Years 7 & 8 Hall Grove Reading List September 2013

By Years 7 and 8 the children are being prepared for life at Senior School and beyond, and should be engaging more with the world around them; in particular that means being exposed to other points of view and other cultures. Consequently this reading list, in some small way, is an attempt to highlight particular authors and texts that will help them in that journey. This list is revised annually to take account of changing tastes amongst year groups and to include more recently published or discovered books.

The first section is a rough collection of recommendations in different genres – all books that I've particularly enjoyed. The remainder of the current list is based on what might be expected and suitable, and also on what Senior Schools suggest the children may have come across. I have tried to build in a sense of progression in subject matter and technical difficulties. Most of the list consists of fiction – some written for children, some for adults; as such, some of the topics and language are more mature in outlook and this needs to be taken into account when selecting books to read. The lists for younger children are also available on through the school web-site – www.hallgrove.co.uk – go to the Academic section, English, and there are links to all Reading Lists on the right of the page.

Whilst not all of these books are in the school library, many of them *are*; the children should make good use of our library (and other libraries) to look for new authors, to dip into books and to recommend books. If you find errors, feel that there are important omissions, or wish to simply comment on these, please let me know.

It is always worth looking in newspapers, magazines and web-sites for recommended new books. You may find www.lovereading4kids.co.uk (the children's section) useful websites – these have extracts from new books, discounts on books and regular email newsletters to keep you informed. Also recently published is 1001 Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up, edited by Julia Eccleshare – I've found this sending me back to books I loved as a child, and making new discoveries. It's part of the '1001' series, all interesting lists of recommendations for albums, films, books, buildings and so on.

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Daily and	Woobly	Publications
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The Guardian broadsheet, daily

The Telegraph broadsheet, daily, in school library

The Times broadsheet, daily

The Spectator magazine, weekly – very useful

commentary on the week in politics, sport, current affairs, culture, in school

library

The Economist New Scientist

Short Stories

Philip Pullman Grimm Tales (retelling, published in

paperback Sept. 2013)

Edgar Allan Poe Murders In The Rue Morgue, The Pit

Ray Bradbury and the Pendulum, many others
Fahrenheit 451, The Martian
Chronicles, many others

Isaac Asimov earlier stories (before 1975), especially

robot collections such as

I, Robot

The Rest of the Robots

Crime Fiction

Arthur Conan Doyle The Memoirs Of Sherlock Holmes,

A Study In Scarlet, The Hound of the

Baskervilles, and others

Agatha Christie The Murder of Roger Ackroyd,

The Mysterious Affair at Styles, and

others

Georges Simenon any Maigret books (all quite short -

French detective, clear, well-controlled)

Humorous Fiction

Douglas Adams The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy

and others

Tom Holt Expecting Someone Taller

and others

Jasper Fforde The Eyre Affair and others

Adventure / Historical Fiction

John Buchan The Bernard Cornwell Sharp

Ian Fleming
George Macdonald Fraser

The 39 Steps Sharpe novels any James Bond novels

Flashman novels

Year 7

Richard Adams Watership Down

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase Ioan Aiken

Little Women Louisa M Alcott Iain M Banks Feersum Endjinn Consider Phlebas

Out of Africa Karen Blixen

Music on the Bamboo Radio Martin Booth

Ray Bradbury The Illustrated Man

Something Wicked This Way Comes

Theresa Breslin Whispers in the Graveyard,

Remembrance

Melvyn Burgess Kite

John Christopher Tripods Trilogy D Clement-Davies Fire Bringer Artemis Fowl series Eoin Colfer The Dark is Rising series Susan Cooper

Helen Cresswell Beachcombers Gillian Cross Born of the Sun

Kevin Crossley-Holland Arthur – The Seeing Stone (4 in series)

Daniel Defoe Robinson Crusoe Oliver Twist Charles Dickens

A Christmas Carol (and other

Christmas stories) Hard Times Street Child

Berlie Doherty Deborah Ellis Breadwinner Hans Magnus Enzensberger Number Devil Anne Fine Madame Doubtfire Goggle Eyes

The Tulip Touch Trillions The Snow Goose

Paul Gallico Leon Garfield Smith Alan Garner Elidor

Nicholas Fisk

The Owl Service Alan Gibbons Shadow of the Minotaur

Lord of the Flies William Golding Kenneth Grahame The Wind in the Willows

Nigel Hinton Collision Course Anne Holm I am David

Nick Hornsby Fever Pitch

Anthony Horowitz Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series)

Eva Ibbotson Journey to the River Sea Redwall series Brian Jacques

Captain W E Johns The Camels Are Coming other Biggles stories

Judith Kerr When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit

Gary Kilworth Welkin Weasels series

Rudyard Kipling Jungle Book

Caroline Lawrence The Roman Mysteries series Ursula Le Guin The Wizard of Earthsea C S Lewis The Screwtape Letters

Penelope Lively Astercote

Jack London The Call of the Wild

White Fang

Hairs in the Palm of the Hand Jan Mark

Anthony Masters Shark Robert Muchamore Class A

Maximum Security

Beverley Naidoo Out of Bounds William Nicholson The Wind Singer

Robert O'Brien Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIMH Kenneth Oppel Silverwing George Orwell Animal Farm

Michelle Paver Wolf Brother and others in Chronicles of

Ancient Darkness series

Tamora Pierce Lioness series Terry Pratchett Wintersmith

> Discworld series in general - but 1st 2 books (The Colour of Magic, The Light

Fantastic) are the weakest Mortal Engines (series)

Phillip Reeve Philip Ridley Scribbleboy Louis Sachar Holes

Marcus Sedgwick My Swordhand is Singing

Ian Strachan Throwaways J R R Tolkien The Hobbit

Sue Townsend The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Mark Twain

The Tillerman Trilogy Cynthia Voigt Kurt Vonnegut The Sirens of Titan

David Walliams Gangsta Granny, The Boy In The

Dress and others

Robert Westall Machine Gunners

T H White The Sword in the Stone – part of

The Once and Future King

John Wyndham Chocky Benjamin Zephaniah Face

Non-fiction and Poetry

Hillaire Belloc Cautionary Verses Notes from a Small Island Bill Bryson

Notes from a Big Country A Short History of Nearly

Everything

Richard Dawkins The Magic of Reality

Carol Ann Duffy New and Collected Poems for

Children

Gerald Durrell My Family and Other Animals Anne Frank The Diary of Anne Frank

Terry Pratchett, Ian Stewart

& Jack Cohen Ian Stewart

The Science of Discworld series Professor Stewart's Cabinet of Mathematical Curiosities

Horrible Histories series Horrible Science series Murderous Maths series

Year 8

G K Chesterton

Chinua Achebe Things Fall Apart The Stolen Lake Ioan Aiken

The Trial of Ann Cotman Vivien Alcock Little Women

Louisa M Alcott Good Wives David Almond Kit's Wilderness

We Are All Guilty Kingsley Amis Pride and Prejudice Jane Austen Mansfield Park

R M Ballantvne The Coral Island Jean-Dominique Bauby The Diving-Bell and the Butterfly

Tim Bowler The River Boy

Charlotte Bronte Iane Evre Emily Bronte Wuthering Heights

Junk (very good, but not for the faint-hearted, Melvyn Burgess

details heroin addiction) Father Brown series

Arthur C. Clarke 2001 A Space Odyssey David Clement-Davies Fire Bringer The Chocolate War Robert Cormier

Bernard Cornwell Sharpe series Moondial Helen Cresswell Gillian Cross Wolf Roald Dahl Kiss Kiss

Daniel Defoe A Journal of the Plague Year

Moll Flanders Nicholas Nickleby Charles Dickens Great Expectations Berlie Doherty Granny was a Buffer Girl

Arthur Conan Doyle Adventures of Sherlock Holmes Alexander Dumas The Three Musketeers

Flour Babies

Anne Fine

C S Forester Hornblower series (historical fiction) George Macdonald Fraser Flashman series (historical fiction)

Sophie's World Jostein Gaarder Alan Gibbons Caught in the Crossfire Pincher Martin William Golding

Mark Haddon The Curious Incident of the Dog

in the Night Time Wessex Tales

It Shouldn't Happen To A Vet James Herriot Susan Hill I'm the King of the Castle

Lesley Howarth Weather Eye

A High Wind in Jamaica Richard Hughes Aldous Huxley Brave New World Brian Keanev Balloon House

Rudvard Kipling

Thomas Hardy

Elisabeth Laird Red Sky in the Morning Harper Lee To Kill a Mocking Bird Gaston Leroux Phantom of the Opera Doris Lessing The Grass is Singing

Aidan MacFarlane Diary of a Teenage Health Freak

Catherine MacPhail Missing Margaret Mahy The Tricksters Gerald McCaughrean A Pack of .Lies

Andy McNabb anv James Vance Marshall Walkabout Nancy Mitford The Pursuit of Love Robert O'Brien Z for Zachariah

George Orwell 1984

Alan Paton Cry, The Beloved Country

Mervyn Peake Gormenghast K M Peyton Flambards series Terry Pratchett Discworld series Philip Pullman Northern Lights series The Broken Bridge The Butterfly Tattoo

Erich Maria Remarque All Quiet on the Western Front

Chris Ryan Greed, and others

Revolver Marcus Sedgwick John Steinbeck The Grapes of Wrath

Of Mice and Men Robert Louis Stevenson The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Bram Stoker Dracula

Rosemary Sutcliffe The King Arthur Stories

Robert Swindells Dosh

Dylan Thomas The Collected Stories J R R Tolkien The Lord of the Rings Mark Twain The Prince and the Pauper

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Jules Verne Journey to the Centre of the Earth

Cvnthia Voigt Homecoming Kurt Vonnegut Slaughterhouse 5 Keith Waterhouse Billy Liar Evelyn Waugh Scoop

Decline & Fall

The Sword of Honour Trilogy

The Invisible Man H G Wells War of the Worlds Robert Westall Break of Dark P G Wodehouse anything

The Day of the Triffids John Wyndham

The Chrysalids

Non-fiction and Poetry

John Betjeman Collected Poems

William Blake Songs of Innocence and Experience

Bill Bryson Mother Tongue Winston Churchill My Early Life

Richard Dawkins The Greatest Show on Earth: The Evidence for

> Evolution The God Delusion

Carol Ann Duffy New Selected Poems

T S Eliot Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats John Gribbin In Search of Schrödinger's Cat Almost Everyone's Guide to Science Tony Hawks Round Ireland With A Fridge

Playing The Moldovans At Tennis Selected Poems Seamus Heaney

Selected Poems Ted Hughes Laurie Lee Cider with Rosie

Christopher Lloyd What On Earth Happened? The Complete

Story of the {Planet, Life & People from the B

Bang to the Present Day any - travel writing

Dervla Murphy Terry Pratchett, Ian Stewart

& Jack Cohen The Science of Discworld series

Ian Stewart Professor Stewart's Hoard of Mathematical

Treasures

Fermat's Last Theorem Simon Singh

The Code Book Big Bang!