

Recommended books for Year 6



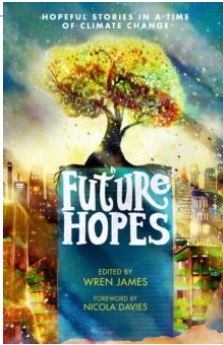
Giving children a wide variety of exciting and engaging new books to choose from is vital to their development as a reader and forms a key part of our Young Readers Programme. Here, we've put together a list of books for ages 10-11 that is sure to appeal to a broad range of interests!

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Picture books

	<p>The Journey by Frenci Sanna</p> <p>Almost every day on the news we hear the terms "migrants" and "refugees" but we rarely ever speak to or hear the personal journeys that they have had to take. This book is a collage of all those personal stories and the incredible strength of the people within them....</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 8 - 11</p>	<p>Refugee stories</p>
	<p>The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson</p> <p>This is a powerful and important ode to black history: the strength and bravery of everyday people and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest artists, athletes, and activists.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 8 - 10</p>	<p>Black History</p>
	<p>I am the Subway by Kim Hyo-eun and Deborah Smith</p> <p>A cinematic journey through the Seoul subway that masterfully portrays the many unique lives we travel alongside whenever we take the train. A poetic translation of the bestselling Korean picture book.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 8 - 10</p>	<p>Korean life</p>
	<p>My Baba's Garden by Jordan Scott and Sydney Smith</p> <p>My Baba's Garden explores the sights, sounds and smells experienced by a child spending time with their beloved grandmother (Baba), with special attention to the time they spent helping her tend her garden, searching for worms to keep it healthy.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 8-10</p>	<p>Family</p>

Story collections



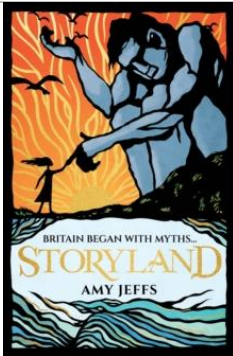
Future Hopes

Insects for dinner. Guerilla gardening. Nine authors pose ingenious and thought-provoking solutions to the climate crisis in this anthology of climate fiction. Rooted in real-world science and technology, the stories offer a roadmap for a future where our planet can thrive.

Interest age: 10+

Reading age: 9 - 12

Climate change



Storyland by Amy Jeffs

You will have heard of Thor, Medusa and Hercules. But what about the myths of the British Isles? The Trojan heroes who wrestled giants. The Syrian sisters who found safety. The dragons who slept in hollow hills. And the kings who talked to the dead. In this vivid and beautifully illustrated mythology of Britain, children will discover tales of magic and adventure.

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Myths & legends

Developing readers



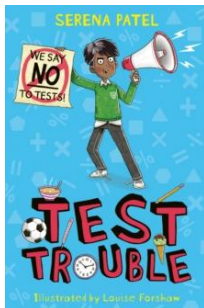
The Creatures of Killburn Mine by Dan Smith

A meteorite harbouring an alien lifeform crashes to Earth with horrifying consequences in this gruesome and gripping tale from master of creepy sci-fi Dan Smith.

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Reading age: 8 - 10

Horror



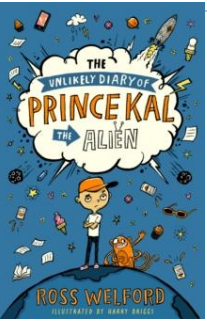




Test Trouble by Serena Patel

Try as he might, Arun simply cannot wriggle his way out of taking the maths test at school. He must learn to face his fears in this encouraging and relatable school story. Maths test? Nightmare! Arun is determined to get out of a Maths test at school!

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Reading age: 8 - 10

School life

	<p>The Unlikely Diary of Prince Kal the Alien</p> <p>Prince Kalimonka Evergreen Wildgore – Prince Kal, to you – is in big trouble. Two days ago, back in his home realm of Imaginaria, he stepped into the Anywhere Cabinet – a magical, interdimensional portal – and things did not go according to plan. He ended up here, on Planet Earth</p> <p>Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8 – 10</p>	<p>Humour</p>
	<p>Minecraft: Journey to the Ancient City by Danny Lore</p> <p>An official Minecraft adventure! Opal has almost done it all – fighting monsters, protecting people from pillagers and even defeating the legendary Ender Dragon. Now, Opal has hung up their adventuring hat and is living the life of a happy crafter, far more likely to build you a bed than fight a Wither.</p> <p>Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8 – 11</p>	<p>Gaming</p>
	<p>Birdsong by Katya Balen</p> <p>After a devastating car crash, Annie is unable to play her flute and retreats from her music. She exists in a world of angry silence – furious with her mum and furious she can't seem to play her beloved flute anymore. Then she meets Noah, who shows her a hidden blackbirds' nest.</p> <p>Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8 – 11</p>	<p>Nature</p>
<p>Graphic novels</p>		
	<p>The Power of Welcome: Real Life Refugee & Migrant Journeys</p> <p>A powerful graphic novel exploring the struggle for survival of displaced people. With true stories from Ukraine, Somalia, Bosnia, Syria and Afghanistan, this moving book collects important tales about the real journeys of people forced from their homes by conflict.</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 9 – 12</p>	<p>Refugee stories</p>
	<p>Meesh the Bad Demon by Michelle Lam</p> <p>Bullied by the other demons, twelve-year-old Meesh is more likely to be reading magazines from the fairyworld. But when disaster strikes and all of demon-kind is threatened, Meesh must journey to other worlds...</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 9 -12</p>	<p>Fantasy</p>

	<p>Frankie's World by Aoife Dooley</p> <p>Frankie knows she's not like anyone else in her class: she's different, but she can't quite figure out why. Frankie's dad left when she was a baby - maybe he was different too? It would explain why she always feels like an alien. So she and her best-friend Sam, embark on a mission to track him down.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 8-12</p>	<p>Neurodiversity</p>
	<p>Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson</p> <p>Astrid has always done everything with her best friend Nicole. So when Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for a summer camp, she's sure Nicole will be right by her side - until Nicole signs up for ballet camp instead. And so begins the hardest summer of Astrid's life</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9-12</p>	<p>Friendship</p>
	<p>When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson, Omar Mohammed and Iman Geddy</p> <p>Omar and his brother Hassan, two Somali boys, have spent a long time in the Dadaab refugee camp. The hunger is constant . . . but there's football to look forward to, and now there's a chance Omar will get to go to school . . .</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10-12</p>	<p>Refugee stories</p>
	<p>When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle and Fred Fordham</p> <p>A stunning graphic-novel edition of the multi-award-winning story about the incredible friendship between a young boy and a silverback gorilla during the Second World War, inspired by a true story. 1941. War is raging. And Joseph has been sent to live in the city, where bombers rule the skies.</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10-12</p>	<p>WW2</p>
	<p>A Wizard of Earth Sea by Ursula le Guin and Fred Fordham</p> <p>A stunning graphic novel edition of the classic fantasy It follows the story of Ged, a poor smith's son, who discovers a magical talent and is sent away from home to a wizard school.</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10-12</p>	<p>Fantasy</p>

Novels	
	<p>The Fights That Make Us by Sarah Hagger-Holt</p> <p>An unputdownable read about LGBTQ+ history and standing up for what you believe in. Maybe there was a place in history for people like me, not on the edges of the story, but right in the centre...</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10 - 12</p> <p>Pride</p>
	<p>The Midnight Treasure by Piers Torday</p> <p>Tibor is a child of the night, a werewolf, adopted by his guardian, a powerful vampir. He and his friend Roza are on the deadliest of quests for the Midnight Treasure, and one that will test their very immortality.</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10- 12</p> <p>Adventure</p>
	<p>The Line They Drew Through Us by Hiba Noor Khan</p> <p>By their twelfth birthday, Jahan, Ravi and Lakshmi's lives are about to change forever. The British announce Indian independence and draw lines of Partition that tear apart the country, and the friends.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p> <p>History</p>
	<p>Spirit Warriors by Ashley Thorpe</p> <p>When her island home is overrun by evil spirits, Evie is saved only by the powerful gemstone her parents entrusted to her. Her best friend Arthur is not so lucky - caught in the magical crossfire, he finds himself in the body of a cat. They go on a mission to return him to his body and defeat the ghouls.</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10 - 12</p> <p>Magic</p>
	<p>Finally Seen by Kelly Yang</p> <p>A gripping middle-grade novel about Lina, who leaves China to live with her parents and sister in the US, after five years apart.</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10-12</p> <p>Feelings</p>

	<p>Jed Greenleaf by Kieran Larwood</p> <p>Albion city is governed by a puppet queen, secretly controlled by Lord Cromwell, and strange magic is afoot as six Guilds all compete to rule it. Although the Leaf Guild is the weakest, no one has reckoned with Jed's extraordinary powerful ability to transform into a half-tree.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 10 - 12</p>	<p>Fantasy</p>
	<p>The Storm Swimmer by Clare Weze</p> <p>Summer was supposed to be Ginika's time for fun, friends and fairs. But instead she's been sent to live at the dead-end seaside boarding house her grandparents run. And then she meets Peri. He leaps and dives through the water like a dolphin and he talks like a burst of bubbles...</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9- 12</p>	<p>Friendship</p>
	<p>The Boy with Big Decisions by Helen Rutter</p> <p>A clever take on Choose Your Own Adventure books that allows the reader to guide Fred through thorny decisions about school, friendship and self-expression, with eight different possible endings.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9- 12</p>	<p>Choices</p>
	<p>The Nine Night Mystery by Sharna Jackson</p> <p>Last night Wesley and his friends Josephine and Margot threw their neighbour Rachel a surprise birthday party. This morning, Rachel is dead. And Wesley is the one who finds her body. Rachel's friends throw a traditional Caribbean Nine Night celebration to help guide her soul to the next world.</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10 - 12</p>	<p>Mystery</p>
	<p>The Kingdom Over the Sea by Zohra Nabi</p> <p>Yara must travel from the home she has always known to a place that is not on any map – Zehaira, a world of sorcerers, alchemists and simmering magic. But Zehaira is not the land it used to be. The practice of magic has been outlawed, the Sultan's alchemists are plotting a sinister scheme.</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10 - 12</p>	<p>Magic</p>

Non-fiction	
	<p>The Fun Riddle Book by National Geographic Kids</p> <p>The fun-filled quiz book that kids and the whole family will enjoy. Have fun with family and friends with this book of brain-teasing riddles on everything from animals to science, space, food, music, sports and more!</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 8- 12</p>
	<p>Climate Action by Georgina Stevens</p> <p>Follow an ingenious trail of 400 facts about daredevils, death-defying stunts, world records, wacky weather, extreme sports, unusual animals and so much more – all of which are connected in fun and unexpected ways.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>
	<p>Journeys of Empire by Sathnam Sanghera</p> <p>This book is about the British empire through the epic and monumental journeys that shaped it. From the rebellious pirate queen who sailed the seas on perilous adventures, to the tragic true story of Pocahontas, and Gandhi's extraordinary Salt March, this collection of 10 journeys takes readers on a voyage through Britain's imperial history</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 10- 12</p>
	<p>Heroes: Turn Inspiration into Action by Marcus Rashford</p> <p>Marcus wants to shine a light on ten brilliant people who have inspired him to make a difference. Each person has changed Marcus's life in their own way, and now he wants to show YOU how his heroes can inspire you to be your best self, and make a difference to the world around you.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>
	<p>Black and British by David Olusoga</p> <p>This charts the forgotten histories of Black people in Britain. From Roman Africans guarding Hadrian's Wall, to Black Georgians fighting for the abolition of slavery, Black soldiers fighting for Britain in the First World War, the journey of the Windrush generation and right up to today.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>

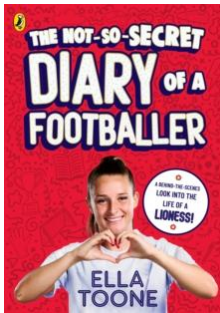
Riddles

Climate change

History

Wellbeing

Black History



The Not-So-Secret Diary of a Footballer: A behind-the-scenes look into the life of a Lioness by Ella Toone

Get ready to peek behind the scenes in this hilarious and not-so-secret diary from legendary Lioness Ella Toone. The Lionesses are heading into a big football tournament – and when I say big, I mean BIG.

Interest age: 10+

Reading age: 9- 12

Football

Poetry



The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow

See that tall, skinny kid with the ball in his hand sayin see ya later to his mate? That's me: Nathan Wilder Nate. 10 years old. Life can be tough in your last year of primary school...

Interest age: 10+

Reading age: 10- 12

School
life



This is Not a Small Voice: Poems by Black Poets

A beautiful, bold and moving collection of 100 poems by Black poets for the whole family to treasure. Discover classic favourites and new stars in a book that belongs on every child's bookshelf.

Interest age: 9+

Reading age: 9 - 12

Black
voices



The Way of Dog by Zana Fraillon

Be fierce. Life is more than a concrete floor. Scruffity is born into a harsh, grey world. What he yearns for most is Family. But no one wants him. Just as his chances of adoption grow thin, Scruffity is set free by a boy as unwanted as he is. He learns how to run, to dig, to howl and, biggest of all, to love.

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Reading age: 10 - 12

Love &
belonging