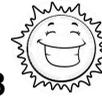




## 6<sup>o</sup> Summer Reading List 2018



Over the summer holidays, try to read as much as possible (We expect you will read at least one book in English over the summer)! If you need ideas for inspiration, have a look through the following list:

- **Harry Potter Series by JK Rowling**

After the misery of life with his ghastly aunt and uncle, Harry Potter is delighted to have the chance to embark on an exciting new life at the Hogwart's School of Wizardry and Witchcraft.

- **The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien**

Full of magic, humour and adventure, it continues to offer plenty to entertain and engage today's young readers who are discovering it for the first time.

- **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis**

When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy - step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find themselves in the land of Narnia.

- **The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin**

When sixteen people are called together for the reading of wealthy Sam Westing's will, they are surprised to learn that the will is actually a contest in which they are all to participate.

- **Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce**

One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God.

- **The Witches by Roald Dahl**

Real witches disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise.

- **Once by Morris Gleitzman**

Morris Gleitzman brings heart and humour to the difficult subject of the Holocaust in this ground-breaking children's book.

- **Stig of the Dump by Clive King**

Exploring an old chalk pit, Barney meets a strange boy who wears a rabbit skin and speaks in grunts.

- **Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian**

Willie Beech, a lonely and deprived child, is evacuated to a tiny English village just before the Second World War, and finds himself living with reclusive widower Thomas Oakley.

- **Truckers by Terry Pratchett**

The first title in the Bromeliad trilogy, this is an enchanting fantasy from favourite author Terry Pratchett.

- **Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome**

It's the summer holidays, and the Walker children are excited to set sail on their boat Swallow and camp on Wild Cat Island.

- **The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeanne Birdsall**

This summer the Penderwick sisters have a wonderful surprise: a holiday on the grounds of a beautiful estate called Arundel. Soon they are busy discovering the summertime magic of Arundel's sprawling gardens, treasure-filled attic, tame rabbits, and the cook who makes the best gingerbread in Massachusetts.

- **The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer**

Matteo Alacran was not born; he was harvested. His DNA came from El Patron, lord of a country called Opium — a strip of poppy fields lying between the United States and what was once called Mexico. Matt's first cell split and divided inside a petri dish.

- **FLORA AND ULYSSES: THE ILLUMINATED ADVENTURES, by Kate DiCamillo**

It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw it coming - the vacuum cleaner, that is. As for self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, she has read every issue of the comic book *Terrible Things Can Happen to You!* so she is just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight and misspelled poetry.

- **A Wrinkle in Time, by Madeleine L'Engle**

People who are extraordinary, by definition, don't fit in. The main character of this book, Meg Murray, is an extraordinarily intelligent and thoughtful person who struggles with real issues such as making friends. When her father, a brilliant scientist, needs help, Meg learns that the very qualities that make it hard for her to relate to her peers also make her the one person who can come to his aid

- ***The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norman Juster**

Milo is bored with school and his life until he comes home one day to find a magic tollbooth in his room. Having nothing better to do, he drives through the booth in his toy car and stumbles onto the Kingdom of Wisdom. There he acquires two faithful companions, has many hilarious adventures, and goes on a quest to rescue the princesses of the kingdom—Princess Rhyme and Princess Reason—from the castle in the air.

- ***Bridge To Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson**

Jesse Aarons loves running and drawing, but sometimes feels out of place in his family of all sisters and his rural school. He meets city girl Leslie Burke and his world changes as they create an imaginary world together.

## **Nonfiction**

- Hopkinson, Deborah. **TITANIC: VOICES FROM DISASTER**. Photographs, telegrams, letters, and first-person accounts from passengers, witnesses, and crew members provide multiple perspectives on the sinking of the Titanic.
- Lawlor, Laurie. **RACHEL CARSON AND HER BOOK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**. Rachel Carson was an ordinary child who grew up to be a pioneer environmentalist. This biography shows that anyone can make a difference. A detailed epilogue explains more about the lasting impact of her book, *Silent Spring*.
- Sandler, Martin. **THE IMPOSSIBLE RESCUE: THE TRUE STORY OF AN AMAZING ARCTIC ADVENTURE**. In the dead of an Arctic winter, whaling ships full of men are stranded in ice. Follow three rescuers in a race against time in this heart pounding true adventure
- Simon, Seymour. **SEYMOUR SIMON'S EXTREME OCEANS**. Seymour Simon investigates the most extreme environments, animals, plants, and weather in the ocean. Imagine exploring the most extreme parts of our amazing oceans— the tallest waves, the darkest depths, and the largest and most dangerous sea creatures on Earth. Interesting facts and stunning photographs make for an exciting underwater expedition!
- Thimmesh, Catherine and Melissa Sweet. **GIRLS THINK OF EVERYTHING: STORIES OF INGENIOUS INVENTIONS BY WOMEN**. (Biography) This book tells how women throughout the ages have responded to situations confronting them in daily life by inventing such items as correction fluid, space helmets, and disposable diapers.
- Vernick, Audrey. **BROTHERS AT BAT: THE TRUE STORY OF AN AMAZING ALL-BROTHER BASEBALL TEAM**. The Accerra family had 16 children, including 12 baseball-playing brothers. In the 1930s, the boys formed their own semi professional team and became the longest playing all-brother baseball team in history.
- Borden, Louise. **THE JOURNEY THAT SAVED CURIOUS GEORGE: THE TRUE WARTIME ESCAPE OF MARGARET AND H. A. REY**. This beautifully illustrated book tells the story of the Reys and their escape from Paris during World War II.