

Dear students,

We, members of the English team, would like to recommend these books to you to read over the summer holidays. We have tried to create a diverse list to represent the diverse interests of you all, and have provided a very short description of the text. We recommend that you do a little further research before committing to reading a book, but make sure you don't research too much ... SPOILER ALERT!

For the titles which are 'classics', and by extension, old: while for most it is preferable to have an actual, real-life, honest to God book in your hands, it is also possible to find these books free and legally via two wonderful resources:

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We hope you enjoy your summer, and your summer reading!

From,

The English Team

Title	Author	Year Published	Genre/Description
<i>Alice in Wonderland / Through the Looking Glass</i>	Lewis Carroll	1871	When Alice sees a white rabbit take a watch out of its waistcoat pocket she decides to follow it, and a sequence of most unusual events is set in motion.
<i>How to Train Your Dragon</i>	Cressida Cowell	2003	Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, the quiet and thoughtful son of the Chief of the Hairy Hooligans, tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan by catching and training a dragon. Can Hiccup do it without being torn limb from limb?
<i>The Talking Parcel</i>	Gerald Durrell	1975	Three children befriend an unusual parrot and spider and travel with them to Mythologia, the magical land of mythical animals, to try and save it from being taken over by the evil Cockatrices. (Also published under the Battle of the Castle Cockatrice.)

<i>Winnie the Pooh</i>	A.A. Milne	1926	The adventures of Christopher Robin and his friends in which Pooh Bear uses a balloon to get honey, Piglet meets a Heffalump, and Eeyore has a birthday.
<i>The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff</i>	Andy Seed	2014	A funny book full of silly facts, jokes, names, names and stories, plus the silliest things to do ever! With interactive content, it will keep kids entertained for hours.
<i>Absolutely Everything</i>	Christopher Lloyd	2018	How was our universe made from a tiny speck of energy? Where did the first trees, plants, animals and humans come from? What happened to the dinosaurs? What was so miserable about mediaeval times? How were railroads and electricity invented? What are the perils of global warming? You might have many big questions about our planet, life and people. Embark on an entertaining journey across millennia and continents with this captivating book by Christopher Lloyd
<i>The Railway Children</i>	E Nesbit	1906	After Charles Waterbury is imprisoned on false charges of selling state secrets, his wife must move to a small house near a railway station. The children, Bobbie, Phyllis and Peter, occupy themselves watching the trains, even befriending a gentleman who frequents the station. When the children discover what has happened to their father, their new friend provides key assistance
<i>Granny</i>	Anthony Horowitz	2004	Twelve-year-old Joe has an unbelievably evil Granny. Not only is Granny physically repulsive and horribly mean, but she also has the look in her eye of a predatory crocodile. Soon Joe starts to suspect that

			she has unpleasant designs on him. But what are they and how can he foil them?
<i>Super Gran</i>	Forrest Wilson	1980	Granny Smith is an ordinary little old lady when something extraordinary happens. She is struck by rays from a super machine and becomes ...Super Gran! Extra fast, strong, with X-ray eyesight, Super Gran sets out with her grandson Willie and a girl called Edison to right all the wrongs in their town.
<i>What Katy Did</i>	Susan Coolidge	1872	Katy is a tall untidy tomboy, forever getting into scrapes but wishing to be beautiful and beloved. When a terrible accident makes her an invalid, her illness and four-year recovery gradually teach her to be as good and kind as she has always wanted.
<i>The Borrowers</i>	Mary Norton	1952	Beneath the kitchen floor is the world of the Borrowers -- Pod and Homily Clock and their daughter, Arrietty. In their tiny home, matchboxes double as roomy dressers and postage stamps hang on the walls like paintings. Whatever the Clocks need they simply "borrow" from the "human beans" who live above them.
<i>Boy</i>	Roald Dahl	1984	Boy is the story of Roald Dahl's very own boyhood, including tales of sweet-shops and chocolate, mean old ladies and a Great Mouse Plot - the inspiration for some of his most marvellous storybooks in the years to come.
<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	L.M. Montgomery	1908	Anne Shirley, an eleven-year-old orphan, has arrived in a verdant corner of Prince Edward Island only to discover that the Cuthberts—elderly Matthew and his stern sister,

			Marilla—want to adopt a boy, not a feisty redheaded girl. But before they can send her back, Anne—who simply must have more scope for her imagination and a real home—wins them over completely.
<i>Goosebumps: Welcome to Dead House</i> (first in the Goosebumps series)	R.L Stine	1992	Amanda and Josh think the old house they have just moved into is weird. Spooky. Possibly haunted. And the town of Dark Falls is pretty strange, too. — But their parents don't believe them. You'll get used to it, they say. Go out and make some new friends. — So Amanda and Josh do. But these creepy new friends are not exactly what their parents had in mind. Because they want to be friends... ...Forever.
<i>The Terrible Tudors</i> (first in the <i>Horrible Histories</i> series)	Terry Deary	1993	Imaginative comedy history series. Readers can discover all the foul facts about the Terrible Tudors, including why Henry VIII thought he'd married a horse, all about terrible Tudor torture and which shocking swear words the Tudors used.
<i>The Box of Delights</i>	John Masefield	1935	Kay Harker's magic box, which allows him to travel through space and time, gets him into trouble as a gang try to rob him of it.
<i>Journey to the River Sea</i>	Eva Ibbotson	2001	An orphaned school girl's journey to South America with her tough-as-old-boots nanny.
<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	Maya Angelou	1969	This autobiography captures the longing of lonely children, the brute insult of racism, and the wonder of words that can make the world right. Maya Angelou's debut memoir is a

			modern American classic beloved worldwide.
<i>Walkabout</i>	J. Vance Marshall	1959	A plane crashes in the vast Northern Territory of Australia, and the only survivors are two children from Charleston, South Carolina, on their way to visit their uncle in Adelaide. Mary and her younger brother Peter set out on foot, lost in the vast, hot Australian outback. They are saved by a chance meeting with an Aboriginal boy on walkabout, who teaches them to find food and water in the wilderness, but whom Mary can't bring herself to trust.
<i>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</i>	J.K. Rowling	1997	Harry Potter's life is miserable. His parents are dead and he's stuck with his heartless relatives, who force him to live in a tiny closet under the stairs. But his fortune changes when he receives a letter that tells him the truth about himself: he's a wizard. A mysterious visitor rescues him from his relatives and takes him to his new home, Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry ...