

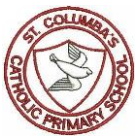


St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

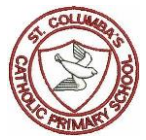


Reading Rainbow

Year Group	Title	Author	Plot	Theme/Link
Year 6	Eleven	Tom Rodgers	Alex Douglas always wanted to be a hero. But nothing heroic ever happened to Alex. Nothing, that is, until his eleventh birthday. When Alex rescues a stray dog as a birthday gift to himself, he doesn't think his life can get much better. Radar, his new dog, pretty much feels the same way. But this day has bigger things in store for both of them. This is a story about bullies and heroes. About tragedy and hope. About enemies with two legs and friends with four, and pesky little sisters and cranky old men, and an unexpected lesson in kindness delivered with a slice of pizza. This is Eleven: the journey of a boy turning eleven on 9/11.	PSHE
	The 1000 year old boy	Ross Welford	There are stories about people who want to live forever. This is not one of those stories. This is a story about someone who wants to stop... Alfie Monk is like any other nearly teenage boy - except he's 1,000 years old and can remember the last Viking invasion of England. Obviously no one believes him. So when everything Alfie knows and loves is destroyed in a fire, and the modern world comes crashing in, Alfie embarks on a mission to find friendship, acceptance, and a different way to live... ... which means finding a way to make sure he will eventually die.	History/ PSHE Same author as Time Travelling with a Hamster
	Shadow Jumper	J.M. Forster	A book about overcoming adversity and self-acceptance	PSHE
	The Boy at the Top of the Mountain	John Boyne	When Pierrot becomes an orphan, he must leave his home in Paris for a new life with his Aunt Beatrix, a servant in a wealthy household at the top of the German mountains. But this is no ordinary time, for it is 1935 and the Second World War is fast approaching; and this is no ordinary house, for this is the Berghof, the home of Adolf Hitler.	History- WW2 Same author as Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (Class novel)



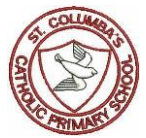
St. Columba's Catholic Primary School



Time Travelling with a Hamster	Ross Welford	A race against time adventure	Adventure story- book by same author covered in Year 5
Kick	Mitch Johnson	A book about aiming high and never giving up on your dreams and aspirations	PSHE
Room 13	Robert Swindells	There is no room thirteen in the creepy Crow's Nest Hotel, where Fliss and her friends are staying on a school trip. Or is there? For at the stroke of midnight, something peculiar happens to the door of the linen cupboard next to room 12.	Thriller
The Elsewhere Emporium	Ross Mackenzie	The Nowhere Emporium has been stolen. The shop from nowhere has vanished without a trace. Will it ever reappear? As they search for the lost Emporium, Daniel and Ellie encounter magical bookshops, deserted islands, and an array of magicians (both dead and alive). Meanwhile a dangerous force is attacking the Emporium from the inside, waiting for a chance to break free.	The Nowhere Emporium covered in Year 5- Sequel
Millions	Frank Cottrell Boyce	Brothers Damian and Anthony didn't mean to get caught up in a botched train robbery. But what would you do if a massive bag of cash dropped from the sky and you had only a few days to spend it before it became worthless? Buy a million pizzas? End world poverty? Not such an easy decision, is it? The boys soon find out that being rich is a mug's game. Not only is the clock ticking, the bank robbers want their money back . . .	Moral dilemmas
Cogheart	Peter Bunzl	Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her? With her friends - Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox - Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realizes that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart	Mystery Historical setting- Victorians
The Boy who Biked the World: The	Alistair Humphreys	Tom pedals north from the tip of South America up through the Americas towards Alaska. He must contend with deserts,	Geography Personal experiences



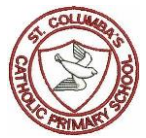
St. Columba's Catholic Primary School



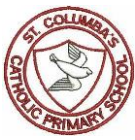
	Americas		jungles and the massive mountains of the Andes. He meets grizzly bears , fascinating locals, and even a memorable guinea pig. Tom learns about the world, and himself, as he tackles this epic journey	
	The Mystery of Craven Manor	Joy Wodhams	When 11 year old runaway Matt Bright is rescued by Samantha Cooper and taken to her creepy home, Craven Manor, he has no idea that he's entering a trap. What is the mystery of Samantha's parents? Who is the sinister Mr Higgins? And the even more frightening Great Aunt Dorothy who lurks on the top floor? What do they want? And why won't they let Matt leave? When Matt finds his life in danger he tries to escape, and there is only one route. And so begins the most terrifying experience of Matt's life.	Mystery/suspense
	The Secret Lake	Karen Inglis	When Stella and her younger brother, Tom, move to their new London home, they become mystified by the disappearances of Harry, their elderly neighbour's small dog. Where does he go? And why does he keep reappearing wet-through?	Modern children's classic
	A Girl Called Owl	Amy Wilson	<p>It's bad enough having a mum dippy enough to name you Owl, but when you've got a dad you've never met, a best friend who needs you more than ever, and a new boy at school giving you weird looks, there's not a lot of room for much else.</p> <p>So when Owl starts seeing strange frost patterns on her skin, she's tempted to just burrow down under the duvet and forget all about it. Could her strange new powers be linked to her mysterious father? And what will happen when she enters the magical world of winter for the first time</p>	Mystery Coming of age
	A Pocketful of Stars	Aisha Bushby	A magical book about family, friendship and finding out who you are, full of emotion and a secret fantasy world to discover	Links with themes covered in other years and authors such as: Jacqueline Wilson, Ross Welford, Kiran Millwood-Hargrave and The House with Chicken Legs.



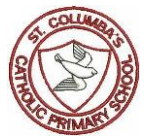
St. Columba's Catholic Primary School



Rumble Star	Abi Elphenstone	Eleven-year-old Casper Tock hates risks, is allergic to adventures and shudders at the thought of unpredictable events. So, it comes as a nasty shock to him when he accidentally stumbles into Rumblestar, an Unmapped Kingdom full of magical beasts	Adventure/mystery
The Land of Roar	Jenny Mclachan	<p>When Arthur and Rose were little, they were heroes in the Land of Roar, an imaginary world that they found by climbing through the folding bed in their grandad's attic. Roar was filled with things they loved - dragons, mermaids, ninja wizards and adventure - as well as things that scared them (including a very creepy scarecrow. . .)</p> <p>Now the twins are eleven, Roar is just a memory. But when they help Grandad clean out the attic, Arthur is horrified as Grandad is pulled into the folding bed and vanishes. Is he playing a joke? Or is Roar . . . real?</p>	Quest Similar theme as books covered in previous years: The Chronicles of Narnia and How to train your dragon
The Girl of Ink and Stars	Kiran Millwood Hargrave	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. Soon, following her map, her heart and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers the true end of her journey: to save the island itself.	
Rooftoppers	Katherine Rundell	Everyone thinks that Sophie is an orphan. True, there were no other recorded female survivors from the shipwreck which left baby Sophie floating in the English Channel in a cello case, but Sophie remembers seeing her mother wave for help. Her guardian tells her it is almost impossible that her mother is still alive, but that means still possible. You should never ignore a possible.	
The Train to Impossible Places	P.G. Bell	When Suzy hears a strange noise in the middle of the night, she creeps downstairs to find a train roaring through her	



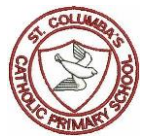
St. Columba's Catholic Primary School



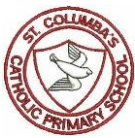
			<p>house. But this is no ordinary train. This is the magical delivery express for the Union of Impossible Places.</p> <p>Whisked on board by a troll-boy, Suzy's world is turned upside down when she's asked to deliver a cursed package to a fearsome sorceress. And quite suddenly, Suzy realizes the fate of the Impossible Places is in her hands...</p>	
The Good Thieves	Katherine Rundell	Fresh off the boat from England, Vita Marlowe has a job to do. Her beloved grandfather Jack has been cheated out of his home and possessions by a notorious conman with Mafia connections. Seeing Jack's spirit is broken, Vita is desperate to make him happy again, so she devises a plan to outwit his enemies and recover his home.	Moral dilemma Same author studied- look for comparisons	
The Dream Snatchers	Abi Elphinstone	Twelve-year-old Moll Pecksniff wakes one night in the middle of the forest, lured there by a recurring nightmare - the one with the drums and the rattles and the masks. The Dreamsnatcher is waiting. He has already taken her dreams and now he wants her life.	Adventure/mystery Same author studied- look for comparisons	
Who let the Gods out	Maz Evans	Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world - and solving Elliot's problems too?	Historical fiction- Ancient Greeks Adventure	
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr	This semi-autobiographical and unforgettable story, of a Jewish family fleeing from Germany before the start of the Second World War	Historical setting- WW2	
The House with Chicken Legs	Sophie Anderson	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. For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits		



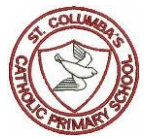
St. Columba's Catholic Primary School



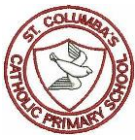
			between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas	
The Goldfish Boy	Lisa Thompson	Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance - with the help of a brilliant cast of supporting characters.	Overcoming adversity	
Flour Babies	Anne Fine	When the annual school science fair comes round, Mr Cartwright's class don't get to work on the Soap Factory, the Maggot Farm or the Exploding Custard Tins. To their intense disgust they get the Flour Babies - sweet little six-pound bags of flour that must be cared for at all times.	Transitional text- Year 7	
The Boy at the Back of the Class	Onjali Rauf	There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help. That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .	PSHE Links to Refugee Week	
Stig of the Dump	Clive King	Barney is a solitary little boy, given to wandering off by himself. One day he is lying on the edge of a disused chalk-pit when it gives way and he lands in a sort of cave. Here he meets 'somebody with a lot of shaggy hair and two bright black eyes' wearing a rabbit skin and speaking in grunts. He names him Stig. Of course nobody believes Barney when he	Modern classic	



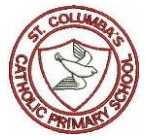
St. Columba's Catholic Primary School



			tells his family all about Stig, but for Barney cave-man Stig is totally real. They become great friends, learning each others ways and embarking on a series of unforgettable adventures.	
	Clockwork	Phillip Pullman	<p>Tick, tick, tick, tock. Once you've wound some things up nothing can stop them . . .</p> <p>It is a cold winter's night when Karl enters the White Horse Tavern looking like he's swallowed a thundercloud. His final task as a clockmaker apprentice is to make a new figure for the great clock of Glockenheim. He has not made the figure - or got any idea of what it could be, and the unveiling is tomorrow.</p> <p>Fritz is also in the tavern; there to read aloud his new spooky story. Like Karl, he hasn't finished. Well, he knows how the story starts and he knows it's called Clockwork - so, with the snow swirling down outside, he sets his story going and just has to hope that the ending will come to him as he tells it.</p> <p>Suddenly, Fritz's story and real life merge in a completely sinister way - and just like clockwork it can't be stopped</p>	<p>Myster/suspense</p> <p>Links to other year groups who have read work from this author (The Firework Makers Daughter)</p>
	There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom	Louis Sachar	Meet Bradley Chalkers. He's the oldest child in the class. He tells ENORMOUS lies. He picks fights with girls. The teachers say he has 'serious behaviour problems'. And no one likes him ... Except Carla, the new school counsellor. She thinks Bradley is sensitive and generous, and she even enjoys his far-fetched stories. Carla knows that Bradley could change, if only he weren't afraid to try. Sometimes the hardest thing in the world is believing in yourself.	<p>PSHE</p> <p>Self-acceptance</p> <p>Holes studied as class novel- work by same author</p>
	The Borrowers	Mary Norton	The Borrowers live in the secret places of quiet old houses; behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock. They own nothing, borrow everything, and think that human beings were invented just to do the dirty	Modern classic



St. Columba's Catholic Primary School



			<p>work. Arrietty's father, Pod, was an expert Borrower. He could scale curtains using a hatpin, and bring back a doll's teacup without breaking it. Girls weren't supposed to go borrowing but as Arrietty was an only child her father broke the rule, and then something happened which changed their lives. She made friends with the human boy living in the house...</p>	
Swallows and Amazons	Arthur Ransome	<p>The Walker children - also known as Captain John, Mate Susan, Able-Seaman Titty, and Ship's Boy Roger - set sail on the Swallow and head for Wild Cat Island. There they camp under open skies, swim in clear water and go fishing for their dinner. But their days are disturbed by the Blackett sisters, the fierce Amazon pirates. The Swallows and Amazons decide to battle it out, and so begins a summer of unforgettable discoveries and incredible adventures.</p>	Adventure/quest Classic	
The Island at the End of Everything	Kiran Millwood Hargrave	<p>Amihan lives with her sick mother on an island where the sea is as blue as the sky. It's all she knows and loves, but the arrival of a cruel government official, Mr Zamora, changes her world for ever. Her island is to become a colony for sufferers of leprosy. Banished to an orphanage across the water, Ami meets a honey-eyed girl named for butterflies, and together they set out to find a way back home to the island at the end of everything.</p>	Geography Political links	