Springwood Yr7; for the love of reading...



Please find below a list of suggestions from many of our subjects on what you could read to improve your knowledge and understanding. If you find something better please tell Mr Scoles and I will update this page!

In **History** we recommend students read the Horrible History series of books as these provide a fun and factual insight into many of the time periods they will study at Springwood. Further reading of novels like War Horse by Michael Morpurgo or the stories of King Arthur by local author Kevin Crossley-Holland are well worth a read.

Geography recommends the Horrible Geography books as they are well written and popular with our current students, plus any travel guides you can find in local libraries.

Learning a **foreign language** presents its own challenges when producing a reading list, but students can still do a lot for themselves to improve; Duolingo is a free language learning app, a basic phrasebooks with CD and websites like <u>www.languagesonline.org.uk</u> and Linguascope (please ask your German teacher for a username and password) are very helpful. Students can also subscribe to Mary Glasgow MFL reading magazines (in French, German or Spanish), these are full of fun quizzes and articles. <u>www.maryglasgowplus.com/order_forms/1</u> Please look for the beginner magazines; Das Rad, Allons-y! or Que Tal?

Websites are also useful for practical subjects like **Food** <u>www.foodafactoflife.org</u> or **Design and Technology**, <u>www.technologystudent.com</u>.

Science recommend the Key Stage 3 revision guide that you can purchase from our school shop plus the following websites;

http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/topics/secondary.shtml#science http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse http://www.science-active.co.uk/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/

English as you would expect have a wide selection of titles that they have sent to all students via Show My Homework.

William Osborne	Hitler's Angels	Two German speaking British children are recruited in an attempt
		to expose a dark secret; Hitler will go to any lengths to keep the
		secret
Ally Kennan	Beast	Stephen is a boy with many secrets, and the beast is his biggest.
		Vicious look at teenage exclusion and isolation in modern Britain.
R J Palacio	Wonder	Dark, funny and touching story of a boy born with an unspecified
		facial deformity. Destined for classic status, it's that good.
Alan Garner	Elidor	Four children are magically transported to the land of Elidor
		where they are tasked with guarding the dying land's treasures.
Terry Pratchett	Nation	Wild comedy fantasy about the survivors of a tidal wave creating a
		new world for themselves. Startlingly original comedy from Terry
		Prachett.
Charlie Higson	The Enemy Series	The "sickness" turns all adults into zombie flesh-eating
		monsters. A group of children try to escape London in this
		amazing series.
Michael Dahl	The Smashing	An ancient curse is released across the countryside crushing
	Scroll	everything in its pathCan anybody stop the smashing scroll?
Chris Priestley	Mr Creecher	Reworking of the Frankenstein story, seen from the point
		of view of the creature who befriends a young boy.
Darren Shan	Cirque du Freak	Brilliant twelve book vampire series as 'Darren Shan' gets
	Series	bitten by a vampire spider and battles the undead.
Malorie Blackman	Stuff of	Frightening and scary novel which canters on the small,
	Nightmares	irrational fears which affect us all when we have had bad
		dreams.
Neil Gaiman	Coraline	Stunning novel about a warped alternative universe hidden
		behind a door. Very weird, warped, sinister and totally
		creepy.
Neil Gaiman	The Graveyard	Horror/fantasy take on the jungle book – a toddler whose
	Book	family is murdered is raised in the graveyard by the dead.
Jon Mayhew	Mortlock	Really creepy, Victorian set, horror novel. It has ghouls,
		zombies and a really twisted original story.
Cathy Macphail	Out of the Depths	Tyler has an unfortunate gift: the ability to see dead
		people. This causes problems when he sees dead teachers
		and new classmates!
Cliff McNish	Breathe – A Ghost	Ghosts of dead children lurk in an empty house waiting for
	Story	new normal children to play with
Maurice Gleitzman	Once Series	Captivating and moving story of two child friends growing
		up in Nazi occupied Poland and trying to escape the war.
F. Cotrell-Boyce	Millions	Britain is about to join the Euro. Two boys find themselves in
		possession of millions of pounds from a train robbery; what will
		they do with it before it becomes obsolete? Brilliant comedy

		thriller.
Philip Reeve	Mortal Engines	Blinding fantasy sequence where moving cities trawl the globe. Tom and Hester are thrown from "London" and battle to get back on board.