

Humanities

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| Subject | Book |
| English | Coraline – Neil Gaiman |
| <p>In this gothic novel, an adventurous girl walks through a secret door in her new home. She discovers a strangely idealized version of her frustrating home, hiding sinister secrets. You'll study gothic literature in year 7 English, with the chance to have a go at penning your own. If you like this, why not try The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman or A Company of Ghosts by Berlie Doherty</p> <p>We also recommend The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge</p> | |
| Spanish | With the Fire on High – Elizabeth Avecedo |
| <p>This heartfelt novel tells the story of an aspiring teenage chef who strives to cook-up a sweeter-tasting future. It's a perfect blend of Spanish and English language, race and culture. It's also a love letter to food – something which will help your understanding of Food and Nutrition, no doubt!</p> | |
| Geography | The Girl Who Speaks Bear – Sophie Anderson |
| <p>Yanka has always felt like an outsider - found in a bear cave when she was a baby and raised by her foster mother Mamochka, she's always wondered where she came from. Derived from Russian folklore, this captivating story paints a vivid picture of Russia's diverse geography - a topic you'll study in Geography this year. If you enjoyed this book, you might also like The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell or The Endless Steppe by Esther Hautzig.</p> | |
| History | Empire's End: A Roman Story - Leila Rasheed |
| <p>This book tells the tale of a young North African girl who sets out on a danger-filled journey to Britain during Roman times. This is a gripping adventure that offers a new perspective into the myriad of Roman narratives you'll learn about in History this year. The story helps to develop an understanding of the Roman world as one that was full of many different cultures, religions and ethnicities. If you would like to read more stories about life in Roman times, why not try The Roman Quests by Caroline Lawrence or Beyond the Wall by Tanya Landman.</p> | |
| Beliefs and Values | The Night Bus Hero – Onjali Q. Raúf |
| <p>In this lively, entertaining read, an unsettling encounter with a homeless man sets school bully Hector on the trail of robbers. We have chosen this book for its great lessons on behaviour and relative morality, ideas which will be useful for you to have explored in preparation for Summer term B&V. If you would like to explore more books about the quality of empathy, why not try Do You Speak Chocolate by Cas Lester or No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton</p> | |
| STEM | |
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| Maths | The Miscalculation of Lightning Girl - Stacy McAnulty |
| <p>A lightning strike gave Lucy a super power of genius-level maths skills... but even a super genius can't calculate the best path to navigate relationships and life. This novel focuses on Pi, an equation which you'll encounter on our maths department's well celebrated Pi day! If once you have read this book you would like to find out more about Pi – we have How to Bake Pi: Easy recipes for understanding complex maths. If you enjoy books about puzzles, we recommend Can You Solve My Problems by Alex Bellos, a collection ingenious and perplexing by Eugenia Cheng in the Library.</p> | |
| Science | The Jamie Drake Equation – Christopher Edge |
| <p>The Drake Equation is a formula which describes how many alien civilizations, which we could possibly communicate with, exist in our Milky Way Galaxy. This book is great for science and maths enthusiasts, especially in anticipation of the 'Space' unit in physics. For further stories set in space, explore The Starlight Watchmaker by Lauren James or Larklight by Philip Reeve</p> | |
| Computing | An Absolutely Remarkable Thing – Hank Green |
| <p>An Absolutely Remarkable Thing grapples with big themes, including how the social internet is changing fame and how our culture deals with fear. Readers of this novel will get the chance to ponder some intriguing questions such as: how do people in real life deal with things they learn about on social media? If you enjoy reading about solving problems through games, you might enjoy Check Mates by Stewart Foster</p> | |
| Food and Nutrition | The Baking Life of Amelie Day – Vanessa Curtis |
| <p>Amelie Day is a keen baker with hopes of taking her talent further. Unfortunately, her dreams are hampered by Cystic Fibrosis, a disease which affects her lungs and digestive system. This delicious book is not just recipes which you could try at home - it's also a great head start for summer term biology, where you'll learn about how the digestive system works.</p> | |
| Arts | |
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| Performing Arts | Hannah in the Spotlight - Natasha Mac a'Bháird |
| <p>Hannah decides to form a new drama club. It's a more exciting way of spending the summer than as an unpaid babysitter to her younger siblings! But then Hannah finds herself torn between the club and big-sister duty, and Meg has secrets she's not sharing.</p> | |
| Creative Design | Wonder - Beatrice Blue |
| <p>There's a lot to see in this book. Beatrice talks informatively about her inspiration, how she makes her own paint, digital vs traditional art, and her creative process. It's a very cosy and comforting read which will have you reaching for Creative Design resources!</p> | |
| Music | Amina's Voice – Hena Khan |
| <p>Amina can sing and play piano beautifully. Knowing that Amina has stage fright, her music teacher asks Amina if she will play the piano for an upcoming school talent show. This is an essential read for those wanting to build confidence in Music or Performing Arts.</p> | |
| P.E. | Ghost – Jason Reynolds |
| <p>Castle Crenshaw (Ghost) and four friends learn to navigate their lives and the differences among them. Ghost shows incredible natural talent with very few resources. Three years ago, Ghost's dad chased him and his mum down the road with a gun. His dad got ten years in prison, and Ghost learned how to run. The major themes of this realistic and heart-warming book include facing your fears and overcoming major obstacles. If you enjoy this book there are 3 further books by Jason Reynolds featuring these friends.</p> | |