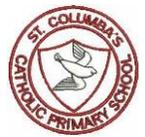




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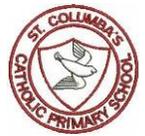


Reading Rainbow

Year Group	Title	Author	Plot	Theme/Link
Year 5	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat at number four, Privet Drive. Addressed in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. An incredible adventure is about to begin!	Good vs Evil Love Death
	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	J.K. Rowling		
	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	J.K. Rowling		
	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	J.K. Rowling		
	Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix	J.K. Rowling		
	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince	J.K. Rowling		
	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	J.K. Rowling		
	Percy Jackson And The Lightning Thief	Ric Riordan	Percy was just an average kid, playing basketball, skate boarding etc, until he accidentally vaporizes his maths teacher. This results in him battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive. Half boy. Half God. ALL Hero.	Courage and heroism



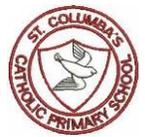
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	The Edge Chronicles- The Curse of the Gloamglozer	Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell	<p>Fourteen-year-old Quint Verginix is the only remaining son of famous sky-pirate Wind Jackal. He and his father have journeyed to the city of Sanctaphrax - a great floating rock, bound to the ground below by a chain, its inhabitants living with their heads literally in the clouds.</p> <p>But the city hides a dangerous secret: deep inside the great rock, something horrible lurks. With his father away, Quint may be the only one who can save Sanctaphrax from the dreaded curse of the gloamglozer . . .</p>	Fantasy and adventure
	The Mozart Question	Michael Morpurgo	When Lesley is sent to Venice to interview world-renowned violinist Paulo Levi on his fiftieth birthday, she cannot believe her luck. She is told that she can ask him anything at all - except the Mozart question. But it is Paulo himself who decides that the time has come for the truth to be told. And so follows the story of his parents in a Jewish concentration camp. As the story unfolds, the journalist begins to understand the full horror of war - and how one group of musicians survived using the only weapon they had.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Link to the real-life story/biography of Anita Lasker Wallfisch- Second World War
	Stormbreaker	Anthony Horowitz	Fourteen-year-old Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle, a man who is offering state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers to every school in the country. But the teenage spy soon finds himself in mortal danger. The government has given him the technology, but only he can provide the courage. Should he fail, every child in England will be murdered in cold blood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Spy adventure
	The Unforgotten Coat	Frank Cottrell Boyce	Two refugee brothers from Mongolia are determined to fit in with their Liverpool schoolmates. Their new friend and guide, Julie, recalls a special friendship that was abruptly ended.	Set in Liverpool- written by local author Themes of immigration, survival, difference and acceptance



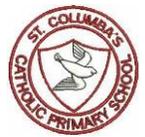
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Brightstorm	Vashti Hardy	Twins Arthur and Maudie receive word in Lontown that their famous explorer father died in a failed attempt to reach South Polaris. Not only that, but he has been accused of trying to steal fuel from his competitors before he died! The twins don't believe the news, and they answer an ad to help crew a new exploration attempt in the hope of learning the truth and salvaging their family's reputation. As the winged ship <i>Aurora</i> sets sail, the twins must keep their wits about them and prove themselves worthy of the rest of the crew. But will Arthur and Maudie find the answers they seek?	Adventure Themes include loss, determination, exploration and family Links well to 'Cogheart' in Year 6
Rollergirl	Victoria Jamieson	For most of her twelve years, Astrid has done everything with her best friend Nicole. But after Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for derby camp, Nicole decides to go to dance camp instead. And so begins the most difficult summer of Astrid's life as she struggles to keep up with the older girls at camp, hang on to the friend she feels slipping away, and cautiously embark on a new friendship...	Friendship and changes Transitions
The Weirdestone of Brisingamen	Alan Garner	When Colin and Susan are pursued by eerie creatures across Alderley Edge, they are saved by the Wizard. He takes them into the caves of Fundindelve, where he watches over the enchanted sleep of one hundred and forty knights. But the heart of the magic that binds them - Firefrost, also known as the Weirdestone of Brisingamen - has been lost. The Wizard has been searching for the stone for more than 100 years, but the forces of evil are closing in...	Mythology
Skellig	David Almond	When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears.	Survival, courage and heroism



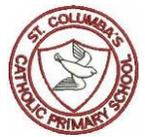
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	Tin	Padraig Kenny	Christopher is 'Proper': a real boy with a real soul, orphaned in a fire. He works for an engineer, a maker of the eccentric, loyal and totally individual mechanicals who are Christopher's best friends. But after a devastating accident, a secret is revealed and Christopher's world is changed for ever ... What follows is a remarkable adventure, as Christopher discovers who he really is, and what it means to be human.	Science-fiction mixed with fairy tale Themes around courage, friendship and finding your own identity Links to Cogheart Year 6
	Whistling in the Dark	Shirley Hughes	Liverpool, 1940: thirteen-year-old Joan's home is under threat from the Nazi's terrifying nightly air-raids. It is not an easy time to be a teenager, especially with the sweet rationing, strict curfews and blackouts. Joan and best friend Doreen love going to the cinema until the bombings intensify and then even that becomes too dangerous, especially when an army deserter is found lurking near their home...	Narrative- set in Liverpool during WWII By author with local roots- who herself lived through WWII Link with Year 6 WW2
	Boy Giant, Son of Gulliver	Michael Morpurgo	War has forced Omar and his mother to leave their home in Afghanistan and venture across the sea to Europe. When their boat sinks, and Omar finds himself alone, with no hope of rescue, it seems as if his story has come to an end. But it is only just beginning. Because in the end, a little hope makes a big difference...	Hope and humanity
	The Dog Who Saved the World	Ross Welford	When eleven-year-old Georgie befriends an eccentric retired scientist, she becomes the test subject for a thrilling new experiment: a virtual-reality 3D version of the future. But then a deadly disease threatens the life of every dog in the country and Georgie's beloved dog, Mr Mash, gets sick. And that's only the start of her troubles.	Time Travel Fiction - link with Year 6



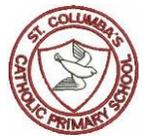
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What not to do if you turn invisible	Ross Welford	<p>Turning invisible at will: it's one way of curing your acne. But far more drastic than 13 year-old Ethel Leatherhead intended when she tried a combination of untested medicines and a sunbed.</p> <p>It's fun at first, being invisible. And aided by her friend Boydy, she manages to keep her extraordinary ability secret. Or does she...?</p>	Time Travel Fiction - link with Year 6
How to fly with broken Wings	Jane Elson	<p>Twelve-year-old Willem has Aspergers Syndrome and two main aims in life: to fly and to make at least two friends of his own age. But all the other boys from the Beckham Estate do is make him jump off things. First his desk - and now the wall. As his toes teeter on the edge, Sasha Bradley gives him a tiny little wink. Might she become his friend?</p>	Friendship and bullying
A Monster Calls	Patrick Ness	<p>Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.</p>	Love, loss and hope
The Eye of the North	Sinead O'Hart	<p>Emmeline Widget has never left Widget Manor and that's the way she likes it. But when her scientist parents mysteriously disappear, she finds herself being packed off on a ship to France, heading for a safe house in Paris. Onboard she is befriended by an urchin stowaway called Thing. But before she can reach her destination she is kidnapped by the sinister Dr Siegfried Bauer. Dr Bauer is bound for the ice fields of Greenland to summon a legendary monster from the deep. And he isn't the only one determined to unleash the creature. The Northwitch has laid claim to the beast, too. Can Emmeline and Thing stop their fiendish plans and save the world?</p>	Fantasy Adventure - links with Roof toppers Year 6
Northern Lights	Philip Pullman	<p>'Without this child, we shall all die.' Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears</p>	Sci Fi / Fantasy - links with Harry Potter



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			fight. Her extraordinary journey will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world...	
	The House with chicken legs	Sophie Anderson	<p>Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning.</p> <p>For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...</p>	Fantasy and adventure
	Varjak Paw	SF Said	<p>Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats.</p> <p>Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings.</p>	Action and adventure
	The Illustrated Mum	Jacqueline Wilson	Dolphin adores Marigold, her beautiful, vibrant mother. She's not like the other mums. She has vivid tattoos all over her body, bright hair and wonderful clothes. But Dolphin's sister, Star, feels differently.	Family and mental health
	Double Act	Jacqueline Wilson	Ruby and Garnet are ten-year-old twins. They're identical, and they do EVERYTHING together, especially since their mother died three years earlier - but they couldn't be more different. Bossy, bouncy, funny Ruby loves to take charge, and is desperate to be a famous actress, while quiet, sensitive, academic Garnet loves nothing more than to curl up with one of her favourite books. And when everything around the twins is changing so much, can being a double act work for ever?	Family, friendship and transition
	The Bed and Breakfast Star	Jacqueline Wilson	I'm Elsa, I do my best to cheer my family up - but no one seems to laugh much anymore. Not since we lost our lovely house and had to move into a bed and breakfast hotel . . .	Family and mental health