

Reading around the curriculum

Searching Silverlight, the library catalogue, for a particular topic, will produce a list including fiction, poetry etc on that topic – a great way for students to find something good to read on a theme and for staff to broaden pupils' reading experiences and add a different dimension to lessons.

Some ways in which staff might use these suggestions:

- read an extract to begin the topic and provoke interest
- 'wave and rave' one or two of the books to your pupils, urging them to the library to borrow a copy for themselves
- Include a suitable extract as part of the activities in a lesson
- Borrow one yourself, read it and then tell the students about it
- Never underestimate the power of leaving a copy lying around on your desk.

Art:

- BALLIET, Blue. Chasing Vermeer (compelling 'whodunnit' mystery revolving around the theft of a Vermeer painting)
- BALLIET, Blue. The Wright three (second in this art mystery series, this time dealing with a coded message left by Frank Lloyd Wright)
- BOYCE, Frank Cottrell. Framed (art treasures from the National Gallery stored in a Welsh slate mine village)
- BROWNE, Anthony. The shape game (Picture book.drawing/imagination; fun to play)
- BROWNE, Anthony. Willy's Pictures (famous artworks given Anthony Browne treatment)
- CHAMBERS, Aiden. Postcards from No man's land (on his journey of self discovery, Jacob finds echoes of himself in a Rembrandt painting)
- CHEVALIER, Tracy. Girl with a pearl earring (servant girls sits for Vermeer)
- HEARN, Julie. Ivy (sits for pre-Raphaelite painter)

Citizenship / PHSE:

- ASQUITH, Ros. I was a teenage worrier (teenage concerns)
- BELL, Julia. Massive (food obsession, diet, weight)
- BLACKER, Terence. The Angel Factory (paradise syndrome)
- BLACKMAN, Malorie. Noughts and crosses / Knife edge / checkmate / Double cross (racism)
- BOWLER, Tim River Boy (death)
- BRESLIN, Theresa. Divided City (football, prejudice, sectarianism)
- BURGESS, Melvin. Billy Elliot (peer pressure, stereotyping)
- BURGESS, Melvin. Junk (drugs – heroin)
- BURGESS, Melvin. Sara's Face
- CHOLDENKO, Gennifer. Al Capone does my shirts (autism)
- DOWNHAM, Jenny. Before I die (teenager with months to live)
- GIBBONS, Alan. Caught in the crossfire (racism)
- GIBBONS, Alan. The edge (domestic violence)
- HATHORN, Libby. Way home (homelessness)
- HORNBY, Nick. Slam (pregnancy)
- KELLEHER, Damian. Life, interrupted (death of a parent)

- KENNEN, Ally. Berserk (teenage boy writing to murderer on death row)
- LA FLEUR, Suzanne. Love, Aubrey. (young girl coming to terms with father and sister's death in an accident; moving novel yet Aubrey's courage makes it an uplifting read)
- LAIRD, Elizabeth. The Garbage King (homelessness in Ethiopia)
- LAIRD, Elizabeth. A little piece of ground (Palestinian conflict)
- LOTT, Tim. Fearless (dystopia)
- NICHOLLS, Sally. Ways to live forever (12 year old boy dying of leukaemia)
- PETERS, Andrew Fusek & PETERS, Polly. Poems with attitude (teenage themes and issues)
- PETERS, Andrew Fusek & PETERS, Polly. 'Plays with attitudes' series (teenage themes and issues)
- ROSEN, Micheal. Michael Rosen's Sad book (death of his son)
- SATRAPI, Marjane. Persepolis (autobiographical novel set in Iran during the Islamic Revolution)
- SWINDELLS, Robert. Ruby Tanya (racism)
- TAN, Shaun. The Arrival (beautiful wordless illustrated book about immigration)
- TAN, Shaun. The red tree (thought-provoking and beautifully illustrated book about depression)
- Valenzuela, Ali. Weighing it up (author's own account of her experience of anorexia)
- WESTERFIELD, Scott. Ugliers, Pretties, Specials, Extras (series which makes the reader think about the pursuit of beauty and fame)
- WILSON, Jacqueline. The suitcase kid (about the life of a young person shunted between parents)
- ZEVIN, Gabrielle. Elsewhere (moving yet at times funny story about life after death)

Design Technology:

- BENNETT, Sophia, Threads (Fashion and refugees)
- BRADBURY, Jason. Dot Robot (high tech action where gaming, mathematical and engineering skills are given the spotlight.
- CLAYTON, Emma. The Roar (sinister virtual reality game)
- COLFER, Eoin. Artemis Fowl (high tech gadgets and action)
- COLFER, Eoin. Airman (airships)
- CORMIER, Robert. The chocolate War (gangs, chocolate sold in school)
- DAHL, Roald. Charlie and the chocolate factory
- DAHL, Roald. Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes
- HUGHES, Ted. The iron man (classic story in which a metal munching iron man wreaks havoc)
- PULLMAN, Philip. Clockwork (chilling Grimm style fairytale)
- REEVE, Philip. Mortal Engines
- SHEARER, Alex. Tins (If you like urban myths, you'll love this black comedy)

Geography:

- ASHLEY, Bernard. Little Soldier (Africa)
- BERTAGNA, Julie. Exodus / Zenith (an imagined future where Britain is drowning as global warming reaches epic proportions)
- CROSS, Gillian. Calling a dead man (Russia)

- DIAMAND, Emily. Flood Child (flooded London)
- ELLIS, Deborah. The breadwinner / Parvana's Journey / Mud city (Afganistan under the Taliban)
- ELLIS, Deborah. Prison Runner (Bolivia and the drugs trade)
- FUNKE, Cornelia. The thief lord (Italy)
- GARDNER, Sally. The red necklace (French Revolution)
- GLASS, Linzi. Ruby Red (time of Apartheid South Africa)
- HEARN, Lian Across the Nightingale floor (Feudal Japan)
- HOSSEINI, Khaled, The kite runner and A Thousand Splendid suns (Afganistan)
- IBBOTSON, Eva. Journey to the River Sea (Amazon, Brazil)
- JENKINS, Martin. Jonathan Swift's Gulliver
- LAIRD, Elizabeth. The Garbage King (Ethiopia)
- MORPURGO, Michael. The wreck of the Zanzibar (Isles of Scilly)
- NAIDOO, Beverley. The other side of truth (South Africa)
- SEDGWICK, Marcus. Floodland (future version of Britain flooded and underwater)
- SEDGWICK, Marcus. Blood Red Snow White (Russian Revolution)
- SEDGWICK, Marcus. Revolver. (Arctic Circle)
- SEDGWICK, Marcus. My sword hand is singing (Vampires in Chust)

History:

Pre- history:

- REEVE, Philip. Here Lies Arthur (retelling of Arthurian legend)

Classical:

- GERAS, Adele. Troy
- LAWRENCE, Caroline. The thieves of Ostia (first in the 'Roman Mysteries' series)

Middle Ages:

- BRESLIN, Theresa. The Medici Seal (Italy at the time of the Renaissance)
- CROSSLEY-HOLLAND, Kevin. The Seeing stone / At the crossing Places / King of middle march (Arthur series)
- CROSSLEY- HOLLAND, Kevin. Gatty's Tale (set at the time of the Crusades)
- LAIRD, Elizabeth. Crusade
- ROSE, Malcolm. Kiss of Death (Black death)

17th Century:

- GARDNER, Sally. I, Coriander (Civil War London)
- HOOPER, Mary. Petals in the Ashes (Great Fire of London)
- HOOPER, Mary. At the sign of the sugared plum (Great Plague)
- HOOPER, Mary. Newes from the dead (young girls survives hanging)
- REES, Celia. Witch Child (young girl accused of Witchcraft)

18th Century:

- GARDNER, Sally. The Red necklace (French Revolution)
- GAVIN, Jamila Coram Boy
- HEARN, Julie. Follow me down (freak shows – Bartholomew Fair in London)

19th Century:

- BURNETT, Frances Hodgson. The secret garden.
- DICKENS, Charles. A Christmas Carol
- LAIRD, Elizabeth. Secrets of the fearless (Napoleonic Wars)
- MORGAN, Nicola. Fleshmarket (Edinburgh at the time of Burke and Hare)
- RIORDAN, James. Rebel Cargo (slavery)
- WILSON, Jacqueline. The Lottie Project (Victorian serving girl)

20th Century:

- DOWD, Siobhan. A Swift pure cry (alcoholism, Catholicism and pregnancy)
- DOWD, Siobhan. Bog Child (chaos and conflict in Ireland)
- FINE, Anne. The road of bones (Russian totalitarian state)
- HEARN, Julie. Hazel (Suffragettes)
- LINGARD, Joan Across the Barricades (Ireland – Protestant / Catholic troubles)
- LINGARD, Joan. Tell the moon to come out (Spanish Civil War)
- SEDGWICK, Marcus. Blood Red, Snow White (Russian Revolution)

World War 1:

- BARKER, Pat. Regeneration
- BRELIN, Theresa. Remembrance
- FAULKS, Sebastian. Birdsong
- FOREMAN, Michael. War Game
- MORPURGO, Michael. Private Peaceful
- MORPURGO, Michael. War Horse
- SEDGWICK, Marcus. The Foreshadowing

World War II:

- BOYNE, John. The Boy in the striped Pyjamas. (Concentration camps)
- CHAMBERS, Aiden. Postcards from No man's Land
- DOWSWELL, Paul, Auslander. (Polish boy sent to live with a Nazi family)
- ELLIOTT, Laura M. Under a War torn sky
- FOREMAN, Michael. War Boy.
- GLIETZMAN, Morris. Once (Holocaust)
- GLIETZMAN, Morris. Then (Holocaust)
- McKENZIE, Sophie. Time train to the Blitz (time slip quick read)
- MAGORIAN, Michelle. Goodnight Mr Tom
- MORPURGO, Michael. The amazing story of Adolphus Tips (D – Day)
- NEWBURY, Linda. Sisterland (Holocaust / Alzheimer's)
- PEET, Mal. Tamar (Dutch Resistance)
- PRATCHETT, Terry. Johnny and the dead.
- SERRAILLIER, Ian. The silver sword.
- SPIEGELMAN, Art. Maus I / Maus II (Sophisticated graphic novel about national Socialism and the Jewish people) POST 16 only.
- TOKSVIG, Sandra. Hitler's Canary (Danish resistance)
- ZUSAK, Markus. The Book thief (Life and death in Germany)

Exploration:

- McCAUGHREAN, Geraldine. The white darkness (Titas Oates / Antarctica)

ICT / Media:

- ANDERSON, M.T. Feed (future in which brains are wired directly into the internet)
- BLACKMAN, Malorie. Hacker
- BRADBURY, Jason. Dot Robot (high tech action with computer gaming, mathematical and engineering skills are given the spotlight)
- CLAYTON, Emma. The Roar (sinister virtual reality game)
- GIBBONS, Alan. The Shadow of the Minotaur (Computer games and virtual reality)

Maths:

- AGARD, John. Einstein, the girl who hated Maths (poetry on maths theme)
- BRADBURY, Jason. Dot Robot (high tech action with computer gaming, mathematical and engineering skills are given the spotlight)
- FOSTER, John (ed). Woed Whirls and other shape poems.
- HADDON, Mark. The curious incident of the dog in the night-time.
- KOLL, Hilary and MILLS Steve. Counting on Leroy (Quick Read)
- SCIESZKA, Jon & SMITH, Lane. Maths Curse (poetry)
- POSKITT, Kjartan. Murderous maths series.

MFL:

- GOSCINNY, Rene & UDERZO, Albert. Asterix series

Music:

- BOWLER, Tim. Starseeker
- CROSS, Cornelia. The thief lord
- GAVIN, Jamila. Coram Boy
- HORNBY, Nick. High Fidelity
- NICHOLSON, William. The wind singer (Wind on fire trilogy)
- RIORDAN, James. Sweet Clarinet. (second world war)

PE / Sport:

- AHLBERG, Allan. Friendly Matches (football poems)
- ARKSEY, Neil. Playing on the edge (future where world is dominated by football)
- CHILDS, Rob. Soccer Series
- DHAMI, Narinder. Bend it like Beckham
- FORDE, Catherine. Fat Boy Swim (swimming, obesity, bullying)
- FOSTER, John. Football fever (poems)
- FREEDMAN, John. The Kick off (and others in the Jamie Johnson series)
- GIBBONS, Alan. Julie and Me.... and Michael Owen makes three
- GOWAR, Mick. Sir Gawain and the rugby sevens (bitesize read on rugby theme)
- PALMER, Tom. Foul play / dead ball (detective series with football background)
- PEET, Mal. Keeper (football, South America)
- PEET, Mal. The Penalty (football, South America)

- PEET, Mal, Exposure (comment on celebrity and football)
- PIELICHATY, Helena. Girls FC (girls quick read football stories)
- RAI, Bali. Soccer Squad series

RE:

- ABDEL-FATTAH, Randa. Does my head look big in this?
- ABDEL-FATTAH, Randa. Ten things I hate about me
- ALMOND, David. Clay
- ATWOOD, Margaret. The handmaids tale
- BLACKMAN, Malorie. Noughts and crosses
- McCAUGHREAN, Geraldine. Not the end of the world (alternative Noah's ark story)
- NEWBERRY, Linda. The shell house (faith)
- PULLMAN, Philip. His Dark materials trilogy
- RAI, Bali. (Un)arranged Marriage
- SINGLETON, Sarah. The Amethyst child (communes and cults)
- SWINDELLS, Robert. Abomination (religious cults and intolerance)
- TAYLOR, G.P. Shadowmancer.
- ZEPHANIAH, Benjamin. Refugee Boy

Science:

- AGARD, John. Hello H2O (poetry on science theme)
- BARLOW, Steve and SKIDMORE, Steve. Vernon Bright and the magnetic banana (and others in the series, Science experiments always going wrong) [Now available to download as interactive e books for Ipod touch and iphones]
- BLACKMAN, Malorie. ANTIDOTE (ethics of animal testing)
- BROOKS, Kevin. Being (medicine)
- BOYCE, Frank Cottrell. Cosmic (space travel)
- HAWKING, Lucy & Stephen. George's Secret Key to the Universe (space & physics)
- LEWIS, Anne. The ship that fell like a star
- MORGAN, Nicola. Fleshmarket (history of medicine)
- McKENZIE, Sophie. Blood ties (Genetic engineering)
- ORME, David. Boffin Boy series (comic strip style for 8-14 year olds with reading age of 6-8)
- PATTERSON, James. Maximum Ride series (young people with extraordinary powers caused by genetic experimentation)
- PFEFFER, Susan. Life as we knew it (asteroid's imminent collision with the moon causes irrevocable changes to life; life becomes a struggle for survival)
- PFEFFER, Susan. The dead and the gone (story of survival and faith after global disaster strikes)
- PULLMAN, Philip. His dark materials trilogy (Physics)
- STEWART, Paul & RIDDELL, Chris. Stormchaser (second in fantasy adventure series involving questions of physics and environmental parallels)
- THOMPSON, Kate. The Alchemist's Apprentice (alchemy)
- UPDALE, Eleanor. Montmorency series (scientific experiments)
- WINTERSON, Jeanette. Tanglewreck (black holes, physics)