



## **Dedworth Middle School English – Recommended Reading**

A question we often get asked at Parent Evenings is “Can you recommend some books for my child to read? They can’t find anything they like.”

Reading is very much down to personal taste and we recommend that, with any recommendation that we give, parents read the book first to check that it is suitable for their individual child in terms of content and challenge.

That said, there are some useful places to look to for recommended reading:

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/> - this is an excellent website that offers book reviews, book recommendations and a search facility where you can search by author, genre, age and topic amongst other categories like previous award winners.

Nearly all the books have a downloadable sample of the first chapter of each book so your child can literally “try before they buy” or borrow, if you visit a library!

All that is needed to access the site is an email address which parents can easily set up: the sign up is free and very much worth considering.

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/reading-spine> - Pie Corbett’s Reading Spine – click the link and scroll to the bottom and you will see some recommended reading lists from highly-respected Literacy expert and teacher Pie Corbett.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/d19210dcrkejgd1/AACVCK7xQfshVWDnQCq0f4lea?dl=0> – Ashley Booth’s recommended reads. Ashley Booth is a Primary teacher and prolific blogger on children’s literacy and Reading. His recommended lists are used by many teachers and schools as a guide – follow this link and it will take you to his drop-box whereby you can browse his recommended books for Years 5 and 6.

### **KS3 Recommended Reads:**

Y7 - <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-7-pupils-ks2-age-11-12/>

Y8 - <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-8-pupils-ks3-age-12-13/>

These lists are compiled by Tom Tolkien who has “road tested” all the books recommended with classes of pupils. As KS3 recommendations start moving into “Young Adult and Teen” reading interest, it is essential for parents to use their discretion and judgement when choosing books, ensuring that you are happy for your child to read the book you are selecting.