

Newfield School Recommended Reading List



'Reading is important. If you know how to read then the whole world opens up to you'.

Barack Obama

At Newfield School, we foster a reading culture as we know that reading is essential for student progress. We firmly agree with the esteemed poet and writer, Maya Angelou, who said, 'You can only become accomplished at something you love', therefore we promote a love of reading with all students, across the curriculum. As a school, we want students to be considerate and value our community. Reading supports this core value as we believe in the power of literature to educate our students about the world they live in and to develop their understanding of themselves and others. A wealth of evidence supports our philosophy that young people, who dedicate time every day to reading for pleasure, become confident, fluent readers and that they are able to express themselves articulately through both written and spoken language as a result.

Recommended Reading List

Fiction

Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe, Penguin Books Ltd

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Douglas Adams, Pan Macmillan

Peter Pan, J. M. Barrie, Collins Classics

Pig Heart Boy, Malorie Blackman, Corgi Childrens

Wuthering Heights, Emily Bronte, Penguin Books Ltd

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll, Scholastic

Boy and Going Solo, Roald Dahl, Puffin

Oliver Twist, Charles Dickens, Scholastic

Madame Doubtfire, Anne Fine, Puffin

Coraline, Neil Gaiman, Bloomsbury

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon, Vintage Publishing

Brave New World, Aldous Huxley, Vintage Publishing

The Jungle Book, Rudyard Kipling, Wordsworth Editions

Welcome to Nowhere, Elizabeth Laird, Macmillan Children's Books

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee, Cornerstone

Private Peaceful, Michael Morpurgo, Harper Collins

1984, George Orwell, Penguin Books

Wonder, R. J. Palacio, Corgi Childrens

Holes, Louis Sachar, Bloomsbury Children's Books

Black Beauty, Anna Sewell, Wordsworth Editions

Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson, Scholastic

Lies We Tell Ourselves, Robin Talley, Harper Collins

The Hobbit, J. R. R. Tolkien, Harper Collins

Face, Benjamin Zephaniah, Bloomsbury

The Book Thief, Marcus Zusak, Black Swan

Non-fiction

My Name is Book, John Agard, Walker Books

The Diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank, Penguin

Unlocking the Universe, Stephen Hawking and Lucy Hawking, Penguin Random House

The Rest is History, Tom Holland and Dominic Sandbrook, Bloomsbury

Mythos, Stephen Fry, Michael Joseph

From Prejudice to Pride, Amy Lane, Wayland

Diary of a Young Naturalist, Dara McAnulty, Little Toller Books

So what's so special about Shakespeare? Michael Rosen, Walker Books

Reading at home:

1. Read to your child and listen to your child read to you.
2. Set aside reading time; include reading in your daily routine.
3. Share a variety of reading materials from online to books from your local library.