



Year 7 Academic Book List 2023/2024



Humanities	
Subject	Book
English	War Horse- Michael Morpurgo
	The moving story of a horse's courage amid the deadly chaos of the First World War. Even in the desolation of the trenches, where death is always close at hand, Joey's courage inspires the soldiers around him... Told with characteristic skill and compassion, this heart-warming animal story is set against a vividly-evoked backdrop of trench warfare.
Spanish	Manolito Four Eyes-Elvira Lindo
	The bestselling phenomenon from Spain about ten-year-old Manolito's misadventures in Madrid.. Don't try to be different," says Manolito's mother. But he can't help it-he doesn't have to try. Whether he's fighting over the One-and-Only Susana, trying not to fight with Ozzy the Bully or telling his entire life story to the school psychologist, ten-year-old Manolito is a real original. Join the unforgettable Manolito as he takes on life in Madrid. Available in English and Spanish editions.
Geography	The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare- Zillah Bethell
	An atmospheric story that slowly builds into a gripping page-turner. Set in a world fighting over dwindling water supplies, the reader is introduced to Auden – an 11-year-old who is colour blind. But when he moves to a new town and meets a fascinating new friend, his life begins to change. Can he finish the work his professor uncle started and solve the planet's problems? This book links into term 3 How we can live more sustainably.
History	The midwives apprentice- Karen Cushman
	The girl known only as Brat has no family, no home, and no future until she meets Jane the Midwife and becomes her apprentice. As she helps the sharp-tempered Jane deliver babies, Brat—who renames herself Alyce—gains knowledge, confidence, and the courage to want something from life: “A full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.” Medieval village life makes a lively backdrop for the funny, poignant story of how Alyce gets what she wants. A concluding note discusses midwifery past and present. You will examine various aspects of medieval life in history this year.
STEM	
Maths	The Miscalculation of Lightening girl- Stacy McAnulty
	Lucy Callahan's life was changed forever when she was struck by lightning. She doesn't remember it, but the zap gave her genius-level math skills. Now, at 12 years old after being home-schooled, she's technically ready for college. She just has to pass 1 more test—middle school!.... but even super genius cannot calculate the best path to navigate relationships and life. This novel focus on PI, an equation you will definitely encounter in maths well celebrated PI day.
Science	The Jamie Drake Equation- Christopher Edge
	The Drake equation is a formula which describes how many alien civilizations, which we could communicate with, exist in our milky way galaxy. This book is great for both science and maths enthusiasts alike .
Computer Science	Wonderscape- Jennifer Bell
	Lost in the year 2473 in the Wonderscape an epic adventure game, they must call on the help of some unlikely historical heroes to play their way home before time runs out. A good mix of history and virtual reality story with twists and turns along the way as we look at coding and games design in more detail a nice chance to escape into the world of virtual reality .
Food and Nutrition	The Great (food) Bank Heist- Onjali Q Rauf
	On Thursdays Nelson's Mum takes him and his little sister Ashley to the bank. But not any old bank, the food bank. With its packets of food stacked from floor to ceiling. Nelson thinks it the best kind of bank, but there is a thief in town and the shelves are getting emptier every day, leaving people hungrier than ever. For the sake of Nelson, his family and everyone else he need to make it stop. Can he and his friends really be the ones to catch the thief? The intriguing mystery is underpinned by a wealth of information about food poverty.
	Art and Sports
Drama	Good Night Mr Tom- Michelle Magorian
	The classic story of a World War Two evacuee who finally finds the home he needs. When the Blitz thrusts scrawny evacuee Willie Beech into the care of a gruff old man, an unlikely bond flourishes between them. Willie comes from a rough, deprived home. Life with Mister Tom is his first taste of human kindness. But Willie's new happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London. As time passes, Tom begins to worry. Why hasn't Willie answered his letters? He must find him. Something is wrong...You will look at Goodnight Mr Tom costume design this year as a study topic.
Art and Design	Amazing Artists and designers - Georgia Amson-Bradshaw
	Meet incredible women who had a worldwide impact in the fields of arts and design they are diverse, intriguing and brilliant! Meet Frida Kahlo, whose colourful, emotional and raw artworks challenged the norms of the art world, Created by an all women team and filled with wonderful illustrations and engaging activities will nurture you own varied skills.
Music	Amina's voice- Hena Khan
	We chose this book as it highlights the difficulties and anxieties of young students starting a new high school. This book highlights the religious, race and culture issues that affect young people today, whilst showing how one persons voice and music can make a change to this. Its is an essential read for those wanting to build confidence in Music or Performing Arts
P.E	Ghost- Jason Reynolds
	Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons -until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medallist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him? You will study Athletics in PE this year.