

## Year 7 Recommended Reads

Spring 2021

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| The Good Thieves by Katherine Rundell                | Adventure/Mystery           |
| Flood World by Tom Huddlestone                       | Cli Fi/ Dystopian           |
| The Voyage of the Sparrowhawk by Natasha Farrant     | Adventure/Historical        |
| Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds                     | Family/Home/School          |
| Aisha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan         | Adventure/Magical Realism   |
| Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes                   | Family/Social Issues/Race   |
| Kick by Mitch Johnson                                | Football/Adventure          |
| The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave | Adventure/Fantasy           |
| The Valley of Lost Secrets by Leslie Parr            | Mystery/Historical          |
| The Urban Outlaws by Peter Jay Black                 | Adventure/Action            |
| Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird                | Family/Social Issues/War    |
| Ghost by Jason Reynolds                              | Sport/Family                |
| Burn by Patrick Ness                                 | Thriller/Magical Realism    |
| Girl, Boy, Sea by Chris Vick                         | Adventure/Survival          |
| The Wolf Princess by Cathryn Constable               | Mystery/Magic/Adventure     |
| Mortal Engines by Phillip Reeve                      | Science Fiction             |
| The Skylark's War by Hilary McKay                    | Historical/Home             |
| No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen                    | Family/Social Issues/humour |
| Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone                          | Adventure/Fantasy           |
| Soldier Dog by Sam Angus                             | Animal/Adventure/War        |
| Running on the Roof of the World by Jess Butterworth | Adventure/Journey           |
| The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge                     | Mystery/Magical Realism     |
| Future Friend by David Baddiel                       | Adventure/Science/Humour    |
| Evernight by Ross Mackenzie                          | Fantasy/Adventure           |
| Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans                    | Humour/Adventure/Myths      |
| Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk                           | Mystery/Family              |
| Strange Star by Emma Carroll                         | Gothic/Ghost Story          |

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| No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton | Dance/Social Issues/Refugees      |
| Booked by Kwame Alexander                    | Football/personal issues/bullying |
| The Rise of Wolves by Kerr Thomson           | Adventure/Animal                  |
| The Everest Files by Matt Dickinson          | Mystery/Adventure                 |
| Stargazing for Beginners by Jenny Maclachlan | Family/Science                    |
| The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman            | Ghost/Horror                      |
| Orphans of the Tide by Struan Murray         | Fantasy/Adventure                 |
| The Starman and Me by Sharon Cohen           | Adventure/Science Fiction         |
| Beetle Boy by MG Leonard                     | Mystery/Animal/Fantasy            |
| The Storm Keeper's Island by Catherine Doyle | Adventure/Magical Realism         |
| The Ice Monster by David Walliams            | Adventure/Humour                  |
| A Kind of Spark by Ellie McNichol            | Family/Personal Issues/Autism     |
| Foul Play by Tom Palmer                      | Mystery/Football                  |

### All Time Favourites

These books are perennially popular in the Library and are great favourites across the school.

- Skulduggery Pleasant (series) by Derek Landy
- Geek Girl (series) by Holly Smale
- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (series) by JK Rowling
- The Recruit (Cherub series) by Robert Muchamore
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (series) by Rick Riordan
- Storm Breaker (Alex Rider series) by Anthony Horowitz
- Murder Most Unladylike (series) by Robin Stevens
- Wonder by R J Palacio
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Lockwood and Co: The Screaming Staircase (series) by Jonathan Stroud
- Time Riders (series) by Alex Scarrow
- Middle School (series) by James Patterson

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### Modern Classics

My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell  
Over Sea, Under Stone by Susan Cooper  
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams  
The Wizard of Earth Sea by Ursula Le Guin  
The Hobbit by J R Tolkein  
Northern Lights by Phillip Pullman  
Skellig by David Almond  
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C S Lewis  
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson  
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken  
The Silver Sword by Ian Serrailier  
The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit  
Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome  
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The books on this list are suggestions only and not all titles will be suitable for all students. If you or your child would like further advice or recommendations please contact the librarian on [jhillis@chewvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:jhillis@chewvalleyschool.co.uk)

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### Barrington Stoke (dyslexia friendly, shorter books)

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| Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer                | Running/Family/War         |
| Swan Song by Gill Lewis                       | Animal/Family/Nature       |
| Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson | Adventure/Exploration/Race |
| Ninja: First Mission by Chris Bradford        | Samurai/Adventure          |
| Virus by Chris Bradford                       | Action/Adventure/Gaming    |

### Graphic Novels

Maximum Ride by James Patterson  
Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier  
Adventures of John Blake: The Mystery of the Ghost Ship by Phillip Pullman  
The Amulet of Samarkand by Jonathan Stroud