

Lockdown Library

Seeing reading as a pleasurable and motivating activity is central to children's success in school. A recent study reveals that 14 year olds who read often and independently know 26% more words than those who do not read at home¹. Given the greater vocabulary challenge that the new GCSE curriculum presents, we would encourage our pupils to read widely at home to show commitment to their studies, not only in English but to all their subjects.

There are two levels to our reading challenge. We would hope for our pupils to read 6 books across the two tables below, in readiness for their next academic year's studies. The classic fiction presents a slightly higher challenge, for those who feel they can rise to this.

Modern Fiction

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
The Cay Theodore Taylor https://www.monroecti.org/cms/lib07/PA03000492/Centricity/Domain/37/cay1969theo.pdf	Once Morris Gleitzman https://ifarus.com/once-morris-gleitzman	The Book Thief Markus Zusack https://westernhs.bcps.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_4204286/Image/Grade9GT--TheBookThiefMarkusZusack.pdf	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time Mark Haddon https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWVpbnxzaG9ydHNOb3J5MTAxbmVmdXxneDo3NmZkNGFjZGI2MzMmMjE5
Skellig David Almond http://indbooks.in/mirror1/?page_id=43115	Salt to the Sea Ruta Sepetys https://localpdf.com/download/0142423629-salt-to-the-sea-ruta-sepetys.pdf	The Golden Compass Philp Pullman http://laketh.com/books/Phillip%20Pullman/The%20Golden%20Compass/The%20Golden%20Compass.pdf	The Maze Runner James Dashner https://novel12.com/253436/the-maze-runner.htm
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase Joan Aiken https://www.bookscool.com/en/The-Wolves-of-Willoughby-Chase-352190/1	The Hobbit J.R.R. Tolkein https://novels77.com/242600-the-hobbit.html	Z for Zachariah Robert C. O'Brien https://ebookslibrary.space/69477	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings Maya Angelou https://archive.org/stream/IKnowWhyTheCagedBirdSings/I+Know+Why+the+Caged+Bird+Sings_djvu.txt
The Nowhere Emporium Ross Mackenzie https://reader.bookmate.com/bCbVQprT	The Hunger Games Suzanne Collins https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=c21jc3R1ZGVudHMuY2F8bXItbGFsb25kZS1zLWNsYXNzfGd4OmNiOWE1MjhlZDk5ZWVwYg	Stone Cold Robert Swindells https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B7GynmcNdGeAYXhIb19IUXp0MzA/edit	I am Number Four Pittacus Lore http://novel80.com/242748-i-am-number-four.html

The Indian in the Cupboard Lynne Reid Banks https://reader.bookmate.com/bCbVQprT	The Lightning Thief Rick Riordan https://novels77.com/243136-the-lightning-thief.html	The Graveyard Book Neil Gaiman https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=Y2xpZnRvbnNjaG9vbHMubmV0fG1ycy13ZWhtYW5ufGd4OjUwZmQwMGM3MzMmNGY4ZjU	Divergent Veronica Roth https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWVpbnx6YXluYWJvdXV1fGd4OjFmZjAxMwVWVjE2MDQxZjQ
The Diamond of Drury Lane Julia Golding https://www.bookscool.com/en/The-Diamond-of-Drury-Lane-690508/1	Chinese Cinderella Adeline Yen Mah http://mcnarychinesechildrenella.weebly.com/uploads/2/1/4/7/21471922/chinesecinderella_full_text.pdf	The Knife of Never Letting Go Patrick Ness https://readanybook.com/online/565789	I am Malala Malala Yousafzai file:///C:/Users/Debbie/Downloads/I-am-Malala-PDF-book-by-Malala-GrowPK.com_.pdf

Classic Fiction

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Lewis Carroll	The Railway Children E. Nesbit	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes Arthur Conan Doyle	Great Expectations Charles Dickens
Peter Pan J.M. Barrie	Watership Down Richard Adams	The Tell Tale Heart Edgar Allan Poe	War of the World H.G. Wells
The Wind in the Willows Kenneth Grahame	Black Beauty Anna Sewell	Turn of the Screw Henry James	Dracula Bram Stoker
White Fang Jack London	Treasure Island Robert Louis Stevenson	Little Women Louisa May Alcott	Frankenstein Mary Shelley
Anne of Green Gables L.M. Montgomery	The Jungle Book Rudyard Kipling	Moby Dick Herman Melville	The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde Robert Louis Stevenson
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz L. Frank Baum	The Secret Garden Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Mark Twain	Jane Eyre Charlotte Bronte

All the pre-20th Century Fiction is available for free at: <https://www.gutenberg.org/>

Audiobooks available for selected Year 7 and 8 books: <https://researchify.co.uk/audiobooks.html>

1. Sullivan, A., Moulton, V., & Fitzsimons, E. (2017) *The intergenerational transmission of vocabulary.*