

40 Recommended Reading Books for Year 6

We have carefully selected books that will hopefully capture your imagination. This list contains colour-bands and a description of the book so that you are able to choose your favourites according to your book-band level and your personal interests. The 'Lexile rating' included measures the difficulty level of the text; a higher Lexile rating indicates a more difficult text. Certificates will be awarded as you read books from this list; you will need to record a brief response to a reading task in this reading record (such as a description of a character). A bronze certificate will be awarded once you have read 5 books from the list, a silver award will be awarded after 10 and a gold award will be awarded once you have read 15

Title	Image	Author	ISBN	Overview	Lexile rating	Book Band	Book Read
Tricks and Transformations		Anthony Horowitz	9780753465455	A collection of five bite-size myths from across the globe, Tricks and Transformations by Anthony Horowitz includes astonishing tales from Greek, Japanese and Chinese mythology.	850	Ruby	
Blackhearts in Battersea		Joan Aiken	9780099456391	The book is set in a slightly altered historical England—during the reign of King James III—in the early 19th century, and follows the adventures of Simon, an orphan whose plans to study painting in London are derailed by high adventure.	900	Ruby	
Clockwork		Philip Pullman	9780440866381	Tick, tock, tick, tock! Some stories are like that. Once you've wend them up, nothing will stop them ...A tormented apprentice clock-maker, a deadly mechanical knight in armour - and the sinister Dr Kalmenius, who some say is the devil .	900	Ruby	
Oliver Twist		Charles Dickens	9780099582632	Meet the Artful Dodger, as roistering and swaggering a young gentleman as ever stood four foot six. With him, you'll run down the dirty backstreets of London to be entertained by the Respectable Old Gentleman and his brood of thieves and pickpockets.	900	Ruby	
File Under: 13 Suspicious Events		Lemony Snicket	9780316284035	Before the Baudelaires became orphans, before he encountered A Series of Unfortunate Events, even before the invention of Netflix, Lemony Snicket was a boy discovering the mysteries of the world. <i>Match wits with Lemony Snicket to solve thirteen mini-mysteries.</i>	900	Ruby	
Black Light Express		Philip Reeve	9780192744791	There was nothing, and then there was a train. A train with two passengers: a petty thief from a dead-end town, and an android girl who could be more human than the rest of us. Join Zen and Nova as they find out what really lies beyond the end of the universe . . .	910	Sapphire	

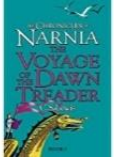

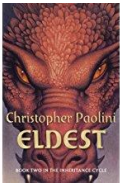

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Murder is Bad Manners		Robin Stevens	9781 4814 2213 0	Two friends form a detective agency--and must solve their first murder case--in this "sharp-witted debut" (<i>Publishers Weekly</i> , starred review) that is the first adventure in a brand-new middle grade mystery series set at a 1930s boarding school.	910	Sapphire	
Black Beauty		Anna Sewell	9781 5420 4932 0	From the meadow of his youth to the crowded, frosty streets of London, Black Beauty tells the story of his life under many masters in Victorian England, among them the kind Squire Gordon, the principled Jeremiah Barker, and the exploitive Nicholas Skinner. No matter the circumstance, Beauty bears joy and hardship with grace, heeding his mother's advice to be good, gentle, and hardworking—always.	910	Sapphire	
The Crowstarver		Dick King Smith	9780 5525 4603 4	Discovered as a foundling in a lambing pen, Spider Sparrow grows up surrounded by animals. From sheep and horses to wild otters and foxes, Spider loves them all, even the crows must scare away the newly sown wheat. Amazingly, every animal who meets Spider implicitly trusts the young boy. This magical rapport is Spider's unique gift, but nothing else in his tough life is so easy.	920	Sapphire	
Harry Potter (Series)		J K Rowling	9781 4088 5566 9	Harry Potter's summer has included the worst birthday ever, doomy warnings from a house-elf called Dobby, and rescue from the Dursley's by his friend Ron Weasley in a magical flying car! Back at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for his second year, Harry hears strange whispers echo through empty corridors - and then the attacks start.	920	Sapphire	
The Return of the King		J. R. R. Tolkien	9780 2611 0359 7	Concluding the story begun in <i>The Hobbit</i> , this is the final part of Tolkien's epic masterpiece, <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> . Featuring a striking black cover based on Tolkien's own design, the definitive text, and a detailed map of Middle-earth.	920	Sapphire	
Robinson Crusoe		Daniel Defoe	9781 8532 6045 2	The novel Robinson Crusoe tells the story of a young and impulsive Englishman that defies his parents' wishes and takes to the seas seeking adventure.	930	Sapphire	

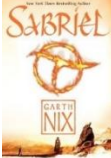
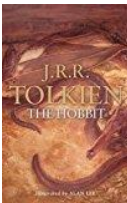
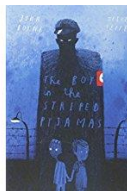
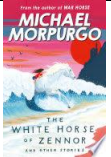


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The Winter Horses		Phillip Kerr	9781 4063 6001 1	This children's book from <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author Philip Kerr is a WWII story of survival, for fans of <i>War Horse</i> . It tells of one girl's incredible bravery as she fights to save two rare horses from Nazi extermination.	930	Sapphire	
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit		Judith Kerr	9780 0074 4333 8	Anna was only nine years old in 1933, too busy with her school work and friends to take much notice of Adolf Hitler's face glaring out of political posters all over Berlin.	940	Sapphire	
What Katy Did Next		Susan Coolidge	9780 1403 6757 7	What Katy Did Next is a children's book by Sarah Chauncey Woolsey, working under the pen name Susan Coolidge. It follows the stories What Katy Did, What Katy Did At School and tells the adventures of Katy Carr as she travels to Europe.	940	Sapphire	
The Diary of Anne Frank		Anne Frank	9780 5532 9698 3	The Diary of a Young Girl, also known as The Diary of Anne Frank, is a book of the writings from the Dutch language diary kept by Anne Frank while she was in hiding for two years with her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.	950	Sapphire	
New Girls at Malory Towers		Enid Blyton	9781 4052 6907 0	Felicity is the new head of the third form at Malory Towers, and what a lot she has to deal with! There are new girls to get to know, mysteries to uncover, and even a concert to put on – not to mention plenty of midnight feasts.	950	Sapphire	
My Secret Diary: Dating, Dancing, Dreams and Dilemmas		Jacqueline Wilson	9780 5525 6156 3	In this wonderfully written memoir of Jacqueline Wilson's life as a teenager, stories about family problems, first love, school life and friends build up a fascinating picture of a real teenager and her inner life. She uses extracts from her real diary to cover issues as diverse as how she created beehive hairdos to her troubled school life.	950	Sapphire	
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer		Mark Twain	9781 9793 3004 6	An imaginative and mischievous boy named Tom Sawyer lives with his Aunt Polly and his half-brother, Sid, in the Mississippi River town of St. Petersburg, Missouri.	950	Sapphire	
Running Wild		Michael Morpurgo	9780 0072 6702 6	For Will and his mother, going to Indonesia isn't just a holiday. It's an escape, a new start, a chance to put things behind them - things like the death of Will's father.	970	Sapphire	

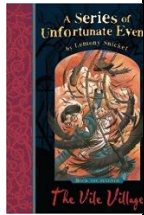
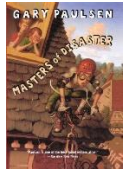
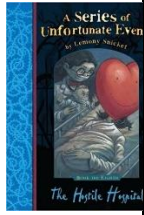
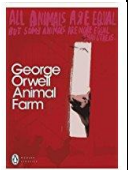
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The Voyage of the Dawn Treader		C. S. Lewis	9780 0073 2310 4	A king and some unexpected companions embark on a voyage that will take them beyond all known lands. As they sail farther and farther from charted waters, they discover that their quest is more than they imagined and that the world's end is only the beginning.	970	Sapphire	
Bad Beginnings: A Series of Unfortunate Events		Lemony Snickett	9781 9756 6421 3	The unhappy tale of three very unlucky children. Even though they are charming and clever, the Baudelaire siblings lead lives are filled with misery and woe. In this short book alone, the three youngsters encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune, and cold porridge for breakfast.	1010	Sapphire	
Jacky Daydream		Jacqueline Wilson	9780 4408 6720 3	Lots of Jacqueline Wilson's characters are well-known and well-loved by thousands of readers: Hetty Feather, Ruby and Garnet, Pearl and Jodie, Elsa, Lily and, of course, the brilliant Tracy Beaker! But how much do you know about Jacqueline herself?	970	Sapphire	
Eldest		Christopher Paolini	9780 5525 5211 0	Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, have just saved the rebel state from destruction by the mighty forces of King Galbatorix, cruel ruler of the Empire. Now Eragon must travel to Ellesméra, land of the elves, for further training in magic and swordsmanship, the vital skills of the Dragon Rider. It is the journey of a lifetime, filled with awe-inspiring new places and people, each day a fresh adventure.	970	Sapphire	
The Lost Conspiracy		Frances Hardinge	9780 0608 8041 5	On an island of sandy beaches, dense jungles, and slumbering volcanoes, colonists seek to apply archaic laws to a new land, bounty hunters stalk the living for the ashes of their funerary pyres, and a smiling tribe is despised by all as traitorous murderers.	970	Sapphire	
The Girl of Ink and Stars		Kiran Millwood Hargrave	9781 9100 0274 2	Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her cartographer father once mapped. When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search. The world beyond the walls is a monster-filled wasteland - and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a fire demon is stirring from its sleep. Soon, following her map, her heart and an ancient myth, Isabella	HL710L	Sapphire	



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				discovers the true end of her journey: to save the island itself.			
Mortal Engines		Philip Reeve	9781 4071 5213 4	The first instalment introduces young apprentice Tom Natsworthy and the murderous Hester Shaw, flung from the fast-moving city of London into heart-stopping adventures in the wastelands of the Great Hunting Ground.	990	Sapphire	
Sabriel		Garth Nix	9780 0614 7435 4	Sabriel is a fantasy novel by Garth Nix and illustrators Leo and Diane Dillon, first published in 1995. It is the first in his Old Kingdom trilogy, followed by Lirael and Abhorsen.	1000	Diamond	
The Hobbit		J. R. R. Tolkien	9780 0075 2549 2	The classic bestseller, this film tie-in edition features the complete story of Bilbo Baggins' adventures in Middle-earth as shown in the film trilogy, with a striking cover image from Peter Jackson's film adaptation and drawings and maps by J.R.R. Tolkien.	1000	Diamond	
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas		John Boyne	9780 8575 3393 7	Bruno doesn't like his new house. He had to leave all his friends behind in Berlin, and there are no children to play with here - until Bruno meets Shmuel, a boy who lives on the other side of the wire fence near Bruno's house, and who wears a strange uniform of striped pyjamas	1000	Diamond	
White Horse of Zennor		Michael Morpurgo	9781 4052 5675 9	Set in a church town where men become beats and ghosts roam freely, these are haunting and unforgettable tales where magic lies around every corner.	1020	Diamond	
The Fall of Fergal		Philip Ardagh	9780 5712 1521 8	The McNally children find themselves in The Dell hotel surrounded by a strange assortment of ridiculous characters ranging from Charlie 'Twinkle Toes' Tweedy the house detective, to Mr. Peach, a ventriloquist with a conveniently-large moustache. With young Fergal McNally falling to his death on page one, the only way for the McNallys is up. Expect the unexpected with Philip Ardagh pulling out all the stops that make this fiction so unique and so absurd.	1030	Diamond	
Terrible Times		Philip Ardagh	9780 5712 1622 2	In the third installment of the Eddie Dickens saga, our poor hero Eddie finds himself on the way to America aboard the sailing ship Pompous Pig, along with a cargo hold full of left shoes, the world-famous Dog's Bone Diamond, and some of the	1070	Diamond	

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				most dangerous traveling companions anyone might have the misfortune to share a ship with			
The Vile Village		Lemony Snickett	9781 4052 6610 9	There is nothing to be found in Lemony Snicket's 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' but misery and despair. You still have time to choose another international best-selling series to read. But if you insist on discovering the unpleasant adventures of the Baudelaire orphans, then proceed with caution...	1080	Diamond	
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night		Mark Haddon	9780 0994 5025 2	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i> is a murder mystery novel like no other. The detective, and narrator, is Christopher Boone. Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's Syndrome. He knows a very great deal about maths and very little about human beings. He loves lists, patterns and the truth. He hates the colours yellow and brown and being touched. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.	1090	Diamond	
Masters of Disaster		Gary Paulsen	9780 3758 6610 4	We may be the most boring twelve-year-olds on the planet. Henry Mosley decides that he and his pals Riley and Reed have got to liven things up. They need to go on some earth-shaking adventures and make a name for themselves.	1100	Diamond	
The Hostile Hospital		Lemony Snickett	9781 4052 6613 0	There is nothing to be found in Lemony Snicket's 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' but misery and despair. You still have time to choose another international best-selling series to read. But if you insist on discovering the unpleasant adventures of the Baudelaire orphans, then proceed with caution...	1110	Diamond	
Animal Farm		George Orwell	9780 1411 8270 4	When the downtrodden animals of Manor Farm overthrow their master Mr Jones and take over the farm themselves, they imagine it is the beginning of a life of freedom and equality. But gradually a cunning, ruthless élite among them, masterminded by the pigs Napoleon and Snowball, starts to take control.	1170	Diamond	

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Beowulf		Michael Morpurgo	9781406348873	In fifth-century Denmark, a murderous monster stalks the night, and only the great prince of the Geats has the strength and courage to defeat him.	1180	Diamond	
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them		J K Rowling	9781408880715	Scamander's years of travel and research have created a tome of unparalleled importance. Some of the beasts will be familiar to readers of the Harry Potter books - the Hippogriff, the Basilisk, the Hungarian Horntail ... Others will surprise even the most ardent amateur Magizoologist. Dip in to discover the curious habits of magical beasts across five continents .	1200	Diamond	