Year 6 Suggested Reading List

Our aim is to develop children's love of reading. This list provides a range of genres and difficulties, towards the end of the list are suggested books relating to topics studied in year 6.

Fiction

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigon Crow by Jessica Townsend
Wundersmith: The Calling of Morrigon Crow Book 2 by Jessica Townsend
The Light Jar by Lisa Thompson
The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
The Day I Was Erased by Lisa Thompson
Owen & the Soldier by Lisa Thompson
Wild Animals of the North by Dieter Braun
The Fox Girl & The White Gazelle by Victoria Williamson
Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman
No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton
The Watertower by Gary Crew
Cogheart by Peter Bunzl
Head Kid by David Baddiel
The Island by Armin Grede
A Necklace of Raindrops by Joan Aiken
The Star Spun Web by Sinead O'Hart
The Boy Who Flew by Fleur Hitchcock
Journey to Jo'Burg by Beverley Naidoo
The Mysteries of Harris Burdick by Chris van Allsburg
Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
Illegal by Eoin Colfer & Andrew Donkin
I Was A Rat Of The Scarlett Slippers by Philip Pullman
My Brother Is A Superhero by David Solomons
Lost Tales by Adam Murphy
All The Things That Could Go Wrong by Stewart Foster
Snowglobe by Amy Wilson
The Arrival by Shaun Tan
Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird
Moon Juice by Kate Wakeling & Elina Braslina
Time Travelling With A Hamster by Ross Welford
Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare by Zillah Bethell
Half Moon Investigations by Eoin Colfer
The Supernaturalist by Eoin Colfer
The Dark Is Rising by Susan Cooper
The Last Dragon Chronicles series by Chris D'Lacey
The Ingo Chronicles by Helen Dunmore
The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
Inkheart Trilogy by Cornelia Funke
Elidor by Alan Garner
Legendeer Trilogy by Alan Gibbons

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Little White Horse by Elizabeth Goudge
The Power of Five Series by Anthony Horowitz
The Warrior Cat series by Erin Hunter
Redwall by Brian Jaques
Eight Days of Luke by Diane Wynne Jones
The Wind on Fire Trilogy by William Nicholson
Charlie Bone series by Jenny Nimmo
The Inheritance Cycle by Christopher Paolini
Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series by Michelle Paver
Discworld series by Terry Pratchett
Septimus Heap series by Angie Sage
Shapeshifter series by Ali Sparkes
The Edge Chronicles series by Paul Stewart
Shadowmancer by GP Taylor
Jimmy Coates series by Joe Craig
The Young Bond books by Charlie Higson
Girl Missing by Sophie McKenzie
Volcano Adventure by Willard Price
The Runaways by Ruth Thomas
H.I.V.E series by Mark Walden
Tanglewreck by Jeanette Winterson
Street Child by Berlie Doherty
Johnny Swanson by Eleanor Updale
Cirque du Freak Series by Darren Shan
Biggles by WE John
Black Beauty by Anna Sewell
Around The World in 80 Days by Jules Verne
The Snow Spider Trilogy by Jenny Nimmo
Lionboy by Zizou Corder
The Breadwinner series by Deborah Ellis
Trust Me I'm A Troublemaker by Pete Johnson
Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll
Carrie's War by Nina Bawden
Our Castle By The Sea by Lucy Strange
The Lion & The Unicorn by Shirley Hughes
Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian
I Am David by Anne Holm

Poetry

Overheard in a Tower Block by Joseph Coelho
A Kid In My Class by Rachel Rooney
Lost Magic: The Very Best of Brian Moses by Brian Moses

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Nonfiction

Alastair Humphrey's Great Adventures by Alastair Humphrey (Big Picture Press, 978-1787416260)
Women in Sport: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played To Win by Rachel Ignotofsky (Wren & Rook, 978-1526360922)
The Element in the Room by Mike Barfield (Lawrence King Publishing, 978-1510231979)
Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer (Pan, 978-0330389709)

Autobiography

Boy by Roald Dahl (Puffin, 978-0141365534)
Malala: My story of standing up for girls' rights by Malala Yoisafzai (W&N, 978-1399608992)

Maths

100 Things to Know About Numbers, Computers & Coding Various (Usbourne, 9781474942997)
Hidden Figures by Margot Shetterly (Harper Collins, 978-0063086579)

History: Early Islamic Civilisations Autumn & Spring Term

The History Detective Investigates: Early Islamic Civilization by Claudia Martin (Wayland, 978-0750294225)
Daily Life in the Islamic Golden Age by Don Nardo (Raintree, 978-1406288094)
1001 Inventions & Awesome Facts from Muslim Civilization by National Geographic (National Geographic Kids, 978-1426312588)
Early Islamic Civilisation (Explore!) by Izzi Howell (Wayland, 978-1526300836)

History: World War II - Spring & Summer Term

The Usborne Introduction to The Second World War by Paul Dowswell (Usbourne, 978-0746062067)
See Inside The Second World War (Usborne) by Rob Lloyd Jones (Usbourne, 978-1409523291)
The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank (Penguin, 978-0141315188)
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr
Blitz Boys by Linda Newberry
Fly Away Home by Christine Nostlinger
Dolphin Crossing by Jill Paton Walsh
The Machine Gunners by Robert Westall Blitzcat

Geography: Natural Resources - Autumn Term

Natural Resources by John Richards (Wayland, 978-0750283205)
Exploring Our Planet - Exploring Earth's Natural Geography by Sarah Jenisse Brown (Independent, 978-1951435646)
The Last Coal Miner by Alfie Joey (Independent, author's own website The Last Coal Miner – Alfie Joey Artwork)

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Geography: Extreme Earth and Natural Disasters Spring Term

The Lonely Planet Kids The Weather Book by Steve Parker (Lonely Planet Kids, 978-1838695293)

Earth-Shattering Events: Volcanoes, earthquakes, cyclones, tsunamis and other natural disasters by Robin Jacobs (Cicadia, 978-1908714701)

Earthquake: The Diary of Katie Bourke by Janine McVeagh (Scholastic New Zealand, 978-1869436551)

Geography: South America and Welsh Patagonia - Summer Term

Animals of South America by Robert W Marshall (Independent, 979-8245017549)

Y Wladfa: The Complete History of Welsh Patagonia by Gareth H Morgan (Independent, 979-8247501176)

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell (Bloomsbury Children's Books, 978-1408882191)

Geography Upper KS2 & KS3

Survivors by David Long & Kerry Hyndman (Faber & Faber, 978-0571339662)

Science: Acids & Alkalis (including non-fiction and fiction) — Autumn Term

Acids and Alkalis by Denise Walker (Evans Brothers, 9780237544034)

Chemical Reactions!: With 25 Science Projects for Kids by Dr Susan Berk Koch & Tom Casteel (Nomad Press, 9781619309449)

Chemistry for Curious Kids by Lynn Huggins-Cooper (Arcturus Publishing, 9781839408274)

Basher Science: Chemistry — Getting a Big Reaction by Dan Green & Simon Basher (Kingfisher, 9780753480656)

George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl & Quentin Blake (Puffin Books, 9780141365503)

Foxton Primary Science: Properties and Changes of Materials by Nichola Tyrrell (Foxton Books, 9781839250170)

Science: Electricity (including non-fiction and fiction) — Spring Term

Charging About: The Story of Electricity by Jacqui Bailey & Matthew Lilly (Bloomsbury Education, 9781801992886)

KS2 Science Year 6 Workout: Electrical Circuits & Living Things by CGP Books (CGP Books, 9781782940951)

Foxton Primary Science: Electricity (Upper KS2 Science) by Nichola Tyrrell (Foxton Books, 9781839250156)

Understanding Science: Forces & Electricity by Penny Johnson (Schofield & Sims, 9780721712895)

The Way Things Work Now by David Macaulay & Neil Ardley (Dorling Kindersley (DK), 9780241227930)

Phoenix by S.F. Said & Dave McKean (David Fickling Books, 9781788450782)

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Science: Evolution & Inheritance, Body Systems (including non-fiction and fiction) — Summer Term

DKfindout! Human Body by DK (Dorling Kindersley (DK), 9780241285077)
Utterly Amazing Human Body by Robert Winston (DK Children, 9780241206126)
Body Science by James Cracknell (DK Children, 9781405344913)
The Awesome Body Book by Adam Frost (Bloomsbury Children's Books, 9781408862353)
Understanding Science: Our Bodies by Penny Johnson (Schofield & Sims, 9780721712857)
Brilliant Bodies: Inside and Out by Tim Kennington & Josy Bloggs (Buster Books, 9781780558899)
Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species by Sabina Radeva (Puffin Books, 9780141388601)
Evolution by Nicola Davies & Emily Sutton (Walker Books, 9781406371376)
The Variety of Life by Nicola Davies & Lorna Scobie (Hodder Children's Books, 9781444948202)
Horrible Science: Blood, Bones and Body Bits by Nick Arnold & Tony De Saulles (Scholastic UK, 9781407185392)

Religious Education: Buddhism and Christianity

Discovering Buddhism: A Young Explorer's Guide to Inner Peace and Happiness: Introduction to Buddhism for Kids Ages 8-12 by Eli Hughes (Independent, 979-8376054352)
ESV The Biggest Story Holy Bible for Kids by Kevin de Young (Crossway, 978-1433580598)

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Brain Activity Book For Kids Ages 10-14 Years Old by Damip Jayke (Independent, 979-8317475765)
The Mega Book of Mixed Puzzles: 500+ Puzzles by DCL (DCL Press, 979-8291495704)
The Week Junior Ultimate Puzzles and Quizzes by The Week Junior (Bloomsbury Education, 978-1801997003)

Music

Little Melba and Her Big Trombone by Katheryn Russell-Brown (Lee & Low Books, ISBN 9781600608988)
Before John Was a Jazz Giant: A Song of John Coltrane by Carole Boston Weatherford (Henry Holt and Company, ISBN 9780805076752)
Little People, BIG DREAMS: Ella Fitzgerald by María Isabel Sánchez Vegara (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, ISBN 9780711246836)

French

Asterix and the Great Crossing by René Goscinny & Albert Uderzo (Hachette Children's Group, ISBN 9780752866444)
A Day in Paris: The Fun Way to Discover Paris (City Explorer) by Nikki McClure (Chronicle Books, ISBN 9798886181371)
Nicholas and the Gang by René Goscinny & Jean-Jacques Sempé (Phaidon, ISBN 9780714862262)

Physical Education

Running My Own Race by Abena Eyeson (HarperCollins Children's Books, ISBN 9780008541026)
Kick by Mitch Johnson (Usborne, ISBN 9781474959520)
Knowing the Score by Ros Roberts (Little Tiger, ISBN 9781788955034)

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Art

Yayoi Kusama: From Here to Infinity! by Sarah Suzuki (The Metropolitan Museum of Art, ISBN 978-0870707962)

Yayoi Kusama Covered Everything in Dots and Wasn't Sorry by Fausto Gilberti (Scholastic, ISBN 978-1338257289)

The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse by Eric Carle (Philomel Books, ISBN 978-0399257139)

William Morris (Little Guides to Great Lives) by Isabel Thomas (Laurence King Publishing, ISBN 978-1786033428)

Mark Rothko (Little People, BIG DREAMS) by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara (Frances Lincoln Children's Books, ISBN 978-0711285895)

Vincent's Starry Night and Other Stories: A Children's History of Art by Michael Bird (Prestel, ISBN 978-3791374237)

Drama

Shakespeare: His Work and His World by Michael Rosen (Walker Books, ISBN 9781406377927)

Macbeth adapted by Kevin Crossley-Holland (Walker Books, ISBN 9781406313284)

Drama and Theatre Studies by Su Fielder (Hodder Education, ISBN 9781510419988