




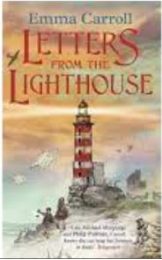
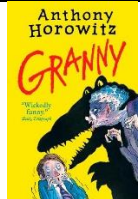
Miss Bools and Mrs Szczygiel's Recommended Reads!

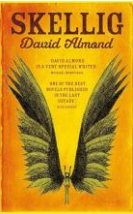
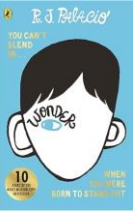


"There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book."

The following list includes *only* books that I have personally read and would **fully** recommend to my class. They all fall into the 9-12 age range so would be perfect for Years 5 & 6. I already purchased and have read some of these books, so if you would like to borrow one, ask! Happy reading...

(Even though I loved reading some of these books, the books highlighted in grey are **HIGHLY** recommended!)

Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide...
	Thornhill	Pam Smy	As she unpacks in her new bedroom, Ella is irresistibly drawn to the big old house that she can see out of her window. Surrounded by overgrown gardens, barbed wire fences and 'keep out' signs, it looks derelict. But that night, a light goes on in one of the windows. And the next day she sees a girl in the grounds. Ella is hooked. The house has a story to tell. She is sure of it. Enter Thornhill, Institute for Children, and discover the dark secrets that lie within. But once inside, will you ever leave?
	Letters From The Lighthouse	Emma Carroll	February 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company, and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees. Desperate to be helpful, Olive becomes his post-girl, carrying secret messages (as she likes to think of the letters) to the villagers. But Olive has a secret of her own. Her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid, and she's desperate to discover what happened to her. And then she finds a strange, coded note which seems to link Sukie to Devon, and to something dark and impossibly dangerous.
	Granny	Antony Horowitz	Twelve-year-old Joe has an unbelievably evil Granny. Not only is Granny physically repulsive and horribly mean, but she also has the look in her eye of a predatory crocodile. Soon Joe starts to suspect that she has unpleasant designs on him. But what are they and how can he foil them?

	<h2>Skellig</h2>	<p>David Almond</p>	<p>When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain.</p> <p>Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital.</p> <p>But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever . . .</p>
	<h2>Classic Read Wonder</h2>	<p>R.J. Palacio</p>	<p>Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.</p> <p>Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?</p>

Other reading related activities that you could take part in could be:

- Read a book written in the year you were born
- Read a newspaper article
- Read a comic or a graphic novel
- Read a book with a one-word title
- Read a book based on a true story
- Re-read your favourite book from when you were little