



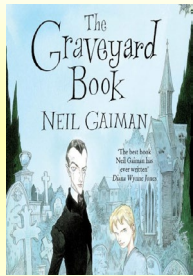
KS3 Reading Programme

At William Brookes School, we understand the importance of reading and the need for students to extend their skill and love of reading, as well as improving their wider cultural knowledge of the world around them. Twice a week, in a designated reading tutor time of 25 minutes, students are read to (while they follow with a book mark), covering four novels over the course of an academic year. In each session they will be asked questions directed at improving the skills of: comprehension, inference and personal engagement.

For the remaining three sessions, students will read from their own choice of book following the Accelerated Reader Programme, with opportunities for mentoring for those students who require further support.

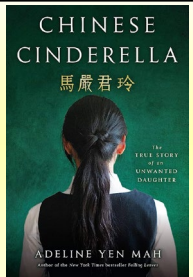
Below you will find a list of the books covered in each of the years 7-9. This link <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/> will take you to a continually updated wider reading list for those who wish to read even more

Year 7



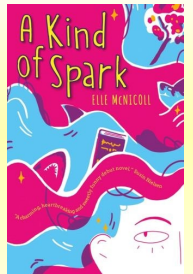
The Graveyard Book - When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety and security in the local graveyard? Brought up by the resident ghosts, ghouls and spectres, Bod has an eccentric childhood learning about life from the dead. But for Bod there is also the danger of the murderer still looking for him – after all, he is the last remaining member of the family. A stunningly original novel deftly constructed over eight chapters, featuring every second year of Bod's life. Will Bod survive to be a man?

Fantasy, friendship and storytelling.



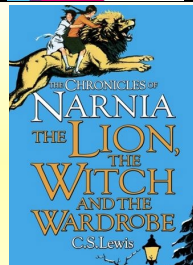
Chinese Cinderella - Jung-ling's family considers her bad luck because her mother died giving birth to her. They discriminate against her and make her feel unwanted yet she yearns and continuously strives for her parents' love. Her stepmother is vindictive and cruel and her father dismissive. Jung-ling grows up to be an academic child, with a natural ability for writing. Only her aunt and grandfather offer her any love and kindness. The story is of survival in the light of the mental and physical cruelty of her stepmother and the disloyalty of her siblings.

Autobiography, different cultures, love and survival.



A Kind of Spark tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?

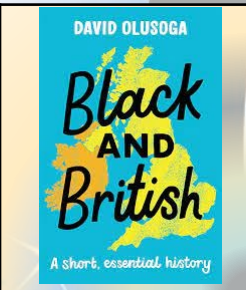
Friendship, teenage dilemma and neurodivergence.



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - "It's a magic wardrobe. There's a wood inside it, and it's snowing! Come and see," begged Lucy. Lucy has stumbled upon a marvellous land of fauns and centaurs, nymphs and talking animals. But soon she discovers that it is ruled by the cruel White Witch, and can only be freed by Aslan, the great Lion, and four children.

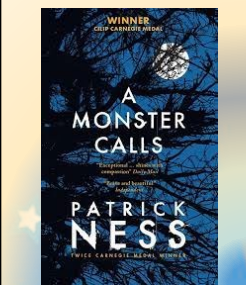
Adventure, fantasy and friendship

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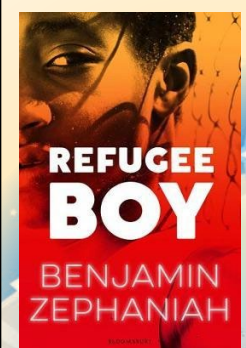
Black and British - When did Africans first come to Britain? Who are the well-dressed black children in Georgian paintings? Why did the American Civil War disrupt the Industrial Revolution? These and many other questions are answered in this essential introduction to 1800 years of the Black British history: from the Roman Africans who guarded Hadrian's Wall right up to the present day. This children's version of the bestseller *Black and British: A Forgotten History* is illustrated with maps, photos and portraits.

British and world history, non fiction.



A Monster Calls - The character of Connor appears to have the same dream every single night, ever since his mother first fell ill, and especially since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But on this particular night, it is different. When he wakes up, he is accompanied by a visitor at his window. It is an ancient, elemental force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous, but important information from Connor... Which is the truth.

Healing and survival.



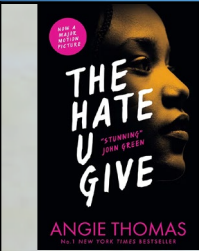
Refugee Boy - Alem is on holiday with his father for a few days in London. He has never been out of Ethiopia before and is very excited. They have a great few days together until one morning when Alem wakes up in the bed and breakfast they are staying at to find the unthinkable. His father has left him. It is only when the owner of the bed and breakfast hands him a letter that Alem is given an explanation. Alem's father admits that because of the political problems in Ethiopia both he and Alem's mother felt Alem would be safer in London – even though it is breaking their hearts to do this. Alem is now on his own, in the hands of the social services and the Refugee Council. He lives from letter to letter, waiting to hear from his father, and in particular about his mother, who has now gone missing...

Cultural identity, war, separation and relationships.



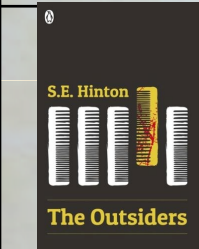
The Girl of Ink and Stars - Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her cartographer father once mapped. When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search. The world beyond the walls is a monster-filled wasteland – and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a fire demon is stirring from its sleep.

Year 9



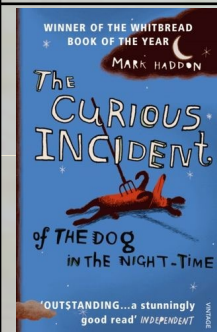
The Hate U Give - Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed. Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping YA novel about one girl's struggle for justice.

Friendship, justice and tolerance.



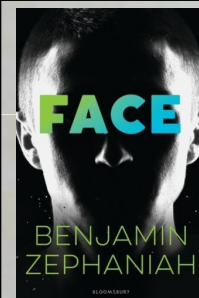
The Outsiders is an outstanding story of teenage rebellion, written when the author was only 17 years old. It is one of The Originals from Penguin – iconic, outspoken, first. Youngsters in a small Oklahoma town have split into two gangs, divided by money, tastes and attitude. The Socs' idea of having a good time is beating up Greasers like Ponyboy Curtis. Ponyboy knows what to expect and knows he can count on his brothers and friends – until the night someone takes things too far.

Individual identity, self sacrifice, honour.



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time - Christopher is a 15-year-old boy who lives in Swindon, just him and his father. He has Asperger's Syndrome, a form of Autism. He is obsessed with maths, science and Sherlock Holmes but he finds it hard to understand other people. However, when he discovers a dead dog on his neighbour's lawn, he decides to solve the mystery of what happened and through the journey, he decides to write a detective thriller, all about it. Christopher's is different... The more he unearths, the deeper the mystery gets for not only himself but for the rest of the family too.

Family, neurodivergence, tolerance and love.



Face, is the startling debut novel created by the author Benjamin Zephaniah. Who tackles the moving and compelling story of the character, Martin. A young man whose life is completely ruined through the changing of his face in a joyriding accident. Before, he seemed to have it all. He was known for his cool and funny personality and an undisputed leader in a gang of three who roam their East London estate during holidays. Until that day he accepted a ride from the Raider's Posse gang member, Pete. Now he is not the man he used to be.

Friendship, courage and overcoming adversity.