Library Subject Recommendations for New Pupils

Age suggestions are approximate. These books are recommended by the Library for general interest and are not directly related to the curriculum.

Art, Design and Technology

Why is Art Full of Naked People by Susie Hodge (age 10+)

A Journey through Art by Aaron Rosen (age 10+)

Making It by Chris Lefteri (14+)

Think Like an Engineer by Guru Madhavan (age 14+)

The Story of Food by Janet Mohun (age 10+)

Business & Economics

How They Started by David Lester (14+)

Freakonomics by Steven D Levitt (age 16+)

Classics

The Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliffe (age 10+)

Roman Mysteries series by Caroline Lawrence (age 10+)

Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan (age 10+)

The Ancient Guide to Modern Life by Natalie Haynes (age 14+)

Veni, Vidi, Vici by Peter Jones (14+)

Books by Steven Saylor (14+)

English

Troublesome Words by Bill Bryson

Accomodating Brocolli in the Cemetary (or why can't anybody spell?) (sic) by Vivian Cook

Eats, Shoots and Leaves by Lynne Truss (children's and adult's editions available)

Geography

No-one is Too Small to Make a Difference (2019) by Greta Thunberg (age 10+)

Never Eat Shredded Wheat (2011) by Christopher Somerville (age 12+)

Anything by Michael Palin

Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet (2008) by Mark Lynas (age 14+)

The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga (age 14+)

This Changes Everything (2015) by Naomi Klein (age 14+)

History

The Story of Britain by Patrick Dillon (age 10+)

Take Me Back by Julie Ferris (age 10+)

The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier (age 10+)

The Skylark's War by Hilary McKay (age 12+)

Making History by Stephen Fry (age 14+)

Dissolution by C J Sansom (age 14+)

The Century Trilogy by Ken Follett (age 14+)

Revolutionary Russia, 1891 – 1991 by Orlando Figes (age 16+)

1536 by Suzannah Lipscomb (16+)

Maths

Books by Kjartan Poskitt (10+)

Think of a Number by Johnny Ball (10+)

We've got Your Number by Mukul Patel (10+)

The Maths Book by Karl Warsi, Dorling Kindersley (12+)

1089 and All That by David Acheson (14+)

Alex through the looking Glass by Alex Bellos (14+)

Books by Ian Stewart (14+)

Sports biographies

Psychology

Opening Skinner's Box by Lauren Slater (age 16+)

Religious Studies

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis (allegory of Christian faith) (10+)

The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank (Thirteen year old's account of Nazi persecution) (age 10+)

Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman (Friendship, prejudice and society) (age 10+)

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne (age 10+)

The Boy in the Dress by David Walliams (Enjoyable read about prejudice and difference) (age 10+)

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai (age 10+)

Lord of the Flies by William Golding (age 12+)

Science

Earth Matters by David de Rothschild (age 10+)

Sapiens by Yuval Noah Harare, in various formats (10+)

The Chemistry Book: From Gunpowder to Graphene by D Lowe (age 10+)

What We See in the Stars by Kelsey Oseid (age 10+)

A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson (age 12+)

King Solomon's Ring by Konrad Lorenz (age 14+)

The Radioactive Boy Scout by Ken Silverstein (age 14+)

It's Elementary by Robert Winston (age 10+)

Storm in a Teacup by Helen Czerski (age 14+)