



Year 6  
Suggested  
Reading List.

## **Suggested reading list for Year 6 pupils | KS2 | Age 10-11**

The following list contains books suitable for children aged 10-11 in Year 6 of primary school.

### **The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave**

Isabella finds herself in a captivating quest to find the mysterious lands her father once mapped. In this beautifully realised adventure story with elements of magic, myth and legend, Isabella finds herself the unlikely heroine tasked with saving her world.

### **Eren by Simon P Clark**

A deceptively dark story about a boy taken by his mum to live in the country after a family drama. Eren is the strange and magical creature that lives in the attic. The surprising and unpredictable twists will keep year six children reading until the end.

### **The Railway Children by E Nesbit**

A classic story of adventure and loss. Three children and their mother leave their life in London to live in a small cottage in the country. Will they discover the mystery of their father's disappearance?

### **Abomination by Robert Swindells**

Martha lives with a dark secret – the abomination. Can she escape her strict upbringing and reveal the secret or is she better keeping quiet?

### **Carrie's War by Nina Bawden**

Carrie and her brother Nick are evacuated to Wales to live with the strict Mr Evans. When Carrie visits Hepzibah Green she does perhaps the worst thing imaginable. How can she make things right? An ideal class text for Year 6 pupils.

### **The What on Earth? Wallbook Timeline of Nature by Christopher Lloyd**

A mind-blowing fold out wallchart book which depicts life as we know it from the earliest cells to the present day. Produced in association with the Natural History Museum and painstakingly illustrated by Andy Forshaw. A perfect research text for Year 6 classrooms.

### **Raspberries on the Yangtze by Karen Wallace**

It began, said Nancy, 'the day my brother and I decided to poison our mother.' A memorable story about friendships and growing up from a child's point of view.

### **The Crowstarver by Dick King-Smith**

Left abandoned as a baby on a farm, Simon Sparrow lives a tough life. However, he has an amazing gift. Every animal he meets understands and trusts him.

### **Awful End by Philip Ardagh**

Eddie's parents fall horribly ill with a disease which leaves them yellow, smelly and wrinkled. He's sent to live with his mad relatives at Awful End. Will he ever get there?

### **From Hereabout Hill by Michael Morpurgo**

An enchanting collection of nine short stories by the former Children's Laureate.

### **Fruit and Nutcase by Jean Ure**

A story, told in diary entries, of Mandy's unpredictable life and crazy parents. Mandy has so many things to worry about she starts to wonder if she's going mad.

### **Granny by Anthony Horowitz**

Joe is miserable and longs to escape from his huge family mansion. But more dangerous is his evil granny who has truly horrid plans for him. Can Joe escape her clutches?

### **The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien**

The classic tale of Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit, and his quest to travel with Gandalf and a band of dwarves to steal the treasure of a fearsome dragon.

### **Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo**

After a storm Michael is washed overboard from his parent's yacht and finds himself marooned on a distant island with a Japanese soldier who survived the Hiroshima bombing. Kensuke and Michael become unlikely friends and Kensuke has to make a decision whether to stay on his

island home or help Michael complete a dangerous quest to find his mother and father.

### **Lion Boy by Zizou Corder**

Charlie can speak to cats – and every type of cat – even a lion. He sets out on a perilous journey to find his kidnapped parents who have found cure for asthma. Can his circus animal friends protect him from being captured before he finds them?

### **The Machine Gunners by Robert Westall**

Chas has a good collection of wartime bullets, shells and memorabilia. But it's not quite the best collection in Garmouth. That's until he finds a machine gun and 2000 rounds of ammunition, ready to fire. An ideal addition to Year 6 WW2 topics.

### **The Viewer by Simon Crew**

An imaginative picture book ideal for older reluctant readers. Tristan finds an old picture viewing device in a rubbish dump and becomes drawn further and further into the places and worlds he sees – until finally he disappears into one of them.

### **My Swordhand is Singing by Marcus Sedgewick**

A mystical historical story of traveling gypsies, vampire slayers and a princess. Peter discovers there's more to his Father than meets the eye.

### **Once by Morris Gleitzman**

A young Jewish boy is determined to escape from an orphanage to find and rescue his parents from Nazi Germany.

### **The Other Side of the Truth by Beverley Naidoo**

Sade and her brother Femi are 'illegals'. They have fled from Nigeria where their father is being persecuted only to find London a harsh and unforgiving environment and not the safe haven they had hoped for.

### **The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier**

Separated from his parents in Poland in World War Two, Jan and his three friends travel through war-torn Europe to Switzerland with only a silver sword for protection. Will he find his parents?

### **Skellig by David Almond**

In the run down garage of his new home, Michael finds a magical creature called Skellig. At the same time, Michael's baby sister is gravely ill in hospital. Somehow Skellig seems to hold the key to saving her.

### **Superfudge by Judy Bloom**

A monstrous little brother by the name of Fudge tries to sell his babysitter. When that doesn't work, he tries to give her away.

### **Tell Me No Lies by Malorie Blackman**

Gemma struggles to deal with the pain of losing her mother and Mike struggles with a dark secret. When the two children meet they uncover a shocking past which explains both of their pasts. A gripping psychological thriller.

### **The Weathermonger by Peter Dickinson**

Set in the future, Adults have decided machines cannot be trusted and world without them is better. When Geoffrey tries to repair a motor, he and his sister are hunted as witches. The story follows their flight to France, where everything is very different.

### **What Katy Did Next by Susan Coolidge**

Katy is a tomboy, her hair is always a mess and her clothes look awful. But when there's an awful accident, her life changes forever.

### **The Wheel of Surya by Jamila Gavin**

Jaspal and Marvinder travel from civil war torn India in 1947 to find their father who is studying far away in England. A stunning historical novel.

### **The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis**

When four children are evacuated to a country house,, Lucy looks into the wardrobe and discovers a doorway to the world of Narnia with Aslan, Mr Tumnus the Faun and the White Witch.

### **Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian**

Set during WW2, William "Willie" Beech, a boy from London who is abused by his mother, arrives at the home of Mr Thomas Oakley, a bad tempered widower in his sixties who lives in the village of Little Weirwold.

### **Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo**

There are rumours that the Birdman is mad and dangerous. When Gracie and Daniel cannot find a place to sail their boats they eventually run into him...

### **The Borrowers by Mary Norton**

A wonderful story about a family of tiny people who live secretly in the walls and floors of an English house and "borrow" from the big people in order to survive.

### **Siverfin by Charlie Higson**

The adventures of the 13 years old young James Bond, set at school and in the Scottish Highlands. This would make an exciting adventure option group reader for Year 6 pupils.

### **Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird**

Since her father left Lebanon to find work and her mother tragically died in a shell attack, ten-year-old Ayesha has been living in the bomb-ravaged city of Beirut.