

The Park and Parkwall Federation

Recommended Reads

Year 6

1. Ray Bradbury – All Summer In A Day
(Cracking Comprehension)

In "**All Summer in a Day**," a group of schoolchildren live on the planet Venus with their families. They are nine years old, and they are eagerly awaiting a momentous occasion. After 5 years of continuous rain, the scientists on Venus have predicted that the sun will come out today for a brief period of time.



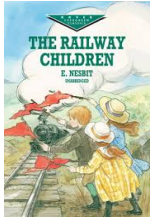
2. Michael Morpurgo – Why the Whales Came
(Cracking Comprehension)

Why the **Whales Came**' is about ten-year-old Gracie Jenkins, who lives on Bryher, a small island off the western coast of Britain, in the year 1914. ... The Birdman used to live on Samson Island, which people say has a curse on it. Gracie and her friend Daniel have a fleet of toy boats they have made.



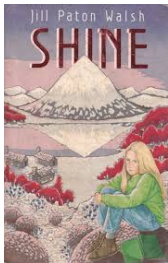
3. E. Nesbit – The Railway Children (Cracking Comprehension)

This story centres around three **children** whose comfortable existence ends when their father has to go away unexpectedly. Roberta, Peter and Phyllis leave their London home and move with their mother to a small cottage in the country where life is very different.



4. Jill Paton Walsh – Shine (Cracking Comprehension)

Pattie and her family are among the last refugees to flee a dying Earth in an old spaceship. When the group finally lands on the distant planet which is to be their new home, it seems that the four-year journey has been a success. But as they settle in to this shiny new world, they discover that nothing on this planet is edible, and they may not be able to grow food.



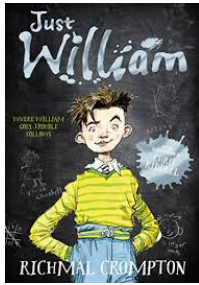
5. Robert Louis Stevenson – Treasure Island (Cracking Comprehension)

Set in the eighteenth century, **Treasure Island** spins the tale of Jim Hawkins aboard the Hispaniola as he journeys across the Spanish Main in search for buried **treasure** on an exotic **isle**.



6. Richmal Crompton – Just William (Cracking Comprehension)

Meet everyone's favourite troublemaker in this classic book of short stories.



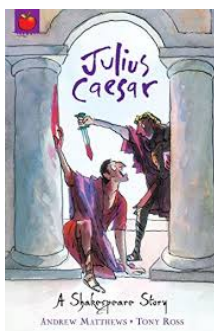
7. William Shakespeare – The Tempest (Cracking Comprehension)

The **Tempest** is a play about magic, betrayal, love and forgiveness. It is set on an island somewhere near Italy where Prospero, the one-time Duke of Milan, and his beautiful daughter, Miranda, live with a sprite called Ariel and a strange wildman called Caliban.



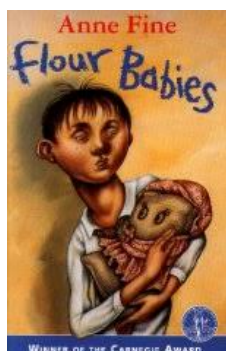
8. William Shakespeare – Julius Caesar (Cracking Comprehension)

Jealous conspirators convince **Caesar's** friend Brutus to join their assassination plot against **Caesar**.



9. Anne Fine – Flour Babies

Each boy is given a six-pound bag of **flour**, in rags, to form the look of a **baby**, and he must care for it at all times, as if it were a real **baby**...



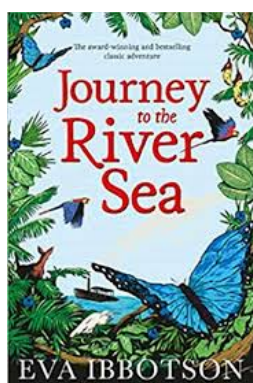
10. Michael Morpurgo – Private Peaceful

This is about a soldier called Thomas "Tommo" **Peaceful**, who is looking back on his life from the trenches of World War I in France.



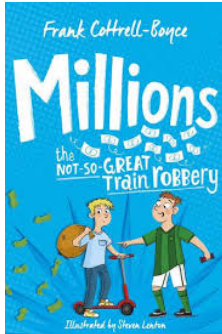
11. Eva Ibbotson – Journey to the River Sea

It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at thirteen, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the **journey**.



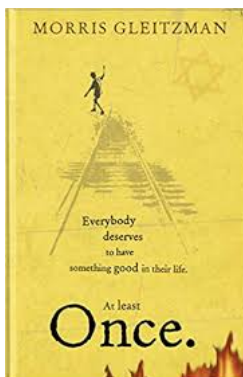
12. Frank Cottrell Boyce – Millions

Millions - the tale of a not-so-great train robbery - is an absolute treasure! Two brothers, Damian and Anthony, are unwittingly caught up in a train robbery during Britain's countdown to joining the Euro.



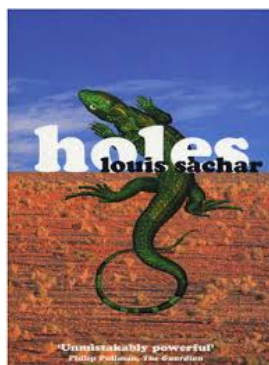
13. Morris Gleitzman – Once

Once is the story of a young Jewish boy who is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War. Everybody deserves to have something good in their life. At least **Once**.



14. Louis Sachar – Holes

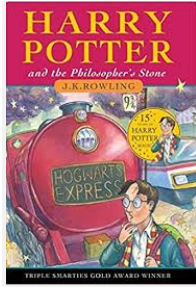
Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention centre, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging **holes**...



15. J K Rowling – Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone

When mysterious letters start arriving on his doorstep, Harry Potter has never heard of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizard. They are swiftly confiscated by his aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry’s eleventh birthday, a strange man bursts in with some important news: Harry Potter is a wizard and has been awarded a place to study at Hogwarts.

And so the first of the *Harry Potter* adventures is set to begin



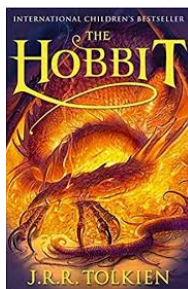
16. Michelle Magorian – Goodnight Mr Tom

Goodnight Mister Tom is a moving tale of an eight-year-old boy, William Beech who is evacuated from London's Deptford area to go and live in a village called Little Weirwold shortly before the Second World War breaks out. ..



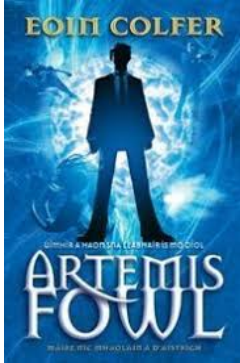
17. J R R Tolkein – The Hobbit

Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure.



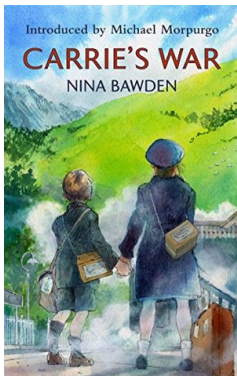
18. Eoin Colfer – Artemis Fowl

Twelve-year-old **Artemis Fowl** is a millionaire, a genius—and, above all, a criminal mastermind. But even **Artemis** doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. ..



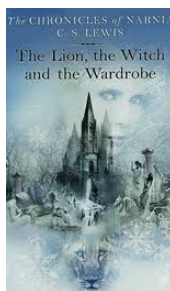
19. Nina Bawden – Carrie's War

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



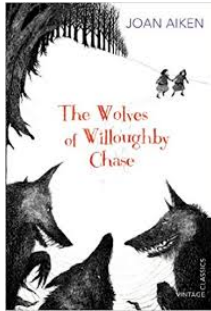
20. C S Lewis – The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe

When the Pevensie children - 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. Frozen in eternal winter, Narnia is a land of snow and pine forests, and its creatures are enslaved by the terrible White Witch.



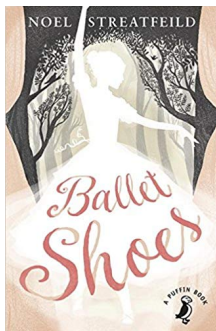
21. Joan Aiken – The Wolves of Willoughby Chase

There are wolves outside the walls of Willoughby Chase, but for cousins Bonnie and Sylvia, the real danger lies inside. Their wicked governess Miss Slighcarp is working with a network of criminals, forgers and snitches to carry out a terrible plan. Bonnie and Sylvia must use all their wits if they are to escape their cruel governess - and the wolves.



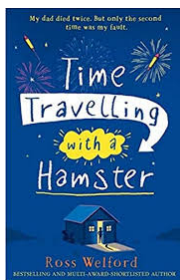
22. Noel Streatfeild – Ballet Shoes

Pauline longs to be an actress. Petrova is happiest playing with cars and engines. And if she could . . . Posy would dance all day! But when their benefactor Great-Uncle Matthew disappears, the Fossil girls share a future of a dazzling life on stage, where their dreams and fears will soon come true . . .



23. Ross Welford – Time Travelling with a Hamster

When Al Chaudhury discovers his late dad's **time** machine, he finds that going back to the 1980s requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, burglary, and setting his school on fire. All without losing his pet **hamster**, Alan Shearer.



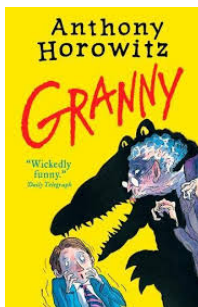
24. Peter Bunzi – Cogheart

When 13-year-old Lily's inventor father vanishes after a Zeppelin crash, Lily's determined to hunt down the truth behind his disappearance, helped by Robert, the local clockmaker's son, and her wily mechanical fox Malkin. But shadowy figures are closing in and treachery lurks among the smoky spires of London - along with a life-changing secret.



25. Anthony Horowitz – Granny

Granny is a tale one part chilling evil and one part deep, dark, hilarity. Joe Warden is 12 years old and he can't stand his parents, his house or his family's day-to-day life. His parents are wealthy but inattentive, wrapped up in their own bizarre pursuits.



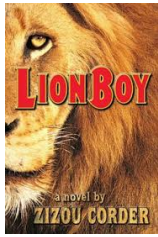
26. Michael Morpurgo – Kensuke's Kingdom

Michael's parents buy a yacht, and take him off to sail round the world. Washed overboard in a fierce storm, Michael finds himself on the shore of a remote island - and soon discovers he's not alone.



27. Zizou Corder – Lion Boy

When his parents are kidnapped, what's ten-year-old Charlie Ashanti to do? Rescue them, that's what!



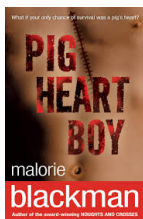
28. Robert Westall – Machine Gunners

Set during the Second World War, Chas McGill finds a crashed German Heinkel 111 bomber from which he removes a fully operational **machine** gun and over 2000 rounds of ammunition.



29. Malorie Blackman – Pig Heart Boy

Cameron is thirteen and in need of a **heart** transplant when a pioneering doctor approaches his family with a startling proposal. He can give Cameron a new **heart** - but from a **pig**...



30. Phillippa Pearce - Tom's Midnight Garden

Tom is sent away to stay with his aunt and uncle for the summer holidays. With no garden or children to play with, he feels lonely and unhappy, until one night he hears the clock striking thirteen and discovers a secret garden where he makes a new friend, Hatty.



