Recommended reading list

The expectation of the new English curriculum is that pupils should be able to speak and write fluently and improve their communication skills through reading and listening. These are some of the recommended books from Deer Park’s English Faculty. We have tried to include a wide range of both classic and modern fiction and some suggestions from the Maths Faculty.

If you would like more recommendations or a particular style or genre, please ask your English teacher!

1. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time - Mark Haddon
2. Harry Potter series - J.K. Rowling
3. How I Live Now - Meg Rosoff
4. I am David - Anne Holm
5. Maggot Moon - Sally Gardner
6. Stone Cold - Robert Swindells
7. Refugee Boy - Benjamin Zephaniah
8. The Tulip Touch - Anne Fine
9. Gamer - Chris Bradford
10. The Amber Spyglass - Philip Pullman
11. Alice in Wonderland - Lewis Carroll
12. The Invention of Wings - Sue Monk Kidd
13. Never Let Me Go - Kazuo Ishiguro
14. Silverfin - Charlie Higson
15. The Alex Rider series - Anthony Horowitz
16. The Outsiders - S.E Hinton
17. The Coral Island - R.M Ballantyne
18. Coram Boy - Jamila Gavin
19. The Day of the Triffids - John Wyndham
20. Flambards - K.M Peyton
21. Goggle Eyes - Anne Fine
22. Small Steps - Louis Sachar
23. Holes - Louis Sachar
24. Journey to the River Sea - Eva Ibbotson
25. Wolf Brother from the Chronicles of Ancient Darkness - Michelle Paver
26. Dragon Rider - Cornelia Funke
27. Vampire Blood Trilogy - Darren Shan
28. The Scarecrows - Robert Westall
29. Shadow of the Minotaur - Alan Gibbons
30. Hatchet - Gary Paulsen
31. (Un)Arranged Marriage - Bali Rai
32. Gatty’s Tale - Kevin Crossley Holland
33. At the Sign of the Sugared Plum - Mary Hooper
34. Apache: Girl Warrior - Tanya Landman
35. A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket
36. The Jungle Book - Rudyard Kipling
37. Black Beauty - Anna Sewell
38. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn - Mark Twain
39. The Chronicles of Narnia Charles - C.S. Lewis
40. Treasure Island - R. L. Stevenson
41. Little Women - Louisa May Alcott
42. Lord of the Rings - J. R. R. Tolkein
43. Watership Down - Richard Adams
44. Goodnight Mr Tom - Michelle Magorian
45. 50 Mathematical Ideas You Really Need To Know - Tony Crilly
46. How long is a piece of string? - Rob Eastaway and Jeremy Wyndham
47. How many socks make a pair? - Rob Eastaway
48. The secret lives of numbers - Michael Millar