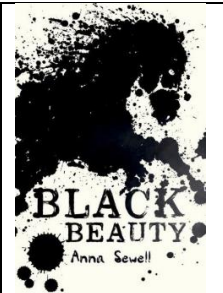
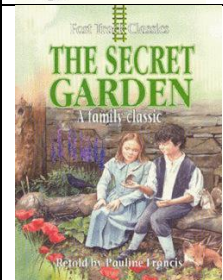
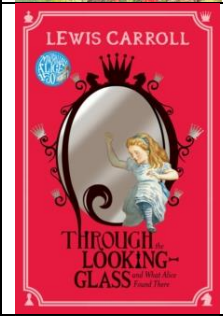



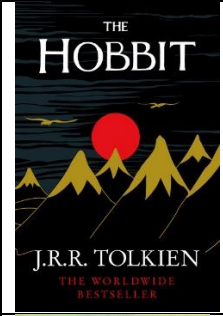
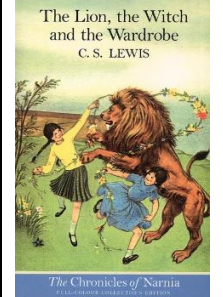
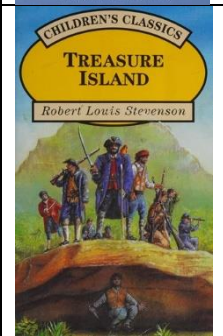
Year 7/8 Reading List

Top tips for choosing a book from the National Literacy Trust:

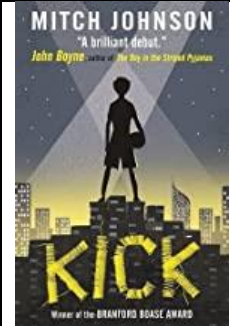
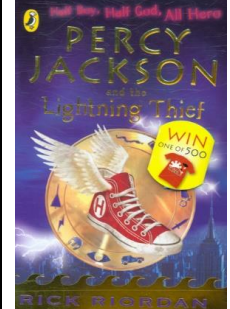

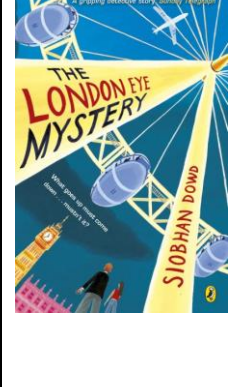
1. Look at the cover. Does it look interesting?
2. Read the blurb. Does it make you want to read the book?
3. Think about the genre (fantasy, comedy, adventure, real life). Have you enjoyed books from this genre before?
4. Try it out. Not every book might be for you but it's worth giving it a good go. If after 20 pages you are really not enjoying it, it might be a good idea to choose a new book.
5. Ask for help! Speak to a teacher, the librarian or a friend to get a good recommendation.

Well-loved stories that have been around for ages



	<p>Black Beauty Anna Sewell</p>	<p>Black Beauty is the story of a horse told from the horse's perspective. Set in Victorian England, this is a moving tale of the hardships of being an animal in a human world.</p>
	<p>The Secret Garden Frances Hodgson Burnett</p>	<p>After her parents die from cholera, Mary is sent from India to England to live with her uncle. She meets her sick cousin, Colin and a boy from the village, Dickon and together the three children discover a secret garden.</p>
	<p>Alice through the Looking-Glass Lewis Carroll</p>	<p>You've read or will read the first story of Alice in Year 7. Why not see what happens next?</p>
	<p>A Christmas Carol Charles Dickens</p>	<p>Ebenezer Scrooge is unimpressed by Christmas. He has no time for festivities or goodwill toward his fellow men and is only interested in money. Then, on the night of Christmas Eve, his life is changed by a series of ghostly visitations that show him some bitter truths about his choices. A Christmas Carol is Dickens' most influential book and a funny, clever and hugely enjoyable story.</p>

	<p>The Hobbit JRR Tolkien</p>	<p>The story of Bilbo Baggins' adventures in Middle-earth. Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely travelling further than the pantry of his hobbit-hole in Bag End. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard, Gandalf, and a company of thirteen dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an unexpected journey. One of the most beloved and influential books of the twentieth century.</p>
	<p>The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe CS Lewis</p>	<p>Lucy steps into the Professor's wardrobe, but steps out again into a snowy forest. She's stumbled upon the magical world of Narnia, a land of unicorns, centaurs, fauns, and the wicked White Witch, who terrorises all. Lucy soon realises that Narnia, and in particular Aslan, the great Lion, needs her help if the land's creatures are ever going to be free again.</p>
	<p>Treasure Island Robert Louis Stephenson</p>	<p>Treasure Island is a tale of pirates and villains, maps, treasure and shipwreck. When young Jim Hawkins finds a packet in Captain Flint's sea chest, he could not know that the map inside it would lead him to unimaginable treasure. Shipping as cabin boy on the Hispaniola, he sails with the sinister Long John Silver and a frightening crew to Treasure Island. There, mutiny, murder and mayhem lead to a thrilling climax.</p>

Do you want to go on an adventure or to a different world?

	<p>Kick</p> <p>Mitch Johnson</p> <p>(Adventure/crime)</p>	<p>Budi's plan is simple. He's going to be a star. Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life. A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.</p>
	<p>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief</p> <p>Rick Riordan</p> <p>(Fantasy)</p>	<p>This is the first bestselling book in Rick Riordan's phenomenally successful 'Percy Jackson' series. Percy never asked to be the son of a Greek God. He was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until he accidentally vaporises his maths teacher. That's when things start really going wrong. Now he spends his time fighting with swords, battling monsters with his friends, and generally trying to stay alive.</p>
	<p>Malamander</p> <p>Thomas Taylor</p> <p>(Mystery)</p>	<p>Set in Eerie-on-Sea, where mythical beasts walk the shores, this story is about Herbie Lemon, a 'Lost and Founder'. Herbie is tasked with finding the parents of a mysterious girl called Violet, who went missing while searching for a legendary sea-monster, the Malamander. Full of secrets, myths and magical touches.</p>
	<p>Seven ghosts</p> <p>Chris Priestley</p> <p>(Horror)</p> <p>(Easier to read format)</p>	<p>A spine-tingling horror about seven ghosts who haunt a stately home.</p>
	<p>The London Eye Mystery</p> <p>Siobhan Dowd</p> <p>(Mystery)</p>	<p>11.32am. Ted and his sister Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. The pod rises from the ground, high above the city. 12.02am. The pod lands and the doors open. Everyone exits - everyone but Salim. Has he spontaneously combusted? (Ted's theory.) Has he been kidnapped? (Aunt Gloria's theory.) Is he even still alive? (The family's unspoken fear.) Even the police are baffled - so it's up to Ted, whose brain runs on its own unique operating system, to solve this mystery and find Salim. Teaming up with Kat, Ted follows a trail of clues across London - while time ticks dangerously by...</p>

	<p>Foul Play Tom Palmer (Mystery/ sport)</p>	<p>Danny is obsessed with two things: football - especially City Football Club - and investigating crimes. So when England and City footballing hero Sam Roberts is reported missing the day after Danny saw him being taken, blindfolded, into the bowels of the City FC stadium late at night, he's determined to get to the bottom of it. But is Danny getting into something he can't handle? A football and detective novel in one.</p>
	<p>Northern Lights Philip Pullman (Fantasy) (Part one of 'His Dark Materials' trilogy)</p>	<p>The first novel in Philip Pullman's epic 'His Dark Materials' trilogy. When Lyra is given the strange and secret alethiometer, she begins an extraordinary journey that will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight. The destiny that awaits her will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world...</p>
	<p>The Screaming Staircase Jonathan Stroud (Adventure/thriller/ horror) (Book 1 of the Lockwood & Co series)</p>	<p>Ghosts and other paranormal beings have been terrorizing London at night-time for the past 50 years. When Lucy Carlyle joins Lockwood & Co, the only agency of ghost hunters in London run by children, she must survive a night at the most haunted house in England. Full of suspense (but with a little humour thrown in). Currently being adapted by Netflix.</p>
	<p>Young Samurai: The Way of the Warrior Chris Bradford (Adventure)</p>	<p>Jack Fletcher is shipwrecked off the coast of Japan - his beloved father and the crew lie slaughtered by ninja pirates. Rescued by the legendary sword master Masamoto Takeshi, Jack's only hope is to become a samurai warrior. And so his training begins. But life at the samurai school is a constant fight for survival. With courage in his heart and his sword held high, can Jack prove himself and face his deadliest rival yet?</p>
	<p>Destination Earth Ali Sparkes (Science Fiction)</p>	<p>Lucy is the only survivor from her planet. She's spent ten years on a spaceship travelling to Earth, learning to be human. But what Lucy doesn't realise, is that the killer alien that destroyed her planet has also travelled on her ship. Can Lucy act to stop the end of the human race? Full of excitement and suspense.</p>

	<p>Stormbreaker</p> <p>Anthony Horowitz</p> <p>(Adventure)</p> <p>(Book 1 of Alex Rider series)</p>	<p>When his guardian dies in suspicious circumstances, 14 year old Alex Rider's world is turned upside down. Recruited into MI6 and armed with secret gadgets he sets off on his first mission. But Alex soon finds himself in danger... could his first mission be his last?</p>
	<p>The Crooked Sixpence</p> <p>Jennifer Bell</p> <p>(Fantasy)</p> <p>(Vol 1 of The Uncommoners Trilogy)</p>	<p>One of Miss Towner's favourites! Set in the magical world of Lundinor, where ordinary objects have <i>uncommon</i> powers. Ivy and Seb Sparrow find their grandmother's house has been ransacked by unknown intruders – before a mysterious feather scratches an ominous message onto the kitchen wall. A very strange policeman turns up on the scene, determined to apprehend them... with a toilet brush. Ivy and Seb make their escape – only to find themselves in a completely uncommon world. The forces of evil are closing in fast, and Ivy and Seb must get to the bottom of a family secret . . . before it's too late.</p>

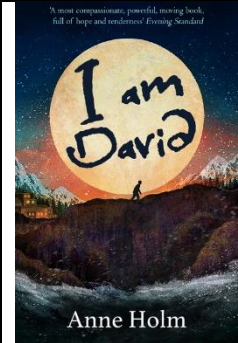
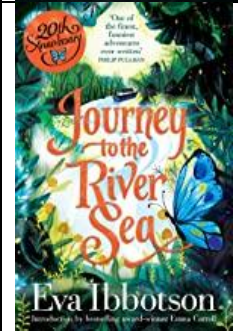
Do you like stories about real life?

	<p>When Stars are Scattered</p> <p>Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed</p> <p>(Graphic novel)</p>	<p>Omar and his brother Hassan, two Somali boys, have spent a long time in the Dadaab refugee camp. The hunger is constant. But there's football to look forward to, and now there's a chance Omar will get to go to school. This book perfectly depicts life in a refugee camp.</p>
	<p>When Life Gives You Mangoes</p> <p>Kereen Getten</p>	<p>Set on a small Caribbean island, this is a story of Clara, and her journey to recover her lost memories from last summer following a hurricane. A heart-warming book but with suspense and a brilliant twist! This novel is inspired by the author's childhood memories.</p>
	<p>Wink</p> <p>Rob Harrell</p>	<p>The story of Ross, who just wants to be 'normal' after being diagnosed with a rare cancer. Based on Rob Harrell's own real life experience with eye cancer, and including amazing comic-strip artwork, this poignant and authentic novel is unforgettable, hilarious and uplifting.</p>
	<p>A Dangerous Game</p> <p>Malorie Blackman</p> <p>(Easier to read format)</p>	<p>Sam has a long-term illness but is desperate for an adventure and a chance to prove that he can be just as strong as his friends. An exciting school trip goes horribly wrong in this thrilling book from master storyteller Malorie Blackman.</p>
	<p>The Boy at the Back of the Class</p> <p>Onjali Q Rauf</p>	<p>Told with heart and humour, The Boy at the Back of the Class is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.</p>

	<p>Wonder</p> <p>RJ Palacio</p>	<p>Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all? Wonder is a funny, frank and astonishingly moving book.</p>
	<p>Can You See Me?</p> <p>Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott</p>	<p>A powerful story of autism, empathy and kindness. With diary entries written by 11-year-old Libby Scott based on her own experience of autism.</p>
	<p>Artichoke Hearts</p> <p>Sita Brahmachari</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Mira comes from a chaotic, artistic and outspoken family where it's not always easy to be heard. As her beloved Nana Josie's health declines, Mira begins to discover the secrets of those around her, and also starts to keep some of her own. She is drawn to mysterious Jide, a boy who is clearly hiding a troubled past and has grown hardened layers - like those of an artichoke - around his heart. As Mira is experiencing grief for the first time, she is also discovering the wondrous and often mystical world around her.</p>

Do you like stories set in the past?

	<p>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</p> <p>John Boyne</p>	<p>Nine-year-old Bruno has been moved from a comfortable home in Berlin to a house in a desolate area where there is nothing to do and no one to play with. Until he meets Shmuel, a boy who lives a very different life to him, on the other side of a wire fence and who, like the other people there, wears a uniform of striped pyjamas. A hugely impactful book.</p>
	<p>Goodnight Mister Tom</p> <p>Michelle Magorian</p>	<p>Miss Swinnerton's favourite! Young Willie Beech is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of WW2. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London...This title is winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Award.</p>
	<p>When the Sky Falls</p> <p>Phil Earle</p>	<p>1941. War is raging. And one angry boy has been sent to the city, where bombers rule the skies. There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. As the weeks pass, bonds deepen and secrets are revealed, but if the bombers set Adonis rampaging free, will either of them be able to end the life of the one thing they truly love? Based on a true story.</p>
	<p>Sky Chasers</p> <p>Emma Carroll</p>	<p>Orphan Magpie witnesses a strange spectacle above the streets of Paris: a boy suspended in the air. It ends in disaster - even so, Magpie is enthralled by the idea of flying. But others, too, are determined to discover Montgolfier's secrets ...</p>
	<p>The Umbrella Mouse</p> <p>Anna Fargher</p>	<p>Young mouse Pip Hanway's home, an umbrella shop, is destroyed by a bomb. This is the story of her fight to survive WWII and save her friends in an incredible journey of bravery, hope and friendship.</p>

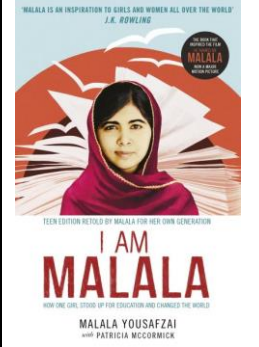
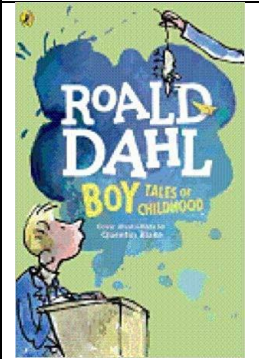
	<p>I am David Anne Holm</p>	<p>David escapes from the concentration camp where he has spent his entire life and flees across Europe. He is utterly alone - who can he trust? What will await him? And all the while, how can he be sure that they won't catch up with him? An incredible story of self-discovery and survival against all odds.</p>
	<p>Journey to the River Sea Eva Ibbotson</p>	<p>Maia, a 13-year-old orphan, travels from England to colourful and exotic Brazil accompanied by a mysterious governess.</p>

Are you a football fan?

	<p>Booked Kwame Alexander</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Nick is the star of his football team. But when a bombshell announcement shatters his world, Nick will need all his courage on and off the pitch.</p>
	<p>Ronaldo Matt and Tom Oldfield</p>	<p>From the Ultimate Football Hero series. Find out about how a gifted boy became a legendary football player.</p>
	<p>The Kick Off Dan Freedman</p>	<p>Has Jamie got what it takes to become a star player-even when the pressure's on?</p>
	<p>Dream On Bali Rai (Easier to read format)</p>	<p>Mandip is football mad. His dream is to be a professional footballer - but his father has other ideas. Will Mandip ever bring him round?</p>

Do you like true stories?

	<p>A Different Sort of Normal</p> <p>Abigail Balfe</p>	<p>This is the story of one girl's journey of growing up autistic. Told through the author's remarkable words, and just as remarkable illustrations, this is the book for those who've never felt quite right in the 'normal' world.</p>
	<p>Positively Teenage</p> <p>Nicola Morgan</p>	<p>A positively guide to teenage well-being. Full of strategies to help develop a positive attitude and resilience as well as tips for helping you flourish physically and mentally.</p>
	<p>The Diary of a Young Girl</p> <p>Anne Frank</p>	<p>Anne Frank kept a diary from 1942 to 1944. Initially she wrote it strictly for herself but later decided that when the war was over, she would publish a book based on her diary. Anne's diary ends abruptly when she and her family were betrayed. Since its publication in 1947, 'The Diary of a Young Girl' has been read by tens of millions of people.</p>
	<p>Dead Good Storytellers</p> <p>Adam and Lisa Murphy</p>	<p>Part of the Corpse Talk series, this book contains 'interviews' with famous dead storytellers including William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.</p>
	<p>Survival in Space</p> <p>David Long</p> <p>(Easier to read format)</p>	<p>A fact-filled and captivating recounting of Apollo 13's nail-biting mission to the moon and the disaster that derailed it, from Blue Peter Book Award winner David Long.</p>

	<p>I am Malala Malala Yousafzai</p>	<p>This book tells the remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world - and did.</p>
	<p>Boy Roald Dahl</p>	<p>The autobiography of author Roald Dahl. This book covers Dahl's childhood from his early childhood to leaving school.</p>