Encourage your child to develop a love of books.

Research indicates that readers become the best writers.

It is important to encourage children to read as well as listen to stories being read to them. It’s ok for students to read easier books for fun as well as more challenging and complex texts which can further stimulate the imagination, develop deeper knowledge and extend vocabulary. Parents are often surprised by the range of wonderful literature that children can access.

Remember that there are many genres and levels of books. Below is a brief list of some recommended books to get your child reading.

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<th>1. General ‘best seller’ Category - great reads for Y6</th>
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| **David Walliams** (Considered to be the new Roald Dahl) | **Grandpa’s Great Escape**  
**Gangsta Granny**  
**Awful Auntie**  
**Demon Dentist**  
**Ratburger**  
**The Boy in the Dress**  
**Mr Stink**  
**Billionaire Boy** |
| **The Bad Guys - Aaron Blabey** *(an awesome series, easy reading for enjoyment)*  
**Dr Who - Malorie Blackman** *(plus a wide range of visual and story books about the Doctor.)*  
**Frank Einstein - Jon Scieszka**  
**The Diary of a Tennis Prodigy - Shamini Flint** *(the newest in the series)*  
**Grimsdon - Deborah Abela**  
**Trash - Andy Mulligan**  
**The London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd**  
**Once - Morris Gleitzman** *(Delving into the holocaust, 4 books in the series)*  
**Toby Alone - Timothée de Fombelle**  
**Wonderstruck - Brian Selznick**  
**Things that go Bump in the Night - Patrick Carman** |
### 2. Global Focus

- Shahana - Rosanne Hawke
- Malala - Malala Yousafzai - *(The girl who stood up for education and changed the world.)*
- Naveed - John Heffernan
- Malini - Robert Hillman
- Zafir - Prue Mason
- Close to the Wind - Jon Walter
- Iris & The Tiger - Leanne Hall
- New Year Surprise - Christopher Cheng (A Chinese perspective)

### 3. Action

- 300 Minutes of Danger - Jack Heath
- Countdown to Danger - Jack Heath *(Choose your own adventure format. The reader gets to direct the story line.)*
- Knightley and Son - Rohan Gavin (a young Sherlock Holmes of our times)
- The Last Thirteen - James Phelan (13 books in the series beginning at 13)
4. Series

Coco Banjo - N.J. Gemmell
Clementine Rose - Jacqueline Harvey
Alice-Miranda - Jacqueline Harvey
Friday Barnes - R.A. Spratt (Imagine if Sherlock Holmes was an 11 year old girl)
Olive of Groves - Katrina Nannestad and Lucia Masciullo
Barney and the Secret of Whales - Jackie French (well-known Australian author)
Captain Underpants - Dave Pilkey
Tom Gates - Liz Pichon

5. Short Stories - excellent for reluctant readers

Laugh Your Head Off - (A recent report into kids' reading habits concluded that more than 70% of them liked to read books that make them laugh. This is an anthology of short, funny stories by nine of the top, award-winning authors in the kids' publishing world, headlined by the King of Kids: Andy Griffiths.)
Exploding Endings - Tim Harris
Awesome Animal Stories - Elizabeth Holland
Super Cool Dangerous Stories - Various (Un-put-downable tales for cool kids)
Super Sports Stories for Kids - Patrick Loughlin
Rich and Rare - Shaun Tan
Life is Sweet - Cathy Cassidy
### 6. Transition Reads

UGLY - Robert Hoge - *Memoir about his battle to overcome incredible hardships - True story*
Wonder - RJ Palacio - *(Very popular at our school!)*
365 Days of Wonder,
The Julian Chapter,
Augy and Me
My Life as an Alphabet - Barry Jonsberg
Out of My Mind - Sharon Draper
The Honest Truth - Dan Gemeinhart *(True story about a boy with cancer)*
Paper Planes - Steve Worland
Counting By 7s - Holly Goldberg Sloan
Apple and Rain - Sarah Crossan

*These books deal with human relationships and emotional issues. They might make you cry! They have been very popular with our students.*

### 7. Picture Books - *some illustrate complex social and global issues and can be excellent for encouraging your child to ‘talk’ about their perceptions and understanding*

Cyclone - Jackie French
Australia to Z - Armin Greder
The Day the Crayons Came Home - Drew Daywalt
Thelma the Unicorn - Aaron Blabey
Meet Sidney Nolan - Yvonne Mes & Sandra Eterović
When the Rebels Saved Han Solo *(Star Wars)* - Michael Siglain
Green Lizards v Red Rectangles - Steve Antony

### 8. Graphic Novels (used to be comic books but now much more sophisticated)

Bone Series - Jeff Smith
Amulet Series - Kazu Kibuishi
Lumberjanes - Shannon Watters, Grace Ellis and Noelle Stevenson
A Wrinkle in Time - Madeleine L'Engle
Sisters and Smiles - Raina Telgemeier
Drama - Raina Telgemeier
The Adventures of Perseus - Peter Hepplewhite
Big Nate - Lincoln Peirce
Garfield - Jim Davis *(Making a popular comeback)*
Tin Tin - Hergé *(still popular)*
Asterix - René Goscinny, Albert Uderzo, Jean-Yves Ferri

*These books often appeal to reluctant readers.*
9. The Classics *(still have their place)*

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Newer Classics

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10. Vooks *(digital books that combine text, video, links to the internet and social media into singular applications available both online and as mobile applications)*

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*The reader reads part of the book and then they are directed to a youtube clip which adds to the story. Then they go back to the text. These books definitely appeal to our readers.*

11. Non Fiction

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**How can parents help?**

Encourage reading at home and share the experience by:

- become a ‘reading’ family - try to find a little time each day to read in order to encourage the development of good habits in your child
- remember the library - school or local
- use opportunities to encourage reading whenever you can - TV and movie guides, shopping, travelling and reading signs, menus etc.
- provide a range of genres and levels
- read some children’s books yourself so you can share the story
- reading to your child (some Y6 students really enjoy this)
- introduce your child to ‘your’ favourite childhood book
- watching book trailers with your child - some of them are amazing!