

Recommended reading lists - Key Stage 3 - Reading Around

Drama

- All about Theatre - National Theatre
- Acting for Young Actors: The Ultimate Teen Guide – Dinah Lenney
- Break a Leg! The Kids Guide to Acting and Stagecraft – Lise Friedman

English

Year 7

Half Term 1

- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
- His Dark Materials by Phillip Pullman

Half Term 2

- Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- Barack Obama's autobiography
- The history of Bergen-Belsen
- Suffragette writing – Millicent Fawcett
- Straight Outta Crongton by Alex Wheatle

Half Term 3

- Dracula by Bram Stoker
- The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- Room 13 by Robert Swindells
- Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
- The Woman in Black by Susan Hill

Half Term 4

Other Shakespeare plays:

- Twelfth Night
- Measure for Measure
- Taming of the Shrew

Half Term 5

- Blake's Songs of Innocence and Experience
- War Poets – Owen, Sassoon and Brooke
- Regeneration by Pat Barker
- Journey's End by R.C. Sheriff

Year 8

Half Term 1

- 1984 by George Orwell
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- Research life in Nazi Germany

Half Term 2

- Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
- Our Day Out by Willy Russell

Half Term 3

- The Ruby in the Smoke by Phillip Pullman
- The Tell-Tale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe

Works of Charles Dickens:

- Oliver Twist
- A Christmas Carol
- Nicholas Nickleby

Half Term 4

- The Grapes of Wrath and East of Eden by John Steinbeck
- The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Half Term 5

- Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman
- A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
- They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera

Shakespearean tragedies:

- Hamlet
- Othello
- King Lear

Half Term 6

- Moominvalley in November by Tove Jansson
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline l'Engle
- The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson

Year 9

Half Term 1

- 1984 by George Orwell
- George Orwell's non-fiction writing
- Eileen: A Biography of George Orwell's wife by Sylvia Topp
- Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Half Term 2

- Brick Lane by Monica Ali
- Talking Heads by Alan Bennett
- White Teeth by Zadie Smith
- Telling Tales by Patience Agbabi
- Sometimes We Tell the Truth by Kim Zarins

Poetry from the following:

- Wilfred Owen
- John Cooper Clarke
- Moniza Alvi
- Maya Angelou
- Emily Dickinson

Half Term 3

- Letters of Note by Shaun Usher
- The Letters of J. R. R. Tolkien, by J. R. R. Tolkien
- Letters to a Young Poet, by Rainer Rilke

Half Term 4

- Journey's End by R.C. Sheriff
- Lady Windermere's Fan by Oscar Wilde
- Shirley Valentine by Willy Russell
- A View from the Bridge by Arthur Miller

Half Term 5

- Women and Power by Mary Beard
- Dr Faustus by Christopher Marlowe
- On the Knocking at the Gate in Macbeth by Thomas de Quincey
- The Prince by Machiavelli

Shakespearean tragedies:

- King Lear
- Othello
- Hamlet

Half Term 6

- Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Atonement by Ian McEwan
- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- We Should All Be Feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Geography

- Factfulness (Hans Rosling)
- What does Rain Smell Like? (Simon King & Claire Nasir)
- We Are Displaced (Mala Yousafzai)
- Seriously Curious: The Economist Explains (Tom Standage)
- The Journey (Abdul Musa Adam)
- The boy at the back of the class (Onjali Rauf)

History

Year 7

- They All Fall Down - Sally Nichols - set during the Plague in York
- Philippa Gregory – multiple books based on the Plantagenet/Tudor monarchs
- The White Queen
- The Other Boleyn Girl
- The Boleyn Inheritance
- The Kingmakers Daughter
- The White Princess

Year 9

- The Help – Kathryn Stockett
- Orphan Monster Spy - Matt Killeen - set during the Holocaust in Germany
- The Red Ribbon - Lucy Adlington – Holocaust
- The Storyteller – Jodi Picoult - The Holocaust
- We Remember – Child survivors of the Holocaust
- The Machine Gunners - Robert Westall - Blitz

ICT

- Invented by animals: meet the creatures who inspired our everyday technology by Christaine Dorion & Gosia Herba
- Using digital technology by Sam Thompson
- Robots, chips and techno stuff by Glenn Murphy
- Astro the robot dog by Claire Freedman
- A Rag, a Bone and a Hank of Hair by Nicholas Fisk
- A hitchhikers guide to the galaxy by Douglas Adams

Maths

- Murderous maths - Kjartan Poskitt
- Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy – Douglas Adams
- Be the best at maths - Rebecca Rissman
- Maths handbook everyday maths made simple - Richard Elwes
- I can be a maths magician - Anna Claybourne

Music

Blues music

- Racism
- History of the slave trade

A History of Music for Children, by Mary Richards (Author), David Schweitzer (Author), Rose Blake (Illustrator)

The History Of The Blues: The Roots, The Music, The People (Paperback)
Francis Davis

Jazz and Justice: Racism and the Political Economy of the Music by Gerald Horne

Music through time: Historic periods: Baroque, Classical, Romantic

England in the Middle Ages: A Captivating Guide to English History During the Medieval Period and Magna Carta Paperback – 25 April 2020 by Captivating History

A History of Western Music Paperback – 2 July 2019 by J. Peter Burkholder (Author), Donald Jay Grout (Author), Claude V. Palisca (Author)

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Fiction

- The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
- The Boy at the back of the class by Onjalif Rauf
- The Star Outside my Window by Onjalif Rauf
- The boy in the striped pyjamas by John Boyne
- Street Child by Berlie Doherty
- Vicky Angel by Jaqueline Wilson
- His Dark Materials by Phillip Pullman

Non-Fiction

- If I Could Ask God Anything: Awesome Bible Answers for Curious Kids by Kathryn Slattery
- Who Was Martin Luther King, Jnr? by Bonnie Bader
- 101 awesome women who changed the world by Julia Adams

Spanish

- <https://lyricstraining.com/>
- <https://holaquepasa.com/>
- <http://www.spanishlistening.org/>
- <https://coffebreaklanguages.com/coffebreakspanish/>

Science

Fiction

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

The Hitchhikers guide to the galaxy by Douglas Adams

Non-Fiction

What if? By Randall Munroe

Thing Explainer: Complicated Stuff in Simple Words by Randall Munroe

The Elements: A Visual Exploration of Every Known Atom in the Universe by Theodore Gray

"The new way thinks work" by D. Macauley