

# **St Edmund's Catholic Primary School**



## **Year 6 Recommended Reading List**

## **What can you do to help reading at home?**

- 1. Make books a part of family life** – Always have books around at home. That way you and your children are ready to get reading, even if it's only for ten minutes.
- 2. Join your local library** – Get your child a library card. They'll be able to get their hands on hundreds of fantastic books. Let them choose what they want to read to help them develop their own interests.
- 3. Read about something they're interested in** – Help your child find the right book for them. It doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
- 4. All reading is good** – Don't rule out non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines, newspapers or leaflets. Reading is reading and it's all worthwhile.
- 5. Get comfortable** - Snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it's in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. Somewhere comfy to read will make a big difference.
- 6. Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'
- 7. Read whenever you get the chance** – Have a book or magazine with you for any time your child has to wait, like at the doctors or the dentist.
- 8. Read your favourites again and again** – Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.
- 9. Enjoy bedtime stories** – Read with your kids at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them.
- 10. Make the most of rhyme and repetition** – Books and poems with rhymes and repeated words or phrases are great for getting your kids to join in and remember the words.

Book title	Author	Front cover	Description
Holes	Louis Sachar		<p>Stanley Yelnats has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention centre, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. But there are an awful lot of holes. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake.</p> <p>The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. But what could be buried under a dried-up lake? Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment—and redemption.</p>
Pig Heart Boy	Malorie Blackman		<p>Cameron desperately needs a new heart when he is offered the opportunity to take part in a radical and controversial experiment involving the transplant of a pig's heart. While Cameron soon comes to terms with the idea, he finds the world around him less accepting. A powerful and thought-provoking read.</p>
Wonder	R.J Palacio		<p>August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. WONDER, now a #1 New York Times bestseller and included on the Texas Bluebonnet Award master list, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.</p>

<p>The Thousand Eyes of Night</p>	<p>Robert Swindells</p>		<p>The Tangle is a long, narrow stretch of derelict land, a wilderness of weeds and rubbish with an old railway tunnel yawning blackly at one end. No-one - not even bullying Gary Deacon - dares venture far into its sooty darkness. But it is here that twelve-year-old Tan and his friends make a grisly discovery - a discovery that is to plunge them into a terrifying adventure as the tunnel slowly unfolds its sinister secret.</p>
<p>The Girl of Ink and Stars</p>	<p>Kiran Millwood Hargrave</p>		<p>Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella Riosse dreams of the faraway lands her father once mapped. When her closest friend disappears into the island's Forgotten Territories, she volunteers to guide the search. Following her map, her heart and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers the true end of her journey: to save the island itself. For beneath the dry rivers and smoky mountains, a fiery legend is stirring from its sleep...</p> <p><i>The Girl of Ink and Stars</i> is a stunning debut, full of myth, magic and mapmaking. Isabella is a fantastic heroine: brave, loyal and curious. At the heart of the adventure is the wonderful and authentic friendship between her and her missing friend, Lupe.</p>
<p>King of the Cloud Forests</p>	<p>Michael Morpurgo</p>		<p>This is a fresh reissue of a much-loved story with a beautiful new cover. Escaping from China as the Japanese invade, Ashley and Uncle Sung embark on a perilous journey across the Himalayas. Then Ashley finds himself alone in the hostile mountains, battling for his life. He is just about to give up all hope, when he has a mysterious and terrifying encounter.</p>

Boy in the Tower	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. His mum doesn't really like looking outside – but it's going outside that she hates. She's happier sleeping all day inside their tower, where it's safe. But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear. Now their tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out.
Inkheart	Cornelia Funke		One cruel night, Meggie's father reads aloud from a book called INKHEART-- and an evil ruler escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their living room. Suddenly, Meggie is smack in the middle of the kind of adventure she has only read about in books. Meggie must learn to harness the magic that has conjured this nightmare. For only she can change the course of the story that has changed her life forever. This is INKHEART--a timeless tale about books, about imagination, about life. Dare to read it aloud.
Lionboy	Zizou Corder		When his parents are kidnapped, what's ten-year-old Charlie Ashanti to do? Rescue them, that's what! He doesn't know who has taken his parents, or why. But he does know that one special talent will aid him on his journey - his amazing ability to speak Cat. Charlie calls on his clever feline friends-from stray city cats to magnificent caged lions-for help. With them by his side, Charlie uses wit and courage to try to find his parents before it's too late.
The Diary of A Young Girl	Anne Frank		In 1942, with the Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, the Franks and another family lived cloistered in the "Secret Annexe" of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-

			<p>present threat of discovery and death. In her diary Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period. By turns thoughtful, moving, and surprisingly humorous, her account offers a fascinating commentary on human courage and frailty and a compelling self-portrait of a sensitive and spirited young woman whose promise was tragically cut short.</p>
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr		<p>Anna is not sure who Hitler is, but she sees his face on posters all over Berlin. Then one morning, Anna and her brother awake to find her father gone! Her mother explains that their father has had to leave and soon they will secretly join him. Anna just doesn't understand. Why do their parents keep insisting that Germany is no longer safe for Jews like them?</p> <p>Because of Hitler, Anna must leave everything behind.</p>
Harry Potter series	J.K Rowling		<p>Orphan Harry learns he is a wizard on his 11th birthday when Hagrid escorts him to magic-teaching Hogwarts School. As a baby, his mother's love protected him and vanquished the villain Voldemort, leaving the child famous as "The Boy who Lived". With his friends Hermione and Ron, Harry has to defeat the returned "He Who Must Not Be Named".</p>
Witches	Roald Dahl		<p>This is not a fairy-tale. This is about <i>real</i> witches. Real witches don't ride around on broomsticks. They don't even wear black cloaks and hats. They are vile, cunning, detestable creatures who disguise themselves as nice, ordinary ladies. So how can you tell when you're face to face with one? Well, if you don't know yet you'd better find out quickly-because there's nothing a witch loathes quite as much as children and she'll wield all kinds of terrifying powers to get rid of them.</p>



Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo		<p>Set during World War I, <i>Private Peaceful</i> charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front, as he looks back over the formative events of his life: his father's early death, his relationship with his loving mother and brothers, Big Joe and Charlie, and their beloved schoolfriend Molly – all set among an evocative and beautifully realised rural landscape.</p> <p>Passionate, beguiling and moving, this award-winning story is also an unflinching examination of the horrors of war and the injustice surrounding the execution of soldiers by firing squad, on the – often false – grounds of desertion or cowardice.</p>
Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins		<p>In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen, who lives alone with her mother and younger sister, regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district in the Games. But Katniss has been close to dead before - and survival, for her, is second nature. Without really meaning to, she becomes a contender. But if she is to win, she will have to start making choices that weigh survival against humanity and life against love.</p>
Maze Runner series	James Dashner		<p>When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone. Outside the towering stone walls that surround the Glade is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out—and no one's ever made it through alive. Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying.</p> <p>Remember. Survive. Run.</p>

<p>The Secret Garden</p>	<p>Frances Hodgson Burnett</p>		<p>When orphaned Mary Lennox comes to live at her uncle's great house on the Yorkshire Moors, she finds it full of secrets. The mansion has nearly one hundred rooms, and her uncle keeps himself locked up. And at night, she hears the sound of crying down one of the long corridors.</p> <p>The gardens surrounding the large property are Mary's only escape. Then, Mary discovers a secret garden, surrounded by walls and locked with a missing key. With the help of two unexpected companions, Mary discovers a way in—and becomes determined to bring the garden back to life.</p>
<p>The Railway Children</p>	<p>E. Nesbit</p>		<p>Roberta, Peter and Phyllis leave their London home and move with their mother to a small cottage in the country where life is very different. With their mother now busy writing to earn money, the railway becomes a source of fascination and solace to the children. They make friends with Perks the Porter and the station master, and discover new and exciting things about the trains. However, mystery remains - where is their father? Then the terrible truth is discovered. This charming story deals sensitively with the subject of an absent parent, and the challenges of living in changing circumstances.</p>
<p>Letters from the Lighthouse</p>	<p>Emma Carroll</p>		<p>Olive and her brother have been evacuated to Devon, but her older sister Sukie is still missing from the night of the bombs. A mysterious note found in the coat of her sister suggests that Sukie was involved in something dangerous, but Olive can't make the pieces fit together.</p> <p>Olive is a brave heroine and there's a good twist towards the end that even the most wily readers won't see coming.</p>









# Year 5 and 6 Statutory Spellings

accommodate	category	determined	forty	marvellous	programme	soldier
accompany	cemetery	develop	frequently	mischievous	pronunciation	stomach
according	committee	dictionary	government	muscle	queue	sufficient
achieve	communicate	disastrous	guarantee	necessary	recognise	suggest
aggressive	community	embarrass	harass	neighbour	recommend	symbol
amateur	competition	environment	hindrance	nuisance	relevant	system
ancient	conscience	equipment	identity	occupy	restaurant	temperature
apparent	conscious	equipped	immediate	occur	rhyme	thorough
appreciate	controversy	especially	immediately	opportunity	rhythm	twelfth
attached	convenience	exaggerate	individual	parliament	sacrifice	variety
available	correspond	excellent	interfere	persuade	secretary	vegetable
average	criticise	existence	interrupt	physical	shoulder	vehicle
awkward	curiosity	explanation	language	prejudice	signature	yacht
bargain	definite	familiar	leisure	privilege	sincere	
bruise	desperate	foreign	lightning	profession	sincerely	

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## Questions you could ask your child

Vocabulary	Infer	Predict	Explain	Retrieve	Sequence
<p>Draw upon knowledge of vocabulary in order to understand the text.</p> 	<p>Make inferences from the text.</p> 	<p>Predict what you think will happen based on the information that you have been given.</p> 	<p>Explain your preferences, thoughts and opinions about the text.</p> 	<p>Identify and explain the key features of fiction and non-fiction texts such as: characters, events, titles and information.</p> 	<p>Sequence the key events in the story.</p> 
<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What does the word ..... mean in this sentence?</li> <li>Find and copy a word, which means .....</li> <li>What does this word or phrase tell you about.....?</li> <li>Which word in this section do you think is the most important? Why?</li> <li>Which of the words best describes the character/setting/ mood etc?</li> <li>Can you think of any other words the author could have used to describe this?</li> <li>Why do you think ..... is repeated in this section?</li> </ul>	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why was..... feeling.....?</li> <li>Why did ..... happen?</li> <li>Why did ..... say .....</li> <li>Can you explain why.....?</li> <li>What do you think the author intended when they said.....?</li> <li>How does ..... make you feel?</li> </ul>	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look at the book cover/blurb - what do you think this book will be about?</li> <li>What do you think will happen next? What makes you think this?</li> <li>How does the choice of character or setting affect what will happen next?</li> <li>What is happening? What do you think happened before? What do you think will happen after?</li> <li>What do you think the last paragraph suggests will happen next?</li> </ul>	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is your favourite character? Why?</li> <li>Why do you think all the main characters are girls in this book?</li> <li>Would you like to live in this setting? Why/why not?</li> <li>Is there anything you would change about this story?</li> <li>Do you like this text? What do you like about it?</li> </ul>	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What kind of text is this?</li> <li>Who did.....?</li> <li>Where did.....?</li> <li>When did.....?</li> <li>What happened when.....?</li> <li>Why did ..... happen?</li> <li>How did .....?</li> <li>How many.....?</li> <li>What happened to.....?</li> </ul>	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened?</li> <li>What happened after .....</li> <li>What was the first thing that happened in the story?</li> <li>Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story?</li> <li>In what order do these chapter headings come in the story?</li> </ul>

