

The Lockyer's Book Shelf



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Welcome!

Here at Lockyer's we love to talk about our reading and hear about what stories our pupils are choosing. We want to share that love of reading with our wider community too! Every term we will explore what our pupils have been reading together in class, what recommendations they have for each other and look at what opportunities for reading there are further afield. We hope that you will share this with your families and enjoy finding new stories just as much as we do!



Reading makes me feel like everything can just float away and I'm there in the story.

Pupil thoughts on reading

Research shows that children who enjoy reading tend to read by choice more often, for longer, and become more skilled readers

 **BookTrust**
Getting children reading

When I read, I feel like I'm in a magical place. Like I am going on the adventure with them.

Winter Reading Challenge

Winter Mini Reading Challenge at Corfe Mullen Library



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Take part in our Winter Mini Reading Challenge at **Corfe Mullen Library** .📖

Choose and read just **3** library books, when children complete the challenge, they will be entered into a prize draw, with the chance of winning a book voucher and other goodies. ❄️

They will also receive a sweet and festive sticker for taking part. 😊

Collect a form from the library.

It begins at the start of November and ends on 31st January 2025.

It's free to take part and children can choose any library books to read and enjoy.

Please ask library staff for more information:

corfemullenlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

There will also be a separate online Winter Reading Challenge run by the Reading Agency:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>



Our Student Librarians

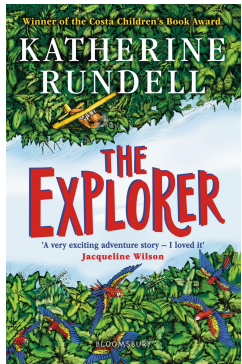
Our student librarians are an essential part of our school community. They are responsible and considerate pupils who are fundamental to the smooth organization of the library, donating their time and expertise to guide others on their reading journeys. From checking books in and out, to selecting the 'Book of the Day', our librarians demonstrate our school values of respect, courage and ambition and we truly appreciate the work that they do.



Year 5 Recommendation

Title: **The Explorer**

Author: **Katherine Rundell**



This book is about four children that were flying over the Amazon Rainforest and their plane crashed. The children had to find help and learn how to survive, otherwise they would never find a way out.

This book would be suitable for children or adults that love adventure and a bit of drama too! It is very exciting and addictive.

I would recommend this book because it is extremely intriguing and you always want to read on. It is packed with adventure and there are many exciting events. The characters in the book have a mix of expressions and personalities. This book is one of the best I have ever read!

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Year 6 Recommendation

Once by Morris Gleitzman

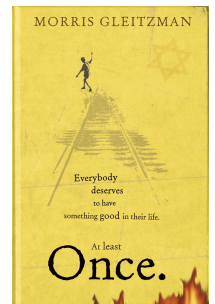
Once, there was a man called Morris Gleitzman who wrote a harrowing yet inspirational story based on real life events of the Holocaust – 'Once'.

In this book, Gleitzman explains life through the eyes of a Jewish child experiencing the horrific events of the Holocaust. Throughout the story, we are introduced to the happy (and naïve) character of Felix who has been living in an orphanage for 3 years and 8 months. One day, Felix says enough is enough and sets off on an eye opening adventure to find his parents. On his journey, he faces the reality of the horror outside of the orphanage walls in Poland 1942.

Gleitzman is a phenomenal author who has written a number of books including several sequels to 'Once'. In my opinion, the book is quite upsetting at times and therefore I would recommend children read this book with an adult. I would also put a 9+ limit on this book as the content can be gory and downbeat at times.

Despite the sad story, I implore you to read it. We can all take something from this book. Never lose hope!

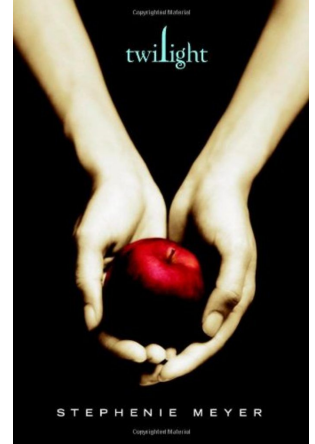
Review written by a 6EC student.



Year 7 Recommendation

Twilight by Stephanie Meyer - 12+

Twilight is a fictional book about Bella Swan who moves from Phoenix to Forks to live with her Dad, Charlie. When she starts her new school, she makes new friends but the people she doesn't really get are the Cullens. When their true identities shone through, can she cope with the truth and face the danger?

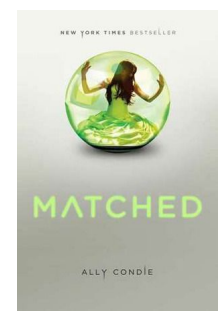
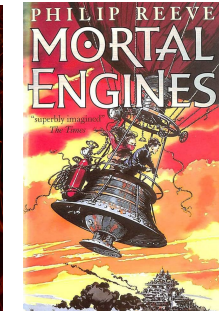
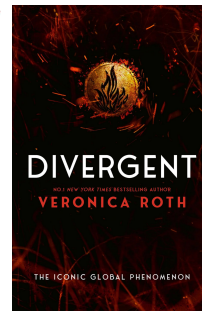
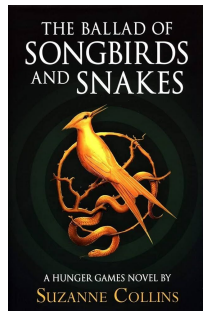
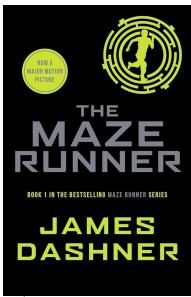


For me personally, I love the fantasy genre so this book is perfect for people who like similar things. The supernatural creatures seem to be depicted so clearly that it feels as though I can see these creatures in front of me. The detail is superb and the characters seem so realistic. The 5 book series is a must read for anyone who likes monsters and mystery.

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Year 8 Dystopia

Across Year 8, we have been exploring the Dystopian genre and our pupils have been gripped to hear about different dystopian stories - some well known and some not so. Here are a few of the stories that we + have been discussing:



Staff Recommendation by Mr Dyer



The Highland Falcon Thief by M. G. Leonard and Sam Sedgeman

As an amateur train enthusiast, I was delighted to discover a series of books named "Adventures on Trains". The books follow Harrison "Hal" Beck and his uncle on a series of epic train journeys across the globe. On each journey, a mysterious event takes place, from a jewel theft in the first book to a kidnapping in the sequel. Through using his sleuthing, as well as his drawing skills, Hal attempts to unravel these mysteries and help bring the criminals to justice.

This series manages to be both exciting and wholesome, scratching both my train and mystery 'itches'. With satisfying resolutions and the chance for you to guess-along as you read, there is no mystery as to why this series has proven so popular.





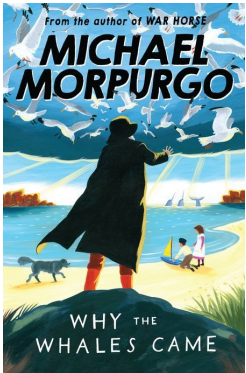
Our Reading Spaces

In the Summer term, we were thrilled to start a project transforming our courtyard into what is now known as our 'Reading Oasis'. This is an outdoor space where the above literary referenced mural provides the backdrop for a calm and enticing space for our pupils to enjoy reading. It has proved very popular and although the winter chill is settling in, it is a wonderful reminder of the fantastic imagery in the stories that we read - viewed from the cosy warmth of the library!

We would love to hear of the places that the children and adults of our community enjoy reading in. If you would like to **share a description of the place or an image**, please email Miss Nash at: anash@lockyersmiddle.org

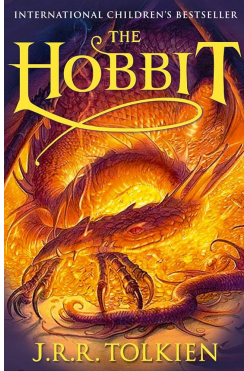
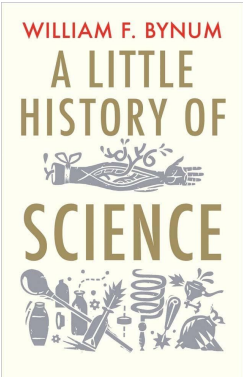
What our classes are currently reading

Each class here at Lockyer's read together in our Teacher led reading sessions where our pupils are invited to explore stories that they might not necessarily come across themselves, stories that are diverse in their characters, plots and settings and encourage a shared reading experience.



5EM are currently reading:

8GW are currently reading:



7JD are currently reading:

6EC are currently reading:

