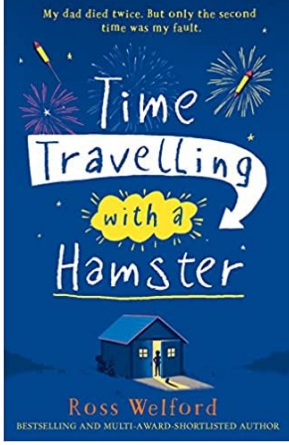
Classic

**The Borrowers** by Mary Norton  
The Borrowers own nothing, borrow everything and think that 'human beans' were invented just to do the dirty work. But theirs is not a cosy world for danger is never far away; above all else, they must avoid the great disaster of 'being seen'.



Historical

**Goodnight Mr. Tom** by Michelle Magorian  
London is on the brink of World War II. Timid, scrawny Willie Beech is evacuated to the English countryside. He is terrified of everything, of the country sounds and sights, even of Mr. Tom, the gruff, kindly old man who has taken him in. Gradually Willie forgets the hate and despair of his past. Then a telegram comes...



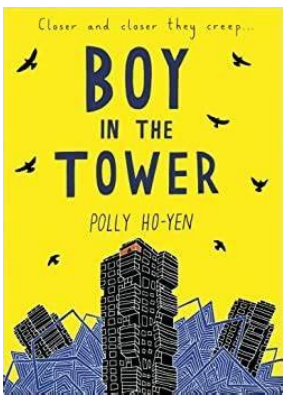
Science Fiction

**Time Travelling with a Hamster** by Ross Welford  
Al Chaudhury is a little boy on a mission and he's taking his hamster with him. Full of heart and humour, it is a hilarious tale about the dangers of time-travel.



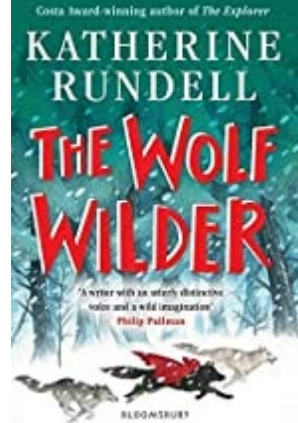
Mystery

**The House with a Clock in its Walls** by John Bellairs  
Tick tock, a deadly clock...and it's up to young Lewis Barnavelt to find it before it destroys humankind.  
  
A haunting gothic tale by master mystery writer John Bellairs.



Dystopian


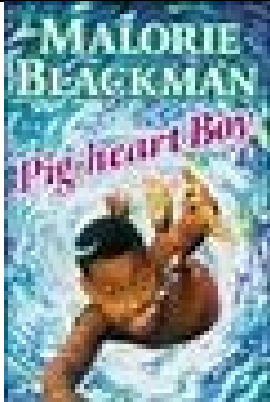
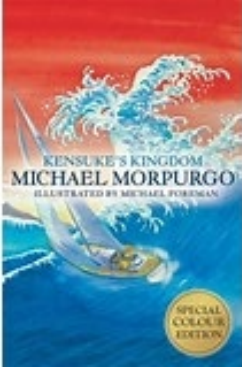
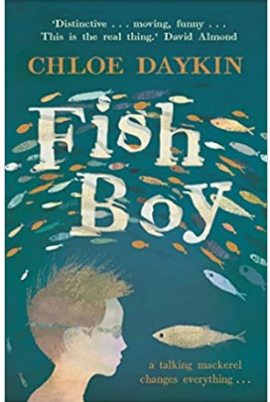

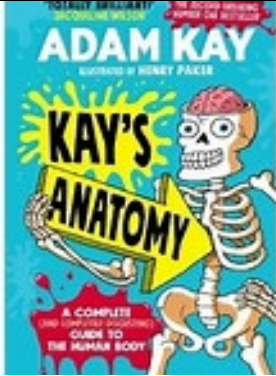
**The Boy in the Tower** by Polly Ho-Yen  
Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him. But one day, other tower blocks start falling down around him. Strange, menacing plants appear and no one knows where they came from. Now their tower isn't safe any more. Ade and his mum are trapped...

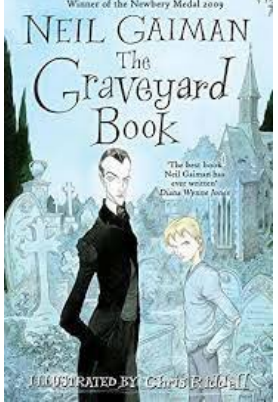
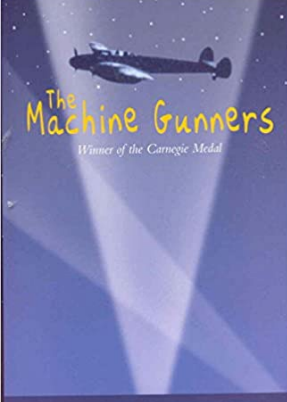
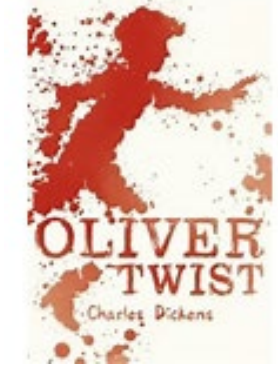
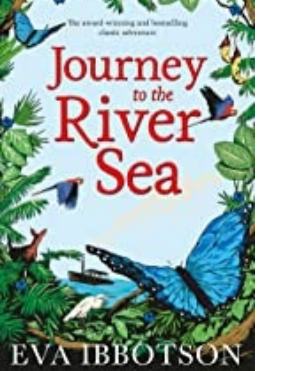
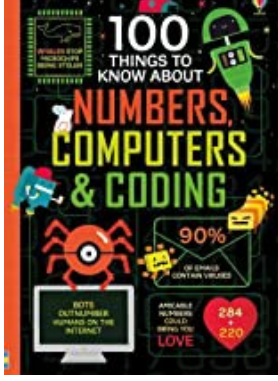
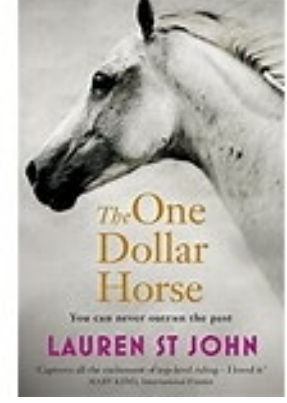


Myth/fairytale

**The Wolf Wilder** by Katherine Rundell  
'A gorgeous flight of imagination set in a snowy Russian fantasy world, this has both the beauty and the fierce, funny and uncompromising storytelling style that sets Katherine Rundell's books apart. 'The Wolf Wilder is a Fabergé egg of a novel - rich, bright and perfect' — Robin Stevens



 <p>Classic</p>	<p><b>What Katy Did</b> by Susan Coolidge  12-year-old Katy is constantly making and breaking resolutions about how she will change her ways. But then a terrible accident happens and Katy must find the courage to realise her dreams.</p>	 <p>Relationships/adversity</p>	<p><b>Pig Heart Boy</b> by Malorie Blackman  This is a powerful story about friendship, loyalty and family. You're 13. All you want is a normal life. But most kids don't need heart transplants. The doctors say there's a chance for you. But they also say it's experimental, controversial and risky. And it's never been done before...</p>
 <p>Historical</p>	<p><b>Kensuke's Kingdom</b> by Michael Morpurgo  After a storm, Michael was washed overboard from his parents' yacht and finds himself marooned on a distant island with a Japanese soldier who survived the Hiroshima bombing.</p>	 <p>Magical/adventure</p>	<p><b>Fish Boy</b> by Chloe Daykin (local author)  Billy's got a lot on his mind that he'd rather not talk about. So he watches David Attenborough, and swims in the sea, letting his mind drift. Then when Patrick Green arrives with 'fingers like steel, strength of a bear' and a talking mackerel swims up to Billy's face, the adventure begins.</p>
 <p>Magic &amp; Mystery</p>	<p><b>Wildspark</b> by Vashti Hardy  A secretive guild of inventors has developed a way to capture spirits of the dead in animal-like machines, bringing them back to life. Prue knows that the "Ghost Guild" might hold the key to bringing her brother back, so she seizes the stranger's offer to join as an apprentice...</p>	 <p>Biology</p>	<p><b>Kay's Anatomy</b> by Adam Kay  A complete, informative and hilarious guide to the human body!</p>

 <p>Winner of the Newbery Medal 2009 NEIL GAIMAN The Graveyard Book ILLUSTRATED BY CHRIS RIDDELL</p>	<p><b>The Graveyard Book</b> by Neil Gaiman Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts. Illustrated by Chris Riddell.</p>	 <p>The Machine Gunners Winner of the Carnegie Medal ROBERT WESTALL</p>	<p><b>The Machine Gunners</b> by Robert Westall Chas McGill has the second-best collection of war souvenirs in Garmouth, and he desperately wants it to be the best. When he stumbles across the remains of a German bomber crashed in the woods, he grabs his chance. Soon he's masterminding his own war effort with dangerous and unexpected results.</p>
 <p>OLIVER TWIST Charles Dickens</p>	<p><b>Oliver Twist</b> by Charles Dickens Oliver Twist is an orphan who escapes from a Victorian workhouse. He has to learn to survive in the vast London underworld of pickpockets, thieves and career criminals. He comes across characters such as Fagin, Nancy, the Artful Dodger, and the evil Bill Sikes...</p>	 <p>Journey to the River Sea EVA IBBOTSON</p>	<p><b>Journey to the River Sea</b> by Eva Ibbotson It is 1910 and Maia has been sent from England to start a new life with relatives in Manaus in the Amazon jungle. She is accompanied by an eccentric governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey.</p>
 <p>100 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT NUMBERS, COMPUTERS &amp; CODING LAUREN ST JOHN</p>	<p><b>100 Things To Know About Numbers, Computers &amp; Coding</b> Did you know there's a single spot on your brain that recognizes numbers? Or that the first computer bugs were actual insects and that most of the internet is under water? This fascinating book is filled with 100 fascinating facts, bright, infographic illustrations, a glossary and index.</p>	 <p>The One Dollar Horse You can never outrun the past LAUREN ST JOHN</p>	<p><b>The One Dollar Horse</b> by Lauren St John Casey Blue lives in East London's grimmest tower block and volunteers at a local riding school. Her dream is to win the world's greatest Three Day Event: the Badminton Horse Trials. When she rescues a starving, half-wild horse, can she make the impossible, possible?</p>

Gothic/Illustrated

Historical

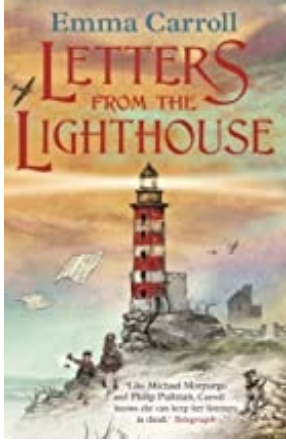
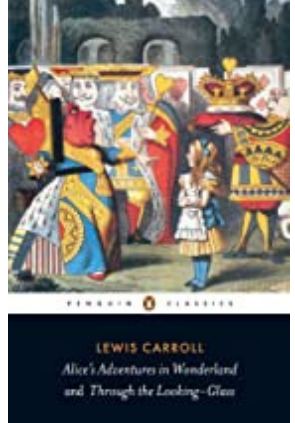
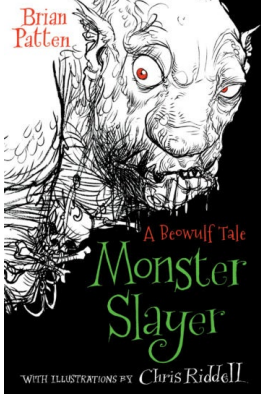
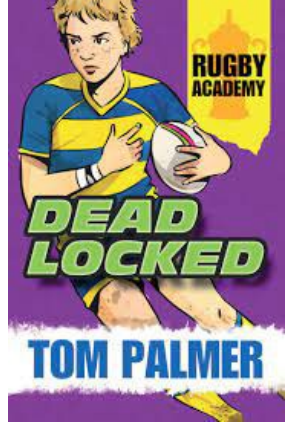


Classic

Adventure

Technology

Adventure



 <p>Emma Carroll <b>LETTERS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE</b></p>	<p><b>Letters from the Lighthouse</b> by Emma Carroll</p> <p>In 1941 Olive and her brother are evacuated from London to Devon. The only person with spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the lighthouse keeper. Olive becomes his post-girl, carrying secret messages to the villagers. But Olive has her own secret mission: to find her missing sister, Sukie...</p>	 <p>LEWIS CARROLL <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking-Glass</i></p>	<p><b>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</b> by Lewis Carroll</p> <p>Alice falls down a rabbit hole and into a magical dream world. It's a journey full of adventures for Alice as she searches for a way out and encounters many bizarre creatures such as the White Rabbit, The Mad Hatter, The Cheshire Cat, and the Queen of Hearts.</p>
 <p>Brian Patten <i>A Beowulf Tale</i> <b>Monster Slayer</b> WITH ILLUSTRATIONS BY Chris Riddell</p>	<p><b>A Beowulf Tale: Monster Slayer</b> by Brian Patten</p> <p>One dark night, the sound of music and singing wakes a terrible monster from his sleep in a foul swamp. Warrior after warrior comes to slay the monster but no one can outwit Grendel. Only the great hero Beowulf stands a chance, but even he is not prepared for the horror that lies in wait.</p>	 <p>RUGBY ACADEMY <b>DEAD LOCKED</b> TOM PALMER</p>	<p><b>Rugby Academy: Deadlocked</b> by Tom Palmer</p> <p>Owen and the Borderlands squad have fought hard to reach the World Championship finals. Now they are 12,000 miles from home and about to face the mighty New Zealanders. They need to give it their all. But Jesse is up to his usual tricks, and Owen's the only one who dares to challenge him.</p>
 <p>LOOK INTO MY EYES <b>RUBY REDFORT</b> LAUREN CHILD</p>	<p><b>Ruby Redfort: Look Into My Eyes</b> by Lauren Child</p> <p>Ruby Redfort is a genius code-cracker, a daring detective, and a gadget-laden special agent who just happens to be a 13-year-old girl. She and her slick sidekick butler, Hitch, foil crimes and get into loads of scrapes with evil villains, but they're always ice-cool in a crisis.</p>	 <p>NUMBER ONE BESTSELLING AUTHOR DEREK LANDY <b>Skulduggery Pleasant</b> THE DEAD FAMOUS BESTSELLER</p>	<p><b>Skulduggery Pleasant</b> by Derek Landy</p> <p>Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking skeleton detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary (in the name of the good, of course). Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie. She's... well, she's a 12-year-old girl. With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out...</p>

Historical

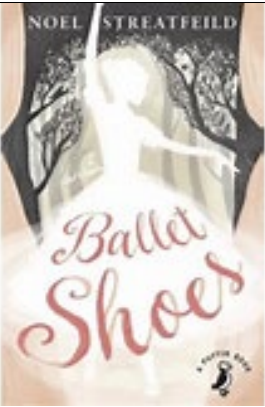
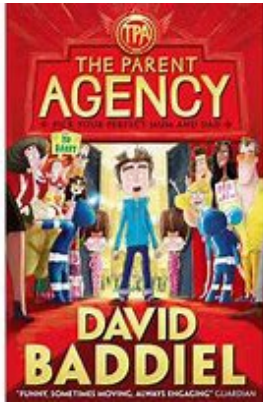
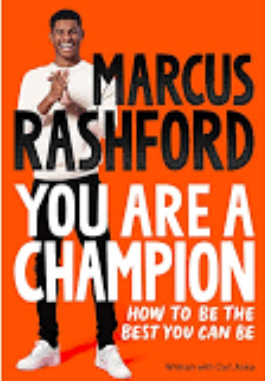
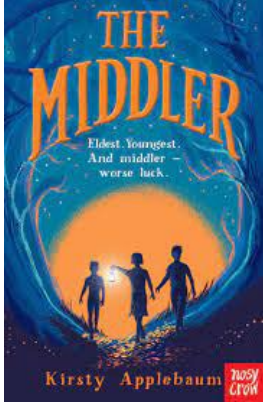
Classic

Myth & Legend

Sport

Detective

Thriller/Detective

 <p>Classic</p>	<p><b>Ballet Shoes by Noel Streatfeild</b>  Pauline, Petrova and Posy Fossil are orphans, found by Great Uncle Matthew (GUM) on his travels. Pauline longs to be an actress, Petrova wants to fly aeroplanes and Posy would dance all day if she could! But when Gum disappears and money is short, they have to put their ambitions aside.</p>	 <p>Humour</p>	<p><b>The Parent Agency by David Baddiel</b>  “I wish I had better parents!” Barry said, a third time. And then suddenly the entire room started to shake...For Barry Bennett, a world where you can choose your parents seems like a dream come true. Only things turn out to be not quite that simple...</p>
 <p>Self-esteem</p>	<p><b>You Are A Champion by Marcus Rashford</b>  Before Marcus Rashford MBE was a Manchester United and England footballer, and long before he started his inspiring campaign to end child food poverty, he was just an ordinary kid from South Manchester. This is his positive and inspiring guide for life.</p>	 <p>Friendship/Adventure</p>	<p><b>The Middler by Kirsty Applebaum</b>  11-year-old Maggie lives in Fennis Wick, enclosed and protected; beyond it is where the wanderers roam. Her brother Jed is an eldest, revered and special. Her younger brother is Trig: everyone loves Trig. But Maggie's just a middler; invisible and left behind. Then, one hot September day, she meets Una, a hungry wanderer girl in need of help, and everything Maggie has ever known gets turned on its head.</p>



Historical

**When The Sky Falls by Phil Earle**

1941. War is raging. And one angry boy has been sent to London, where bombers rule the skies. Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are her rundown zoo and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. As the weeks pass, bonds deepen, and secrets are revealed...