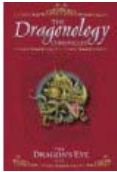


Year 6 Booklist

Here are some fun titles for you to choose from. All the books are great and will appeal to all types of reader. If you have already read one then choose another. Try to read at least two off the list. Remember that reading is one of the best things to do – fun, relaxing and extremely good for you! We have at least one copy of each book in the school library and all books are available through Amazon.co.uk



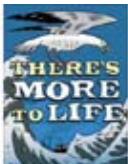
Dragon's Eye by Dugald A Steer

This is the first in a series of four novels for children, illustrated by Douglas Carrell. A whole new cache of Dr. Drake books has been discovered. Previously written off as fantasy adventures of the more far-fetched kind, new evidence suggests that there was more to the eminent dragonologist Dr. Drake than met the eye. Readers can follow his adventures through a lifetime of searching for and studying dragons.



Don't Look Back by Steve Barlow & Steve Skidmore

This is an absolutely brand new "Mad Myth" from the "Two Steves"! Andy and Perse are on a school trip in the capital and enjoying being on the London underground until they meet a hippy busker called Orpheus! Realising that they are back with the Greek Myths once again, Perse and Andy agree to help the lovesick Orpheus get his Eurydice back. This involves tangling with some pretty nasty monsters. As usual "The Two Steves" work their magic on famous myths and produce another hilarious, knock about read.



There's More to Life by Rachel Billington

Ned has been sent to his Great Aunt Helen's cottage by the sea for the holidays. But nothing turns out as planned. For a start, there's no aunt, and when strange things start to happen, it's clear that Ned is no longer alone. A ghost, a girl on the run, and an old man hiding next door -- all have secrets, and all the while in the lonely coast outside the waves build to a terrible storm!



Larklight by Philip Reeve

Arthur (Art) Mumby and his irritating sister Myrtle live with their father in the huge and rambling house, Larklight, travelling through space on a remote orbit far beyond the Moon. One ordinary sort of morning they receive a correspondence informing them that a gentleman is on his way to visit, a Mr Webster. Visitors to Larklight are rare if not unique, and a frenzy of preparation ensues. But it is entirely the wrong sort of preparation, as they discover when their guest arrives, and a Dreadful and Terrifying (and marvellous) adventure begins. It takes them to the furthest reaches of Known Space, where they must battle the evil First Ones in a desperate attempt to save each other - and the Universe. Recounted through the eyes of Art himself, Larklight is sumptuously designed and illustrated throughout.



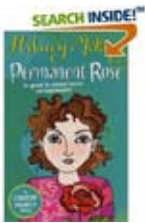
Urgum the Axeman by Kjartan Poskitt

You'll laugh your head off. Urgum, the Axeman is the fiercest barbarian that the Forgotten Desert has ever known - a legendary hero who once chewed a live bull to death...But one fateful day, Urgum returns home to find that not only has his wife redecorated his cave and installed a bathroom, but she's also produced a ten-year-old daughter. And, as Urgum will find out, Little Molly is a barbarian babe with attitude...



The Witch's Boy by M A Gruber

Lump, the ugliest boy in the world, is abandoned in the forest, where he is found and taken in by a witch. With a bear for a nanny, a genie as a servant and only a cat to talk to, the household is a strange one, but Lump grows up knowing nothing but love. Until one day he has to go out and face the world - and meets rejection at every turn. This is the story of Lump's difficult journey to adulthood, his craving for the magical powers of his mother, and his search for love and acceptance, set against the backdrop of a world full of natural magic in delicate balance, where the slightest disturbance can be catastrophic.



Permanent Rose by Hilary McKay

It's a long hot summer - to "Permanent Rose" it seems never ending. Rose misses Tom, Indigo's friend who went back to America. New friend David is not a good enough replacement. Caddy's fiancée, Michael, tries to cheer her up by delivering a rose every day, but that just provides temporary relief. What with Daddy leaving her mother Eve for younger model Samantha, Caddy getting cold feet and adoptive sister Saffron deciding to find her real father, no one seems to have time to come to Rose's rescue. But Rose is determined, and in her heart of hearts is sure she will find Tom again - but what else will she find on the way?



Born to Run by Michael Morpurgo

Joy and heartbreak combine in this bittersweet tale of a champion greyhound's journey through life -- and from owner to owner! "The sack wasn't just drifting gently along like everything else, it was turning of its own accord. There was definitely something inside it, struggling against the side of the plastic bag, kicking at it, squeaking and squealing in terror. He had no idea what it might be, only that it was alive and in danger of drowning." When Patrick saves a litter of greyhound puppies from the canal, he can't bear to hand them all over to the RSPCA. He pleads with his parents: couldn't he just keep one of them? But nothing will convince them and Patrick cries himself to sleep -- only to be woken by a greyhound puppy licking his face! Patrick christens his puppy Best Mate, and that's what he becomes. Patrick's favourite thing is to watch Best Mate running at full stretch on the heath, a speeding bullet, a cheetah-dog. Until one day Best Mate is kidnapped by a greyhound trainer, and begins a new life as a champion race dog. Suzie, the greyhound trainer's step-daughter, loves Best Mate on first sight and gives him a new name, Bright Eyes. But what will happen when he can't run?



Barkbelly by Cat Weatherill

This is a fantastic epic and magical adventure story set in a beautifully realised world that's almost but not quite like our own. Barkbelly is a wooden boy, brought up by loving human parents, whose life falls apart when he accidentally kills one of his playmates and has to go on the run. His journey turns into a quest for his real home and his real mother, and takes in along the way the circus, fierce pirates and mysterious giant hedgehogs. Full of poetry, magic, and dark twists of fate, "Barkbelly" discovers what can happen when your dreams come true, but not in the way you expect.



Peter Raven Under Fire by Michael Molloy

Peter Raven is a thirteen-year-old midshipman on board HMS Torren, a Royal Navy ship battling with the French, led by general Napoleon Bonaparte. When unexpected events at sea lead Peter and Commodore Beaumont, an intrepid British spy, into a dangerous intrigue on shore, they discover an extraordinary French plot to create a vast empire by taking control of the newly-created United States of America. Soon, they are in a race against time to the pirate-filled waters of the Caribbean to save an entire nation - and the spirited American girl who has captured their hearts.



The Stratford Boys by Jan Mark

Will has never put pen to paper. But the good people of Stratford require a play and with his pal Adrian Croft he finds himself responsible for putting one on the stage. Together they manage to assemble an unlikely company of amateurs and Will hears the sound of applause for the first time.



Girl Underground by Morris Gleitzman

Trying to fit in at a posh new school is really hard when your loving and lovable family also happen to be criminals. Bridget is succeeding pretty well and has even made a friend, Menzies, the son of the federal Minister for National Development. Then she finds out about Menzies' penfriend, Jamal, a refugee kid from Afghanistan held in a detention centre. When daring appeals to the government and the prime minister himself fail to set Jamal and his sister free, Bridget and Menzies decide to take matters into their own hands. Sometimes the only way to make things happen is to do them yourself. A story of friendship, courage and Iraqi blenders from the best-selling author of Boy Overboard.