

Here are a few suggestions for titles that your child should be reading at this age. With the Year 6 Reading Test becoming increasingly more difficult, it is important that children be exposed to as many quality texts as possible. It would be extremely beneficial to your child if they could read as many of these texts as possible over the next year. They should be stocked at either the school library or the libraries in Northamptonshire. My apologies if any books are on the list twice. Further suggestions can be found on our website:

<http://www.chiltern.northants.sch.uk/page/default.asp?pid=64>

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## **The Wolves of Willoughby Chase**

by **Joan Aiken**

There are wolves outside the walls of Willoughby Chase, but for cousins Bonnie and Sylvia, the real danger lies inside.

## **Skellig**

by **David Almond**

Hodder Children's Books

Exploring a ramshackle garage with his new-found friend, Mina, Michael discovers a strange, magical creature.

## **Carrie's War**

by **Nina Bawden**

Puffin

During World War II, Carrie and her younger brother Nick are evacuated to Wales and billeted with the fierce old Mr Evans and his mousy sister, Louise.

## **Artemis Fowl**

by **Eoin Colfer**

Penguin

Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl hatches an ingenious plot to steal all the gold in fairy land.

## **Millions**

by **Frank Cottrell Boyce**

Pan Macmillan

One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God.

**Read about 'Millions'**

## **The Witches**

**by Roald Dahl**

Puffin

Real witches disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise.

## **Matilda**

**by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake**

Puffin

This modern fairy-tale with a brilliantly inspiring young heroine is one of Roald Dahl's best loved stories.

## **Flour Babies**

**by Anne Fine**

Penguin

As part of a Child Development project, each boy in Class 4C is given a 'flour baby', a sack of flour which must be looked after for three weeks, ensuring it does not get lost or dirty.

## **Once**

**by Morris Gleitzman**

Penguin

Morris Gleitzman brings heart and humour to the difficult subject of the Holocaust in this ground-breaking children's book.

## **The Adventures of Tintin**

**by Hergé**

Egmont

Resourceful junior reporter Tintin embarks on a series of exciting international adventures, accompanied by his faithful dog Snowy, in this favourite series.

## **Journey to the River Sea**

**by Eva Ibbotson**

Macmillan Children's Books

Orphan Maia is thrilled to learn she is to live with relatives in South America and cannot wait to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the Amazon.

## **Stig of the Dump**

**by Clive King**

Puffin

Exploring an old chalk pit, Barney meets a strange boy who wears a rabbit skin and speaks in grunts.

## **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**

by C S Lewis

HarperCollins Children's

When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy - step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find themselves in the land of Narnia.

## **Goodnight Mister Tom**

by Michelle Magorian

Puffin

Willie Beech, a lonely and deprived child, is evacuated to a tiny English village just before the Second World War, and finds himself living with reclusive widower Thomas Oakley.

## **Private Peaceful**

by Michael Morpurgo

HarperCollins

Set during World War I, *Private Peaceful* charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front.

## **A Monster Calls**

by Patrick Ness

Walker Books Ltd

Connor's mum has cancer and life is changing. There is the nightmare, then there is school, where people avoid him, or persecute him. And then there is the immense, mythic Monster.

## **The Borrowers**

by Mary Norton

Puffin

The Borrowers are tiny people who live in the secret places of old houses - behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock.

## **Truckers**

by Terry Pratchett

Random House

The first title in the *Bromeliad* trilogy, this is an enchanting fantasy from favourite author Terry Pratchett.

## **Swallows and Amazons**

by Arthur Ransome

Red Fox

It's the summer holidays, and the Walker children are excited to set sail on their boat Swallow and camp on Wild Cat Island.

## **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone**

**by J K Rowling**

Bloomsbury Children's Books

After the misery of life with his ghastly aunt and uncle, Harry Potter is delighted to have the chance to embark on an exciting new life at the Hogwart's School of Wizardry and Witchcraft.

## **Holes**

**by Louis Sachar**

Bloomsbury

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he is not entirely surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to the Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre

## **The Little Prince**

**by Antoine de Saint-Exupery**

Egmont

An air pilot makes a forced landing deep in the Sahara Desert. There, he makes a mysterious Little Prince, who tells him a series of wise and enchanting stories.

## **Ballet Shoes**

**by Noel Streatfeild**

Penguin

First published in the 1930s, this classic story of three very different girls who work hard to master their talents has captivated children's imaginations for decades

## **The Hobbit**

**by J R R Tolkien**

HarperCollins Children's

This well-loved fantasy story has delighted readers ever since its first publication in 1937.