


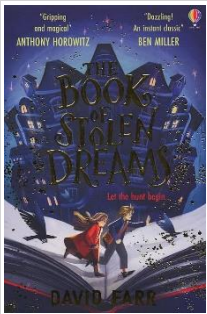

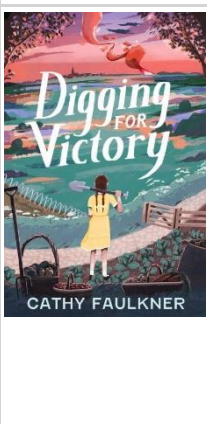

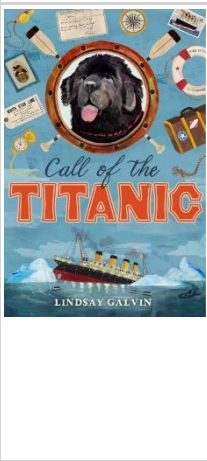

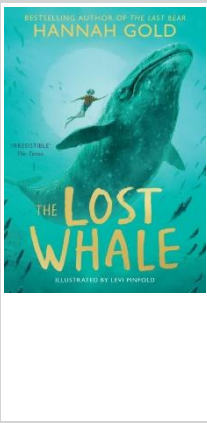


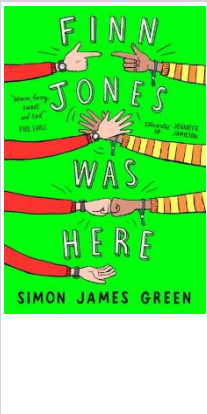


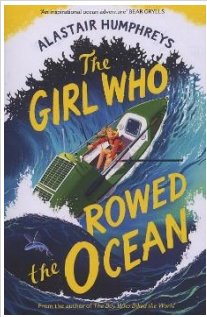
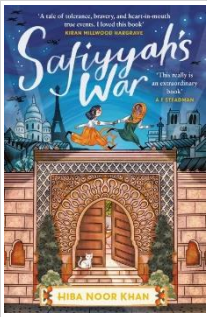

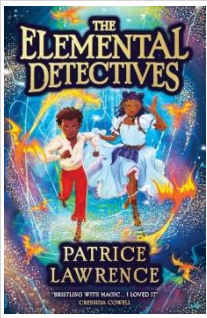

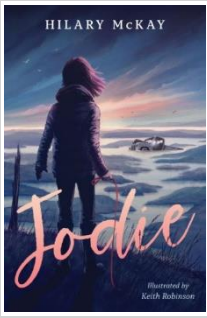

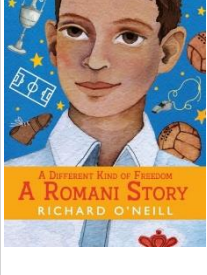
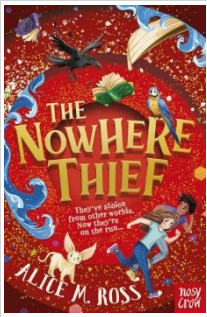

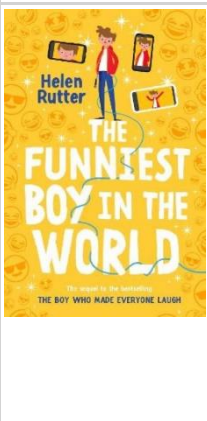
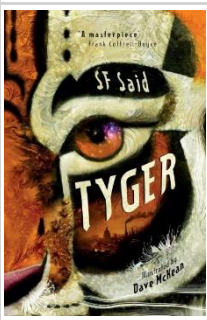








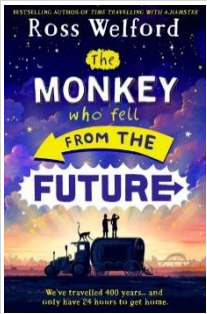


2023-24 RECOMMENDED READS YEAR 6

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| | Balen, Katya | The Light in Everything | <p>Tom and Zofia are very different. Tom is quiet and withdrawn, Zofia is loud and energetic so when their respective parents meet and move in together, this blended family must adjust to life as one entity. Told in alternate chapters, we get to appreciate the backstory of the children and discover how their temperaments have developed through different experiences. Some difficult issues are addressed in a compassionate but realistic way as both children understand that they can support each other moving forward.</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p>   |
| | Carroll, Emma | The Tale of Truthwater Lake | <p>Set in both the 1950's and 2032, this is a beautifully written story with a time slip element. We learn about a village evacuated and flooded to make way for a new reservoir in Devon. We also look to the future where the temperatures in Britain regularly hit 40°. Polly finding a portal to the 1950's also discovers a friend and goes on a mission to discover what became of Nelly in her future.</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p>  |
| | Davies, Justin | Haarville | <p>Hold on to your life jackets for this epic adventure in Haarville, an off-grid town no-one can find. Manxome Fearty is desperate to save his family's shop 'Fearty's Perpetuals' from the hands of the sinister Baggins, a fearsome stranger who has come ashore wreaking havoc wherever he goes. Can Manx, Fantoosh and Nathan stop him before it's too late? Dark, funny and extremely fishy!</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p> |
| | Eagleton, Ian | Glitter Boy | <p>11-year-old James loves singing, dancing and poetry but lately events are tarnishing his shine; his Mum has left, his Dad can't communicate; his Nan is frail and then there is Paul, who is calling James that word. On top of all this he is having brand new feelings especially around his friend Joel. Studded with poetry, this book is about family, friends, enemies, and being true to who you really are.</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p> |

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|  | Farr, David | The Book of Stolen Dreams | <p>President Malstain is a dictator in the land of Krasnia, it is now a country of fear and secrecy. When the father of Rachel and Robert steals a book, no one can predict the significance and the effect it will have on the two children. A gripping adventure that uses great descriptive language to carry us along on an electrifying adventure.</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p>  |
|  | Faulkner, Cathy | Digging for Victory | <p>Life on the Home Front during WW2 for Bonnie is dull tending to the vegetable patch and collecting rags. She is desperate to play her part and be celebrated as a hero. When the mysterious Mr Fisher is billeted at the family home, Bonnie's classmates are convinced he is a shirker so Bonnie decides to follow him one night and learns what it really means to be a hero. A fascinating story told in verse novel format offering a different reading experience.</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p>  |
|  | Galvin, Lindsay | Call of the Titanic | <p>Told from the dual viewpoint of Clara, a stowaway on the Carpathia and Sidney Daniels, a 3rd class cabin steward on the Titanic. Clara befriends Rigal, a big bear of a dog and find themselves caught up in a rescue mission as the Carpathia races through the ice towards the sinking Titanic. The fictionalised testimony and the telegrams from the Titanic and other ships, brings home the reality of this tragic event. A fantastic combination of exciting adventure, real-life history and a magical twist.</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p>  |
|  | Gold, Hannah | The Lost Whale | <p>Rio has been sent to stay with his estranged grandma whilst his Mum is in hospital. Feeling alone and adrift he meets new friend Marina who takes him whale watching on her Dad's boat where Rio bonds with a grey whale named White Beak. When White Beak disappears, Rio's special connection with the whale might be the only thing that can save her. An emotive story about hope and identity with strong ecological themes.</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p>   |
|  | Green, Simon James | Finn Jones was Here | <p>Eric's best friend Finn has just died of an incurable illness. Eric is struggling to deal with his loss but then he starts to get notes and instructions supposedly from Finn himself. As Eric is sent on adventures outside his comfort zone, he comes to the realisation that grief is normal and life for him continues even without Finn. Not at all mawkish, but funny and life-affirming as Eric realises that Finn had his best interests in mind even from beyond the grave.</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p>   |

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|  | Humphreys, Alastair | The Girl who Rowed the Ocean | <p>Based on the author's own experience, this is the story of Lucy who decides to sail the Atlantic single handed. We not only learn about her personal experiences, but her school friends have to do homework based on her trip, learning about the ocean, the habits and the weather. Great for geography focus as well as being inspiring in terms of what we can do with support and self-determination.</p> | Children's Fiction |
|  | Khan, Hiba Noor | Safiyyah's War | <p>Set in Paris in 1940 and based on true events, Safiyyah lives in the compound around the Grand Mosque. The arrival of the Germans sparks fear and uncertainty but, the Muslim community rally round to save their Jewish counterparts. A beautifully written story where religion is set aside in a humanitarian venture. This is an age-appropriate story where the true horrors of war are experienced but humanity wins.</p> | Children's Fiction  |
|  | Lawrence, Patrice | The Elemental Detectives | <p>Marisee lives with her grandmother - the Keeper of the Wells - in a London influenced by Spirits of the Elements. When Grandma is kidnapped, Marisee and her new friend Robert must overcome the Elemental spirits to save the city from destruction. An exciting story but also touching on race, slavery and attitudes in the early 19th century. Plenty to talk about while still enjoying this fantastical adventure.</p> | Children's Fiction  |
|  | McKay, Hilary | Jodie | <p>Although this is a short read, it is an example of how you can pack a lot into a small space. Jodie is a loner sent on a school trip with girls she does not speak to. But when she hears a dog barking and goes to the rescue, her life changes for ever. A powerful read about emotions, friendship and being afraid of who you are.</p> | Children's Fiction  |
|  | O'Neill, Richard | A Romani Story : A Different Kind of Freedom | <p>Lijah is a Romany at the end of the 19th century. He is really good at football but has to deal with the prejudices not only of a wider society but also his own community who regard him as a traitor to their way of life. A short but powerful read that showcases diverse communities and demonstrates that we need to see both sides of the story.</p> | Children's Fiction |

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|  | Ross, Alice M | The Nowhere Thief | <p>Elsbeth travels through different universes on the hunt for objects to sell in her Mother's antique shop. But an encounter with a boy causes her worlds to overlap with potentially disastrous consequences. More science fiction than fantasy, this is a fast-paced story with some themes on friendship as well as what is right and wrong.</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p>  |
|  | Rutter, Helen | The Funniest Boy in the World | <p>Billy Plimpton is back! Despite his stammer, Billy is determined to take his stand-up act on to the stage at Field Fest, where his favourite comedian Leo Leggett is performing. When Leo posts a social media clip of Billy, he is suddenly thrust into the world of comedy which is so cool! Meanwhile, Billy is increasingly concerned about his friend Skyla but can he keep his feet on the ground long enough to be true to himself and the ones he loves?</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p> |
|  | Said, S. F | Tyger | <p>Using evocative language, this is a multi-layered story about an alternative world in which the British Empire still exists and foreigners are segregated. A mythical being works with two children to rid the world of the dark spirits and show how we all have the power to create change for the better.</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p>  |
|  | Spangler, Jenni | Valentine Crow and Mr Death | <p>When it is time for Valentine Crow to leave the orphanage, an unfortunate spelling mistake finds him as an apprentice to Death himself. Just when he is getting used to this new quirky life, Valentine discovers his best friend appears on the list of souls to take. Will Philomena end up going to Never for soul disposal or Always where good souls are recycled or is there another option? A wonderfully crafted book full of wit and humour with a strong message about righting wrongs.</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p>   |
|  | Stewart, Sam | Fireblood: The First Flight | <p>Two ordinary children are thrown into an extraordinary new world when their father disappears, and they discover the magic of dragons runs through their veins. On the journey to Portaldor to rescue their Father, Finn and Tula battle hideous beasts, receive help from a prophetic telling stone, encounter a stolen wyrm and ride a mystical water dragon. An imaginative and engaging story and the reader can choose their own quest by decoding secret messages hidden along the bottom of pages.</p> | <p>Children's Fiction</p>  |

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|  | Welford, Ross | The Monkey who Fell From the Future | A beguiling time travel story where we meet Thomas and Kylie in the present day as well as Ocean and Duke in 2425. Kylie has created a Time Tablet that takes her and Thomas to the future where they have 24 hours to save the world. A great adventure, some humour and Kylie who has ambitions to become a physicist. | Year 6 Younger Teen   |
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