



THE ORATORY

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR LOWER SCHOOL

"Books are a uniquely portable magic."

Here are some books that we think will broaden your reading and expand your horizons:

Classics

Charles Dickens	<i>Great Expectations; Oliver Twist; A Tale of Two Cities</i>
Charlotte Bronte	<i>Jane Eyre</i>
Graham Greene	<i>The Third Man</i>
Thomas Hardy	<i>The Mayor of Casterbridge</i>
Mary Shelley	<i>Frankenstein</i>
George Orwell	<i>Animal Farm; Down and Out in Paris and London</i>
Laurie Lee	<i>Cider With Rosie</i>
John Steinbeck	<i>The Pearl</i>
F. Scott Fitzgerald	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>
Harper Lee	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>
Ernest Hemingway	<i>The Old Man and The Sea</i>
Mark Twain	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>

Adventure

Jack London	<i>White Fang; The Call of the Wild</i>
Daniel Defoe	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>
Herman Melville	<i>Moby Dick</i>
Jamila Gavin	<i>Coram Boy</i>
Susan Cooper	<i>King of Shadows</i>
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	<i>The Lost World</i>
William Golding	<i>Lord of the Flies</i>
Geoffrey Trease	<i>Cue for Treason</i>
Rosemary Sutcliff	<i>The Eagle of the Ninth</i>
John Buchan	<i>The 39 Steps; Greenmantle</i>
Khaled Hosseini	<i>The Kite Runner</i>
Alexandre Dumas	<i>The Three Musketeers</i>
Jules Verne	<i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i>

Robert Louis Stevenson
Patrick O'Brian
Kevin Crossley-Holland
Yann Martel

Fantasy

Susan Cooper
J.R.R Tolkien
Terry Pratchett
C.S. Lewis
Brian Jacques
Richard Adams

Treasure Island
Master and Commander
Arthur: The Seeing Stone
Life of Pi

The Dark is Rising
The Hobbit; The Lord of the Rings
Discworld: The Colour of Magic
The Chronicles of Narnia
Redwall
Watership Down

Science-Fiction

Aldous Huxley
H. G. Wells
Philip K. Dick
Ray Bradbury
Douglas Adams

John Wyndham

Brave New World
The Time Machine
The Man in the High Castle
Fahrenheit 451
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

The Day of the Triffids

Mystery

Sir Arthur Conan-Doyle
Susan Hill
R. L. Stevenson
M. R. James
Daphne du Maurier
Mark Haddon
Alexander McCall Smith

The Hound of the Baskervilles
The Woman In Black
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Selected Ghost Stories
Rebecca
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time
No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency

War

J.G. Ballard
Ian Serraillier
Anne Holm
Michael Morpurgo
James Riordan
Marcus Zusak
Anne Frank
Paul Gallico
Erich Remarque

Empire of the Sun
The Silver Sword
I Am David
War Horse
Sweet Clarinet
The Book Thief
The Diary of a Young Girl
The Snow Goose
All Quiet on the Western Front

Humour

Jerome K. Jerome
P.G. Wodehouse
Evelyn Waugh
Gerald Durrell
Roald Dahl

Three Men in a Boat
Carry on Jeeves
Decline and Fall
My Family and Other Animals
Boy