

Year 7 Recommended Reading List

In preparation for your start in September, here are some suggestions to read over the summer. Click the link to the Goodreads page to see more about the book to help you choose which ones to read.

You may find some of these books more challenging than others. These are the sorts of things we will continue to recommend throughout Year 7, so find something you like now, and there is always room to come back to these books as we progress through Year 7.

NO BOOK IS A BAD BOOK. Aim to vary the authors, genres, and types of books you read, and find something that you both enjoy and find challenging.

Reading Challenge:

Over the summer, write a book report for the books you read from this list, and in September your English teacher will award you a merit for:

1 book report = 1 merit

2 book reports = 3 merits

3 book reports = 5 merits

Your book report needs to be at least 100 words long, can be handwritten or typed, and should include:

- A detailed summary of the book
- What you liked/found interesting about it
- What you would have liked to change or see more of
- Your favourite quote and why it is your favourite
- A sketch of your favourite moment

Bring it with you to your first English lesson in September.

Recommended Reading List:

Fiction:

- [*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds](#)
- [*The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson](#)
- [*The Eagle of the Ninth* by Rosemary Sutcliffe](#)
- [*Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin](#)
- [*Refugee Boy* by Benjamin Zephaniah](#)
- [*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman](#)
- [*Pride* by Ibi Zoboi](#)

- [*The Island of Everything* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave](#)
- [*Cross Fire* by Malorie Blackman](#)
- [*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak](#)
- [*Raybearer* by Jordan Ifueko](#)
- [*Holes* by Louis Sachar](#)
- [*Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo](#)
- [*Freedom* by Catherine Johnson](#)
- [*The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aiken](#)
- [*Coram Boy* by Jamila Gavin](#)
- [*The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper](#)
- [*A Change is Gonna Come* by Various Authors \(collection\)](#)
- [*Artichoke Hearts* by Sita Brahmachari](#)
- [*Kick* by Mitch Johnson](#)
- [*Unboxed* by Non Pratt](#)
- [*George* by Alex Gino](#)
- [*We Are All Made of Molecules* by Susin Nielsen](#)
- [*Gracefully Grayson* by Ami Polonsky](#)
- [*Stone Cold* by Robert Swindells](#)
- [*The Other Boy* by M G Hennessey](#)
- [*Some Places More than Others* by Renée Watson](#)
- [*The Boy in the Dress* by David Walliams](#)
- [*The Seeing Stone* by Kevin Crossley-Holland](#)
- [*Totally Joe* by James Howe](#)
- [*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle](#)
- [*The Pants Project* by Cat Clarke](#)
- [*War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo](#)
- [*Watership Down* by Richard Adams](#)
- [*His Dark Materials* series by Philip Pullman](#)

Non Fiction:

- [*A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived* by Adam Rutherford](#)
- [*Greek Gods and Heroes: Meet 40 mythical immortals* by Sylvie Baussier](#)
- [*Black and British: A Short Essential History* by David Olusoga](#)
- [*Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present* by Jamia Wilson](#)
- [*What is Race? What are Racists? Why Does Skin Colour Matter? And Other Big Questions* by Nikesh Shukla and Claire Heuchan](#)
- [*Don't Touch My Hair* by Emma Dabiri](#)
- [*Book of Black Heroes: Scientists, Healers and Inventors: An Introduction for Young Readers* by Wade Hudson](#)
- [*Life: The First Four Billion Years* by Martin Jenkins](#)
- [*Prisoners of Geography* by Tim Marshall](#)
- [*Humanatomy* by Nicola Edwards](#)
- [*Young Heroes* by Lula Bridgeport](#)
- [*Pets and their Famous Humans* by Ana Gallo](#)

- [*Music Legends: Meet 40 pop and rock stars* by Hervé Guilleminot](#)
- [*What is Gender? How Does it Define Us? And Other Big Questions* by Juno Dawson](#)
- [*From Prejudice to Pride: A History of the LGBTQ+ Movement* by Amy Lamé](#)
- [*Kay's Anatomy* by Adam Kay](#)
- [*Climate Crisis for Beginners* by Andy Prentice](#)
- [*I Am Not a Label* by Cerrie Burnell](#)
- [*Big Ideas for Young Thinkers* by Jamia Wilson](#)
- [*The Book of Time* by Katherine Kollar](#)

Resources for books and reading materials:

Details of the different libraries in the Medway area can be found on the following website: https://www.medway.gov.uk/directory/6/find_a_library.
You can join online here:

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200181/libraries/53/join_the_library/1

Medway Libraries also have ebooks that can be 'borrowed' free of charge once you are a member – to search the ebook catalogue go to <https://medway.overdrive.com/>.

For more ideas for books to read, these are useful websites - <http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk> and <http://www.goodreads.com/genres/childrens>