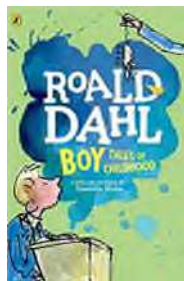


Year 6 Class Reading Books and Curriculum Links

During their time in Year 6, our pupils will read some great novels and their learning will be linked to these texts.



Boy: Tales of Childhood by Roald Dahl takes us on a journey through the UK and we learn to explore themes and to develop lines of enquiry in our History learning and the changing coastline in Geography. Dahl tells fabulous stories of his school days and we are able to learn to turn an idea into a story by adding embellishments and challenging vocabulary. In our art lessons, we look at the shapes and colours of British flowers and build on our 3D sculpture skills with wire. All pupils write their own Tales of Childhood as part of their autobiography homework tasks.



Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz opens the door to enterprise and links to our topic of money. We learn about the history of money and also how money impacts society today. Through simulations, we explore ways to improve productivity and increase profits, as well as finding out more about Fairtrade and the ethics of money. Our DT project centres around making moneyboxes, learning core woodwork skills including cutting and joining. Our favourite aspect of this topic is the increase in Alex Rider books borrowed from the library, which shows how much children enjoy the text.



Carrie's War by Nina Bawden is the starting point for a topic about World War 2, linked to the local history around Bletchley Park. Pupils begin the topic through the lens of codebreaking, seeing how music, movement and maths can all be developed from codes. We continue the music into a study in handbell-ringing, which develops listening skills, as well as inspiring work about permutations. **Carrie's War** focuses on the theme of evacuation and we find out about the events in the war which led to variations in the number of evacuees. In science, we learn about circuits, a highlight of which is a chance to make a simple vacuum cleaner.



In the term before Easter, we read **There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom** by Louis Sachar. In the lead up to Year 6 tests, we focus on wellbeing, encouraging children to find ways to help themselves to keep physically and mentally healthy. Our Science topic teaches us about body systems and the links between health, diet and exercise. We investigate the links between exercise and pulse rate. In computing, we give pupils more personal responsibility, with their own passwords to our network and access to their school emails. This is a particularly valuable preparation for secondary. We also link our learning to Religious Education, where we learn about the approach of Buddhists to mindfulness and wellbeing.



The Hobbit by JRR Tolkein travels with us through the summer term. We match this fictional journey to the real expedition of Ernest Shackleton to the South Pole in 1914. Pupils apply for positions on Endurance and follow the whole journey through the eyes of one member of the crew. They become botanists, stokers and ski experts and set off into the unknown, with only the promise of 'honour and recognition'.