

## **Year 7 Recommended Reads**

Research indicates that students who read independently become better readers, score higher on achievement tests in all subject areas, and have greater content knowledge than those who do not (Krashen 1993; Cunningham and Stanovich 1991; Stanovich and Cunningham 1993).

**For each unit we study in English, students are expected to read at least one other text independently.** The following suggestions are a starting point. Our school librarian, Mrs Jowett, will also support students in finding reading material to support their studies, and we strongly recommend that each student has a library card to access their local library. We hope they enjoy this wider reading.

### **Unit 1: *Coram Boy***

Bridge to Terabithia – Katherine Paterson  
The Chronicles of Narnia  
His Dark Materials – Phillip Pullman  
Journey to the Riversea + The Dragonfly Pool – Eva Ibbotson  
The Explorer + The Wolf Wilder – Katherine Rundell  
Kidnapped – RL Stevenson  
The Lost Magician + The Frozen Sea – Piers Torday  
The Night Circus – Erin Morgenstern  
The Life of Pi – Yann Martel  
The Cogheart Series – Peter Bunzl  
The Magician’s Map – Mikki Lish and Kelly Ngai  
The Elephant in The Room – Holly Goldberg Sloan  
The Swallows’ Flight – Hilary McKay  
Nisha’s War – Dan Smith  
Wave Riders – Lauren St John  
Every Shiny Thing – Cordeila Jensen and Laurie Morrison  
The Week at World’s End – Emma Carroll  
The Wheel of Surya – Jamilia Gavin  
How Not to Disappear – Clare Furniss

### **Unit 2: *Origins and Odysseys***

The Hobbit + The Lord of the Rings – JRR Tolkien  
The Legend of Podkin  
The Wizard of Oz – Frank Baum  
Journey to the Centre of the Earth – Jules Verne  
The Boy at the Back of the Class – Onjali Rauf  
The Iliad / The Odyssey – Homer  
Children of the Quicksands – Efuwa Traore  
The Red Gloves and other Stories – Catherine Fisher

The House with Chicken Legs – Sophie Anderson  
The Boy Lost in the Maze – Joseph Coelho  
Dragon Pearl – Yoon Ha Lee  
When the Sky Falls – Phil Earle  
In the Sea There are Crocodiles – Fabio Geda  
Percy Jackson – Rick Riordan  
A Greyhound of a Girl – Roddy Doyle  
The Girl of Ink and Stars – Kiran Millwood Hargrave  
The Girl Who Became a Tree – Joesph Coelho

### **Unit 3: *A Midsummer Night's Dream***

City of Stolen Magic – Nazneed Ahmed Pathak  
A Pinch of Magic – Michelle Harrison  
The Great Night – Chris Adrian  
The Iron Fey – Julie Kagawa  
Lords and Ladies – Terry Pratchett  
Silverlock – John Myers Myers  
A Midsummer Night's Gene – Andrew Harman  
Theatre Illuminata – Lisa Mantchev  
Rhubarb Lemonade – Oskar Kroon  
The Tiger Who Sleeps under my Chair – Hannah Foley  
Stone – Finbar Hawkins  
The Bone Sparrow – Zana Fraillon  
The Greatest Show of All – Jane Eagland  
Soulmates – Holly Bourne  
Ash Mistry and the City of Death – Sarwat Chadda  
Ash – Malinda Lo

### **Unit 4 - Poetry**

The Door of No Return – Kwame Alexander  
The Crossing – Manjeet Mann  
Becoming Muhammed Ali – Kwame Alexander & James Patterson  
Love, Love – Victoria Chang  
Toffee – Sarah Crossan  
One – Sarah Crossan  
The Weight of Water – Sarah Crossan  
We Come Apart – Sarah Crossan and Brian Conaghan  
In the Key of Code – Aimee Lucido  
The Poet X – Elixabeth Acevdeo  
Overheard in a Tower Block – Joesph Coelho  
Somebody Give This Heart a Pen – Sophia Thakur  
Long Way Down – Jason Reynolds