



# HERSCHEL GRAMMAR

## Learning Resource Centre

### KS3/4 RECOMMENDED READING LIST

## **LITERARY DETECTIVES – BOOKS WE RECOMMEND:**

- 1 Chaos Walking Trilogy**
- 2 My sister lives on the mantelpiece**
- 3 Between Shades of Grey**
- 4 Al Capone does my shirts**
- 5 The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time**
- 6 Noughts and Crosses**
- 7 The Book Thief**
- 8 A Monster Calls**
- 9 Boy in the Striped Pyjamas**
- 10 Traveller in Time**



## FANTASY

FUNKE, Cornelia	Inkheart trilogy - Mo reveals a storytelling secret that will change her life forever
LANDY, Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant series - Skulduggery is a detective, sophisticated, well dressed and, as you might guess from his name, dead.
NIMMO, Jenny	Charlie Bone series - Looking at a picture of a couple with a baby and a cat, Charlie suddenly discovers he can hear their voices
PAOLINI, Christopher	Inheritance Cycle trilogy -dragons & evil forces abound
PULLMAN, Philip	Dark Materials trilogy - 'daemons' swoop along the streets of Oxford & adults will kill for Lyra's secrets
RIORDAN, Rick	Percy Jackson series - just a normal student, going to school, until he accidentally vaporizes his maths teacher.
ROWLING, J.K.	Harry Potter series - needs no introduction
SAGE, Angie	Septimus Heap - spellbinding adventures
STEWART, Paul	Edge Chronicles - fantasies set in the Deepwoods
TOLKIEN, J.R.R.	The Hobbit, Lord of the Rings trilogy

## TIME-TRAVEL

FARMER, Penelope

Charlotte Sometimes -when she wakes up, the girl in the next bed is not the person who was sleeping there the evening before. Somehow, Charlotte has slipped back forty years.

PEARCE, Philippa

Tom's Midnight Garden - When Tom hears the grandfather clock strike thirteen he is not prepared for what is going to happen. A modern classic.

SCARROW, Alex

Time Riders series - Three children are on the brink of death: Liam is about to drown as the Titanic sinks in 1912, Maddy is on an aeroplane fitted with a device which will destroy it in 2010 while Sal looks set to die in a fire in 2026.

STORR, Catherine

Marianne Dreams - a bored invalid girl sketches a house and finds herself caught there in her dreams with a boy called Mark

UTTLEY, Alison

Traveller in Time - An ancient farmhouse forms the link that allows Penelope to step back into Elizabethan times. A novel that has stood the test of time



## MYSTERIES, THRILLERS & ADVENTURE

HADDON, Mark	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time- a mystery about a dead dog, but this is no usual detective story - Christopher has Asperger's Syndrome
HOROWITZ, Anthony	Alex Rider series - Alex Rider acting as a spy for MI6 out-smarts criminals across several continents.
MORPURGO, Michael	Kensuke's Kingdon - struggling to survive on his own, a boy finds he is not alone
MUCHAMORE, Robert	C.H.E.R.U.B. series - terrorists, secret agents and covert missions
RYAN, Chris	Code Red series - out and out adventure
WALDEN, Mark	H.I.V.E. - (Higher Institute of Villainous Education) is a top secret school of applied villainy
DODER, Joshua	Dog called Grk - his quest involves breaking into a high security prison

## SCIENCE FICTION

ADAMS, Douglas	Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy series - 'On Thursday lunchtime the Earth gets unexpectedly demolished to make way for a new hyper space bypass'
COLFER, Eoin	Artemis Fowl - criminal mastermind v armed & dangerous futuristic fairies!
COLLINS, Suzanne	Hunger Games trilogy - a future with unsettling parallels to our present
GRANT, Michael	Gone series-futuristic thriller where every child over the age of 14 disappears
McKENZIE, Sophie	Medusa project series - four babies implanted with a gene giving psychic abilities; see also Blood Ties series
NESS, Patrick	Chaos Walking trilogy - imagine a place infected with a virus called Noise and you can hear everybody's thoughts
PRATCHETT, Terry	Discworld series -. Discworld consists of a large disc, resting on the backs of four huge elephants which are in turn standing on the back of an enormous turtle
WARD, Rachel	Numbers - every time Jem looks into a person's eyes, she sees the date on which they'll die
MALLEY, Gemma	Declaration series - futuristic novels set in a world where life is forever, except for the likes of Peter and Anna
REEVE, Philip	Mortal Engines - mobile cities fight for survival in a post-apocalyptic future

## WAR STORIES

GIBBONS, Alan	Act of Love - Chris and Imran are inseparable until their lives take very different paths. One has joined the Army and served in Afghanistan, the other is a potential jihad recruit
GLEITZMAN, Maurice	Once, Then Now, After - Felix has been placed by his parents in an orphanage for safe-keeping but, when the Germans come, Felix knows he must set out to return to his parents
MORPURGO, Michael	War Horse - a horse's experience of the deadly chaos of World War 1; see also Shadow, Private Peaceful
SEPETYS, Ruta	Between shades of Grey - Lina, her mother and young brother are deported to Siberia. Will hope keep Lina alive?
ZUSAK, Markus	The Book Thief - It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still
BRESLIN, Theresa	Remembrance

## GHOST, HORROR, SUPERNATURAL

DELANEY, Joseph	Wardstone Chronicles - When Thomas is tricked into freeing the most evil witch in the County, the horror begins.
HIGSON, Charlie	Enemy The Graveyard Book -
SHAN, Darren	Cirque du Freak -etc - blood, horror, vampires!

## MULTI-CULTURAL

BLACKMAN, Malorie	Noughts & Crosses - issues of racism set in another time and place
ANDERSON, Laurie Halsen	Chains - set in a time and place in which slavery was the order of the day and lives were valued like weights of meat or bundles of vegetables.
DHAMI, Narinder	Bend it like Beckham - Jess, 18 and Indian determined to prove her parents wrong Does my head look big in this? -
ELLIS, Deborah	The Breadwinner - a young Afghan girl pretends to be a boy to keep her family alive
GIBBONS, Alan	Caught in the Crossfire - Muslim siblings, Irish brothers and two boys looking for trouble
NAIDOO, Beverley	Other side of truth - Nigerian family fleeing military rule
RAI, Bali	Ruby Red - A love story set against the turbulence and danger of a world divided by apartheid.
YEN MAH, Adeline	Chinese Cinderella - true story of a girl rejected by her family
ZEPHANIAH, Benjamin	Refugee Boy - boy sent to London to escape a country at war



## RELATIONSHIPS

- BOWLER, Tim River Boy - death of a grandfather, a marathon swim, an unusual & poetic story
- BOYNE, Peter Boy in the striped pyjamas - emotional story of a friendship between two boys
- CASSIDY, Anne Looking for JJ - explores motives behind the murder of a child - by her friend. JJ has now been released, and has a new identity. But is there any way that she can lead a normal life?
- WILSON, Jacqueline Candyfloss, etc., etc.
- VALENTINE, Jenny Ant Colony - the very different lives of 15 year old Sam, 10 year old Bohemia and her rather hopeless mother
- SINGER, Nicky Feather Boy - Robert Nobel triumphs over his own fears and the school bully,
- HUGHES, Gregory Unhooking the moon - original, funny tale about two newly orphaned children who embark on an epic road trip to New York to find their long lost uncle.
- NESS, Patrick A Monster Calls - Conor struggles to get to grips with the devastating emotions which threaten to overwhelm him.
- MAGORIAN, Michelle Goodnight Mr Tom - the classic story of a man and a boy who are thrown together because of the outbreak of war; see also Just Henry
- PITCHER, Annabel My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece - 10-year-old Jamie's account of the emotions he and his family live through following the death of his sister in a terrorist attack
- CHOLDENKO, Gennifer Al Capone does my shirts - poignant story of a boy's relationship with his autistic sister on Alcatraz, the prison

## SHORT STORIES

HOROWITZ, Anthony

Uncle Montague's tales of terror  
Coraline and other stories

GRIFFITHS, Andy

## DIARIES

CABOT, Meg

Princess Diaries - Mia, a very normal 14 year old school girl, who suddenly becomes a Princess  
Diary of a Chav/Fame Diaries

FRANK, Anne

Diary of a Young Girl - true-story of a young, Jewish girl and the horrors of World War II

KENNEY, Jeff

Diary of a Wimpy Kid - humorous diary charting Greg's life at a new school.

RENNISON, Louise

Confessions of Georgia Nicholson series - laugh out loud diaries

TOWNSEND, Sue

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged Thirteen and Three Quarters - Adrian has more than his fair share of problems - spots, girl trouble etc.

## HUMOUR

- GANTOS, Jack Joey Pigza - Joey's teachers never know what he's going to do next. He sharpens his finger in the pencil-sharpener and swallows his house key.
- NESBO, Jo Dr Proktor's fart powder - an inventor who is about to come up with a super-strength powder which can propel people into outer space
- PEIRCE, Lincoln Big Nate - Nate is eleven years old, four-and-a-half feet tall, and the all-time record holder for detentions in school history.
- PILKEY, Dav Captain Underpants - His identity is so secret, even he doesn't know who he is.
- SACHAR, Louis Dogs don't tell jokes - Gary W. Boone knows he was born to be a stand-up comedian. It is the rest of the kids in the class who think he is a fool.
- STANTON, Andy Mr Gum and his hilarious adventures
- WALLIAMS, David Billionaire Boy - Joe Spud is the richest twelve-year-old in the world; he has everything his heart desires - except happiness.