

Recommended Reads for Year 6

At Moorlands Primary School, we have created a recommended reading list for all year groups. These are the book titles that we would suggest as ideal texts for the children to read to support reading for pleasure and enjoyment. A selection of these books are available in our school library. Here is the list below of texts for year 6:



1. Sophie Anderson – The House with Chicken Legs

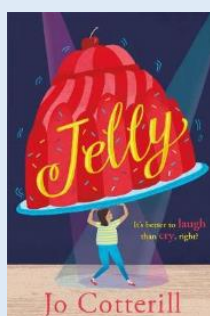
Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga and guides the deceased into the next world from the sentient House with Chicken Legs. Together they listen to the stories of the dead and celebrate their lives. Marinka enjoys the work and is expected to take over but what if Marinka herself seeks a different destiny?



2. Sharon Cohen – Halo Moon

An incredible read full of kindness and bravery. This story is told from the perspectives of 2 characters, an Ethiopian boy, Ageze, and Halo Moon from near Leeds.

Ageze has learnt of a disaster which will strike the village where Halo Moon lives, and he travels to the UK to warn her. A mesmerising read.



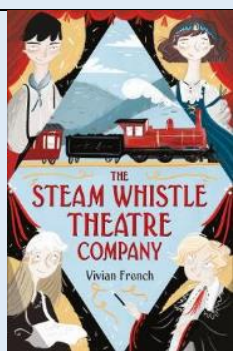
3. Jo Cotterill – Jelly

Jelly is overweight and self-conscious about it but hides her feelings by being the class clown. Has troubling issues at home too, all of which she conveys and attempts to understand through writing poetry. A chance meeting with a songwriter proves to be a turning point as Jelly is encouraged to express herself honestly at the school talent show.



4. Catherine Doyle – The Storm Keeper's Island

This hardly allows the reader time to turn the page. A dull holiday on a remote island is transformed into a battle against good V evil, as Fionn discovers his family secret and the expectations set for him.



5. Vivian French – The Steam Whistle Theatre Company

Rollicking tale about a family of performers, set in Victorian times, who leave London for the provinces to earn some money.

Lots of lively, engaging characters and all manner of dastardly intrigue that gets sorted in the end.

A light and lively read.



6. Michelle Harrison – A Pinch of Magic

Cursed never to leave the small island they live on, the three sisters in this story are determined to change their future.

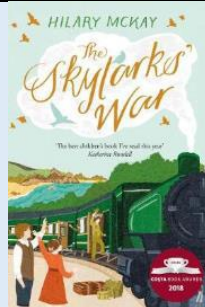
This is a pacy fantasy read with great characters and settings, the 1st in the Widdershins Adventures.

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7. Catherine Johnson – 1783 Freedom

Nathaniel travels as a slave from the Caribbean to London with his owners and is determined to change his fortunes. Courageously he escapes and discovers an 'underground' group who are campaigning to end slavery. Won the 2019 Little Rebels Award for Radical Fiction.



8. Hilary McKay – The Skylarks' War

Poignant and beautifully crafted book that follows the fortunes of one family through the first years of the 20th century and the first world war. Has an epic, classic feel to it and is full of memorable characters that stay with you. Was the Winner of the Costa Children's Book Award 2018.



9. Tom Palmer - D-Day Dog

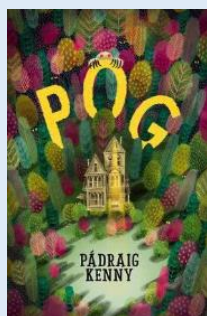
Jack loves spending time with his dad, who is a reserve soldier, talking about wars. However, this all changes when a girl from Syria joins his class and he learns more about the horrors of war through the D-Day landings.

A thought provoking read.



10. Lauren St John – The Snow Angel

A harrowing tale set in Kenya and Scotland. Makena is from a privileged background but all that changes when her parents die from the Ebola virus and she finds herself homeless in the city. The bravery of the children in the slums keeps her going. A thought-provoking tale.



11. Padraig Kenny – Pog

Two children find themselves launched into an adventure just as they are grieving for their mother. In the forest surrounding the house an evil presence can sense a weakness. Despite Pog living in the attic and protecting the house and its occupants, things start to go very wrong.



12. Katherine Woodfine – Peril In Paris

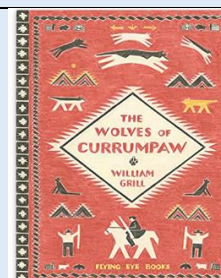
Mystery in the vein of Agatha Christie. Set in 1911, the story travels between London, Germany and Paris.

Mystery and intrigue abound as Taylor and Rose unite in solving the case.



13. Ali Standish – The Secret Summer

Whilst on a summer holiday on an island off Florida, Miranda starts to discover the secrets from her mum's past. A lovely portrayal of family life, with Miranda coming to terms with who she is.



14. William Grill - The Wolves Of Currumpaw

A modern re-telling of Ernest Thompson Seton's epic wilderness drama 'Lobo, The King of Currumpaw'. Set in the dying days of the old west, Seton's drama unfolds in the vast planes of New Mexico.

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