

At ALNS, we love reading!

Click the links below to find recommendations and reviews for wonderful books to read.

You could find a book that links to the topic you are currently studying in English, or simply choose a category which appeals to you!

Most of these novels are available in the Information Centre at school. If you are in KS3 you may read one of these for Accelerated Reader.

Enjoyed one of the books on the list, or have a different recommendation to share? Write a short review and take it to your English teacher to be featured on this page!

Year 7 Book suggestions:

Autumn Term - War and Refuge:

- *Goodnight Mister Tom* by Michelle Magorian
- *War Horse* by Michael Morporgo
- *Carrie's War* by Nina Bawden
- *Tamar* by Mal Peet
- *Between Shades of Grey* by Ruta Peperys

Spring Term- Nature and Wildlife:

- *Skellig* by David Almond
- *The Midnight Zoo* by Sonya Harnett
- *My Name is Mina* by David Almond
- *If Only They Could Talk* by James Herriot
- *Out of the Blue* by Sue Welford
- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen
- *Deep Secret* by Berlie Doherty
- *The Tulip Touch* by Anne Fine
- *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Summer Term- Love and Conflict:

- *Jake's Tower* by Elizabeth Laird
- *Rani and Sukh* by Bali Rai
- *Girls in Love* by Jacqueline Wilson
- *(Un)arranged marriage* by Bali Rai
- *The Trouble with Donovan Croft* by Bernard Ashley
- *Mate, Dates and...* series by Cathy Hopkins
- *Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah

- *My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece* by Annabel Pitcher
- *A Gathering Light* by Jennifer Donnelly
- *Everybody Jam* by Ali Lewis
- *Westside Story* by Arthur Laurents
- *The Colour Purple* by Alice Walker
- *Oranges are not the Only Fruit* by Jeanette Winterson

Year 8 Book suggestions

Autumn Term- America's Dreams:

- *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko
- *Notes from a Liar and her Dog'*
- *The Recruit* by Robert Muchamore
- *Millions* by Frank Cottrell Boyce
- *Milkweed* by Jerry Spinell
- *Trash* by Andy Mulligan
- *Prisoner of the Inquisition* by Theresa Breskin
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night- time* by Mark Haddon

Spring Term - Guilt, Memory and Reality:

- *Boy in the striped Pyjamas* – John Boyne
- *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- *Maus* – Art Spiegelman
- *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens
- *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
- *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *Boy* by Roald Dahl
- *Charlotte's Web* by Dick King Smith
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty
- *The Diary of an (Un)teenager* by Pete Johnson
- *Trash* by Andy Mulligan'
- *Whispers in the Graveyard* by Theresa Breslin
- *Junk* by Melvin Burgess
- *Ruby Holler* by Sarah Creech

Summer Term- Morality, Justice and Deceit:

- *Tales from Shakespeare* (Wordsworth Children's Classics) by Charles Lamb
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *Ghost Hawk* by Susan Cooper
- *Roof Toppers* Catherine Rundell
- *The Kite Runner* Khaled Hosseini

- *Trash* Andy Mulligan
- *Liar and Spy* Rebecca Stead
- *The Wall* William Sutcliffe

Year 9 Book Suggestions

Autumn Term: Cultural Cry

Non-fiction:

- *Conversations with Myself* by Nelson Mandela
- *Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa* by Mark Mathabane

Fiction:

- *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *A Time to Kill* by John Grisham
- *House of Stone* by Christina Lamb
- *Out of Shadows* by Jason Wallace
- *Trash* by Andy Mulligan
- *The Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamnda Ngozi Adichie
- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *The Other Side of Truth* by Beverley Naidoo
- *Casino Royale; James Bond 007* by Ian Fleming
- *The Complete Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle
- *Harry Potter* by JK Rowling
- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

Spring Term: Myths and Legends

Non-fiction:

- *Can it be True?* by Hill
- *The Glass angels* by Hill
- *One night at a time* by Hill

Fiction:

- *Percy Jackson (series of novels)* by Rick Riordan
- *The Scarlet Thread* by D.S. Murphy
- *Elementals* by Michelle Madow
- *Persephone* by Kaitlin Bevis
- *Underworld* by Meg Cabot
- *Pandora* by Andrea Domanski
- *A Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins

- *Mrs De Winter* by Susan Hill
- *The Mist in the Mirror* by Susan Hill
- *Air and Angels* by Susan Hill
- *The Various Haunts of Men* by Susan Hill
- *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
- *The Mad Woman in the Attic* by Sandra Gilbert and Susan Gubar
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

Summer Term: Rebellious Minds

Non-fiction:

- *Hole in my life* by Jack Gantos
- *Go Ask Alice* by Anonymous

Fiction:

- *Revolution* by Jennifer Donnelly
- *Blood Red Road* by Moira Young
- *Legend* by Marie Lu
- *The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness
- *Skarrs* by Catherine Forde
- *Peace like A River* by Leif Enger
- *Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger
- *Stone Cold* by Robert Swindalls
- *Innocent Blood* by P.D. James
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
- *Killing Floor* by Lee Child
- *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak