**Charlwood Village Primary School**

**Year 5/6 Suggested Reading List**

Dear parents/guardians,

Some parents have asked for book recommendations to support children’s home reading. I have put together a list of recommended authors and/or books. It is always useful to read a variety of authors’ styles and genres, so hopefully the below list is of interest to all. In addition to this list, there are many good books nominated each year for The Waterstone’s Children’s Book Prize and Blue Peter Book Awards.

Happy reading!!

**Traditional Tales – Legends**

Sir Galwain and the Loathly Lady - Selina Hastings

Don Quixote - Marcia Williams

Arthur: The Seeing Stone, Kevin Crossley-Holland

Beowulf – K. Crossley-Holland

The Story of Robin Hood – R. Leeson

Arthur, High King of Britain – Michael Morpurgo

The Tale of Tales – Tony Mitton

Myths and Legends – Anthony Horowitz

Arion and the Dolphin – Vikram Seth

Just So Stories – Rudyard Kipling

Snow Horse and Other Stories – Joan Aiken

Snaggletooth’s mystery – Gene Kemp

Shock forest and other stories – Margaret Mahy

The London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd

No Such Thing as Dragons - Written and illustrated by Philip Reeve

Cosmic - Written by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Flood Child - Written by Emily Diamand

**Fiction from our Literary Heritage**

The Phoenix and the Carpet by E. Nesbit (we read this author’s other book, The Railway Children, as a class this year)

The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien

Narnia Stories – CS Lewis

Harry Potter series – JK Rowling

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

Billy the Kid – Michael Morpurgo

Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo

Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens

Kensuke’s Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo

A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens

Stig of the Dump – Clive King

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

Snow Spider – Jenny Nimmo

Macbeth for Kids, Louis Burdett

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase – Joan Aiken

Peter Pan – J. M. Barrie

A Christmas Carol (Eyewitness classics) – Charles Dickens

The Hound of the Baskervilles – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (adapted by Chris Mould)

The Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame

The Jungle Book – Rudyard Kipling

Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll

Mary Poppins – P.L. Travers

Stories from Dickens (ed Blishen)

Stories from Shakespeare (ed. Geraldine McCaughrean)

Tom’s Midnight Garden - Philippa Pearce

**Fantasy**

Storm Keeper’s Island - Catherine Doyle

The Various – Steve Augarde

Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer

The Bag of Bones – Vivian French

Inkheart trilogy – Cornelia Funke

Coraline – Neil Gaiman

The Weirdstone of Brisingamen – Alan Garner

Pure Dead Magic – Debi Gliori

Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver

Truckers – Terry Pratchett

The Spiderwick Chronicles – Lynne Reid Banks

Goblins series – Philip Reeve

Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick

The Amulet of Samarkand – Jonathon Stroud

The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien

The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making – Catherynne M. Valente

Tanglewreck – Jeanette Winterson

A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket

**Science Fiction**

Supernaturalist – Eoin Colfer

Moondial by Helen Cresswell

Grinny: Grinny and You Remember Me – Nicholas Fisk

Among the Hidden – Margaret Peterson Haddix

Double Identity – Margaret Peterson Haddix

Maphead – Lesley Howarth

The Giver – Lois Lowry

Other Worlds: 10 Amazing Sci Fi Stories – Rick Riordan edition

Time Travelling with a Hamster - Ross Welford

Aquila - Andrew Norris

Timesnatch – Robert Swindells

Hydra – Robert Swindells

Demon Headmaster - Gillian Cross

The 1,000 Year Old Boy - Ross Welford

The Day I Was Erased - Lisa Thompson

**Chilling Stories**

The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman

Uncle Montague’s Tales of Terror – Chris Priestley

Horowitz Horror – Anthony Horowitz

Breathe – Cliff McNish

At the Firefly Gate – Linda Newberry

Chill – Alex Nye

Tales from the Tunnel’s Mouth – Chris Priestley

Tales of Terror From the Black Ship – Chris Priestley

Marianne Dreams – Catherine Storr

**Real Life**

Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman (science/ethics)

Tangerine – Edward Bloor (blindness)

The Eighteenth Emergency – Betsy Byars (bullying)

The 10PM Question – Kate De Gold (worry/anxiety)

Running on Cracks – Julia Donaldson (running from home – mature themes)

Step By Wicked Step – Anne Fine (step parenting)

Dead End in Norvelt – Jack Gantos (boredom, friendship)

Love, Aubrey – Suzanne LaFleur (family)

Hangman - Julia Jarman (bullying)

The View from Saturday – E.L. Konisburg (friendship)

The Other Side of Truth – Bevery Naidoo (refugee)

Wonder – R.J. Palacio (appearance)

All the Things That Could Go Wrong - Stewart Foster (friendship/ learning differences)

Bubble by Stewart Foster (health problems)

A Boy Called Hope - Lara Williamson (family)

**Adventure**

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Noah Barleywater Runs Away – John BoyneRuby Holler – Sharon Creech

Danny: the champion of the world – Roald Dahl

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo

Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz

The Devil and his Boy – Anthony Horowitz

Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler – E. L. Konigsburg

Outlaw: the Legend of Robin Hood – Tony Lee

The Ghost of Thomas Kempe – Penelope Lively

Mortal Engines – Phillip Reeves

Varjak Paw – S. F. Said

The Invention of Hugo Cabret – Brian Selznick

Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick

Hacker - Malorie Blackman

The Wilderness Wars - Julie Green

Scribbleboy - Phillip Ridley

**War**

Warboy – Michael Foreman

Once/Now/Then/After – Morris Gleitzman

War Horse – Michael Morpurgo

At the Firefly Gate – Linda Newberry

Johnny and the bomb – Terry Pratchett

My Friend the Enemy – Dan Smith

The Machine Gunners – Robert Westall

Carrie’s War – Nina Bawden

Doodlebug Summer – Alison Price

Soldier Dog – Sam Angus

The Wheel of Surya by Jamila Gavin

Anne Frank’s Diary

**Mysteries**

Chasing Vermeer – Blue Bailliett

The Crossroads – Chris Grabenstein

Silver Fin – Charlie Higson

The Case of the London Dragonfish – Joan Lennon

The Sign of the Black Dagger – Joan Lingard

Magnus Finn and the Selkie Secret – Janis Mackay

Out of the Depths – Cathy MacPhail

Flood and Fang – Marcus Sedgwick

**Humour**

How to Train Your Dragon - Cressida Cowell

How to speak dragonese - Cressida Cowell

The Meanwhile Adventures – Roddy Doyle

Boom! – Mark Haddon

Ribblestrop – Andy Mulligan

Bill’s New Frock by Anne Fine

Goblins series – Philip Reeve

Holes – Louis Sachar

There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom – Loius Sachar

A Boy and a Bear in a Boat – Dave Shelton

Ice Monster– David Walliams

Ratburger – David Walliams

Cogheart by Peter Bunzl

**Animals**

The Midnight Fox – Betsy Byars

The Tale of Despereaux – Kate DiCamillo

Charlotte’s Web – E.B.White

Flush – Carl Hiaasen

One Boy and His Dog – Eva Ibbotson

A Coyote in the House – Elmore Leonard

The Call of the Wild – Jack London

Going Home –Cliff McNish

Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo

The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips – Michael Morpurgo

War Horse – Michael Morpurgo

Catscape – Mike Nicholson

Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver

The Outlaw Varjack Paw – S.F. Said

Black Beauty – Anna Sewell