

Year 6 Recommended Reading List

A curated list of around 45–50 books suitable for Year 6 readers (ages 10–11). This selection includes classics and modern favourites across genres—fantasy, historical fiction, adventure, and contemporary stories.

- Wonder – R.J. Palacio
- The Boy at the Back of the Class – Onjali Q. Rauf
- Skellig – David Almond
- The Explorer – Katherine Rundell
- Who Let the Gods Out? – Maz Evans
- Carrie's War – Nina Bawden
- Goodnight Mister Tom – Michelle Magorian
- A Kind of Spark – Elle McNicoll
- The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien
- Holes – Louis Sachar
- The Snow Goose – Paul Gallico
- The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Little Women – Louisa May Alcott
- Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens
- The Iron Man – Ted Hughes
- The Girl of Ink and Stars – Kiran Millwood Hargrave
- The Wolf Wilder – Katherine Rundell
- Front Desk – Kelly Yang
- The Goldfish Boy – Lisa Thompson
- The Lord of the Rings – J.R.R. Tolkien
- The Owl Service – Alan Garner
- Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson
- Mortal Engines – Philip Reeve
- The Wheel of Surya – Jamila Gavin
- No Ballet Shoes in Syria – Catherine Bruton
- Letters from the Lighthouse – Emma Carroll
- Escape from Warsaw – Ian Serraillier
- Coraline – Neil Gaiman
- When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit – Judith Kerr
- Alcatraz vs. The Evil Librarians – Brandon Sanderson
- Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver
- The Bone Sparrow – Zana Fraillon

- Skandar and the Unicorn Thief – A.F. Steadman
- Cogheart – Peter Bunzl
- The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents – Terry Pratchett
- Once – Morris Gleitzman
- A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon – Kelly Barnhill
- Refugee Boy – Benjamin Zephaniah
- Pax – Sara Pennypacker
- The Wild Robot – Peter Brown
- The Crossover – Kwame Alexander
- Jane Eyre – Charlotte Brontë
- Dr Dolittle – Hugh Lofting

Tips for Reading: - Mix genres to build range and vocabulary. - Alternate between challenging and easy reads. - Discuss stories together to deepen comprehension. - Encourage reading for pleasure as the top priority.