



Book Lists for your classroom

**A collection of curriculum-based
book recommendations**

Key areas: 1.2.5, 1.5.1, 2.2.2

Level: Core

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This document features a specially curated collection of Book Lists across a number of curricular areas, linking with the Reading Schools framework.

It's a great resource for recommending books to interested pupils, or for staff looking for a text to build on as a cross-curricular project.

In this collection you will find the following lists:

Book List for your Art Classroom

Book List for your Computing Classroom

Book List for your Geography Classroom

Book List for your History Classroom

Book List for your Maths Classroom

Book List for your Modern Studies Classroom

Book List for your Music Classroom

Book List for your P.E. Classroom

Book List for your Science Classroom

Book List for your Art Classroom

The Bigger Picture: Women who Changed the Art World by Sophia Bennett and Manjit Thapp

Illustrated non-fiction book about female artists and their work

Clementine & Rudy by Siobhan Curham

A story of friendship and street art

The Arrival by Shaun Tan

Beautifully illustrated wordless picture book

The Story of Art by E.H. Gombrich

A significant art history text

The Dark Matter of Mona Starr by Laura Lee Gulledge

Graphic novel about art and mental health

Photographic: The Life of Graciela Hurbide by Isabel Quintero and Zeke Pena

A biography in graphic novel style about a photographer

The Master Guide to Drawing Anime: Tips & Tricks by Christopher Hart

Part of a series for budding anime artists

Art Matters by Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell

A creative call to arms

North Child by Edith Pattou

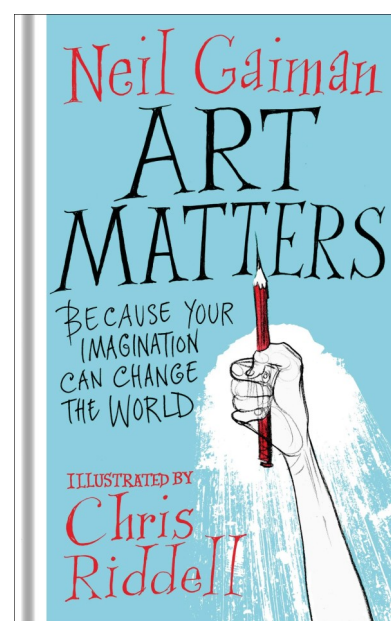
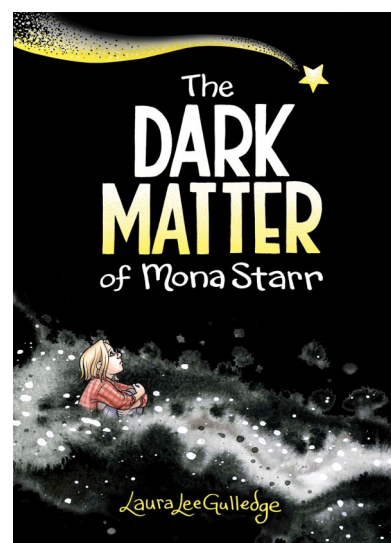
Weaving and textiles play an important role in this fantasy novel

Starfish by Akemi Dawn Bowman

A teenager explores art schools as she learns more about herself

642 Things to Draw

Simple prompts to spark the imagination



Book List for your Computing Science Classroom

Python Crash Course by Eric Matthes

A beginner's guide to programming with projects to try

Humble Pi by Matt Parker

A humorous look at the maths involved in computers and the world around us

In Real Life by Cory Doctorow and Jen Wang

Graphic novel asking if online games are free from ethics

Feed by M.T. Anderson

Dystopian world where the internet is inside your brain

Girls who Code by Reshma Saujani

Non-fiction introduction to coding

Runaway Robot by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Funny story inspired by a real robot

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

Teen spy investigates suspicious new computers

Steve Jobs: The Man who Thought Different by Karen Blumenthal

Biography about the co-founder of Apple

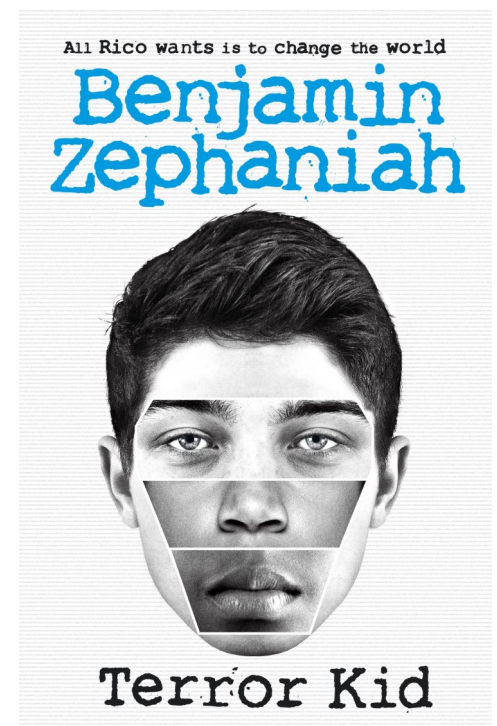
Terror Kid by Benjamin Zephaniah

Cyber protest goes wrong

Minecraft Guide to: Creative by Mojang AB

Hone your virtual building skills

In the Key of Code by Aimee Lucido



Book List for your Geography Classroom

Into the White by Joanna Grochowicz

Antarctic Expedition

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Amazon Rainforest

Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne

Classic Round the World Adventure

Exodus by Julie Bertagna

Futuristic Natural Disaster in UK

First Light by Rebecca Stead

Sci-fi Expedition to Greenland

Contagion by Teri Terry

Sci-fi Epidemic in UK

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

Amazon Rainforest

The Encyclopedia of Early Earth by Isabel Greenberg

Journey from North to South Pole. Graphic Novel

**Lyla: Through My Eyes – Natural Disaster Zones by
Fleur Beale**

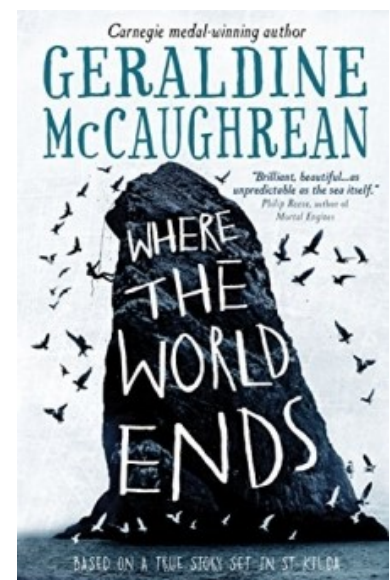
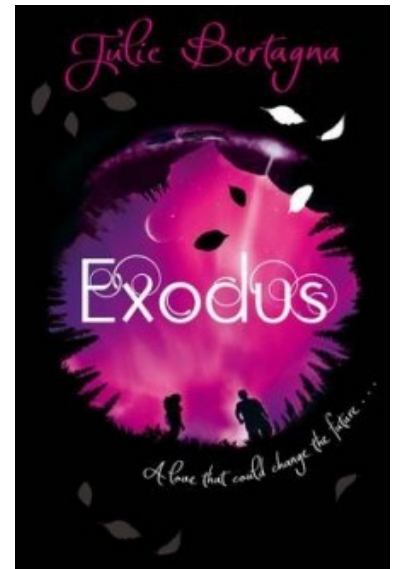
Christchurch Earthquake

Where the World Ends by Geraldine McCaughrean

St Kilda

City of the Beasts by Isabel Allende

Amazon Rainforest



Book List for your History Classroom

***Silver Skin* by Joan Lennon**

Stone Age Scotland

***Passing for White* by Tanya Landman**

American slavery. Dyslexia-friendly

***Until We Win* by Linda Newbery**

Suffragettes. Dyslexia-friendly

***Line of Fire* by Barroux**

WWI. Illustrated

***Remembrance* by Theresa Breslin**

WWI Scotland

***Showa 1926-1939 (A History of Japan)* by Shigeru Mizuki**

Japan pre-WWII. Graphic Novel

***The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak**

WWII and the Holocaust

***Maus* by Art Spiegelman**

WWII. Graphic Novel

***Firebird* by Elizabeth Wein**

WWII and Russian Revolution. Dyslexia-friendly

***Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Septys**

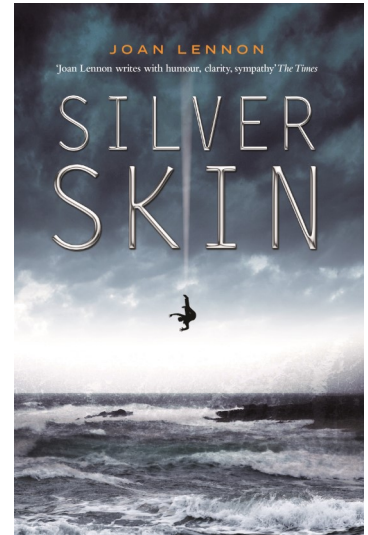
Soviet Russia

***March (Book One)* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin & Nate Powell**

US Civil Rights Movement. Graphic Novel

***Corpse Talk* by Adam Murphy**

Various historical figures and periods. Graphic Novel



Book List for your Maths Classroom

Hidden Figures (Young Readers' Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly

True story of women's mathematical contribution to the Space Race

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon

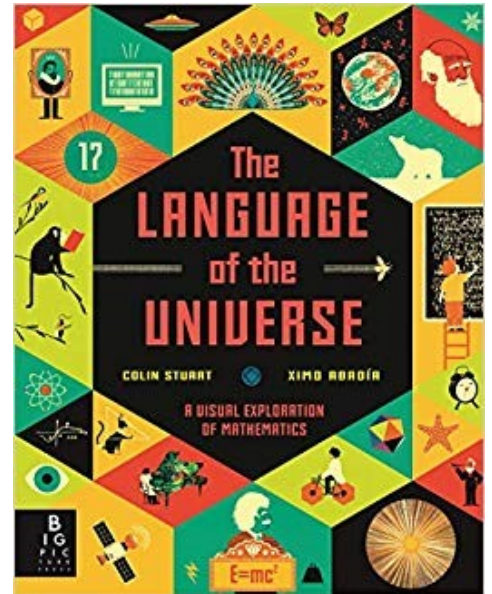
Maths-loving protagonist tries to solve a mystery

An Abundance of Katherines by John Green

Can romance be explained by an equation?

The Language of the Universe: A Visual Exploration of Maths by Colin Stuart and Ximo Abadía

Illustrated non-fiction covering key concepts



Unusual Chickens For The Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones

Comedy, chickens and some economics too

The Dot and the Line by Norton Juster

Illustrated mathematical love story

White Rabbit, Red Wolf by Tom Pollock

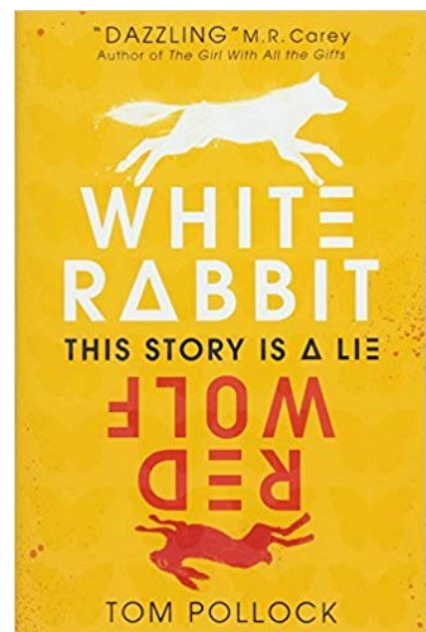
Spy adventure story with mathematically gifted protagonist

The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure by Hans Magnus Enzensberger and Michael Henry Heim

Mathematical concepts explored within dreams

Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions by Edwin A Abbott

Mathematical satire



Book List for your Modern Studies Classroom

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick

Terrorism, Education, Rights & Responsibilities

Terror Kid by Benjamin Zephaniah

Terrorism, Types & Causes of Crime

Moonrise by Sarah Crossan

Types & Causes of Crime, US Justice System

Alpha: Abidjan-Gare du Nord by Bessora; illustrated by Barroux, translated by Sarah Ardizzone

Refugees, Racism & Prejudice. Graphic Novel

The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon

Human Rights, Refugees, Australia

Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird

Refugees, Syrian War

The Arrival by Shaun Tan

Refugees, Racism & Prejudice. Graphic Novel, Wordless

The Island at the End of Everywhere by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

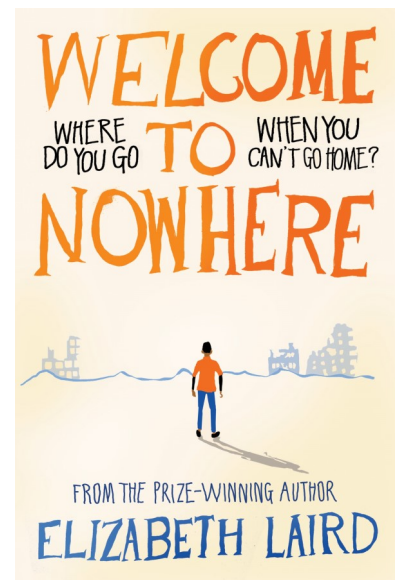
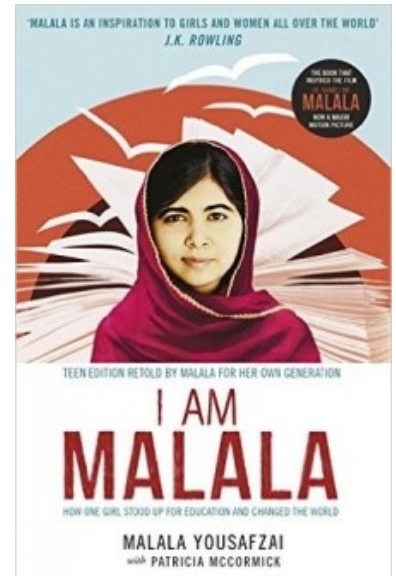
Rights & Responsibilities, Racism & Prejudice

We See Everything by William Sutcliffe

Rights & Responsibilities

In Real Life by Cory Doctrow & Jen Wang

Rights and responsibilities, child labour. Graphic Novel



Book List for your Music Classroom

Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell

Two teenagers bonding over mixtapes in the 1980s

Music Legends: 40 Inspiring Icons by Hervé Guilleminot and Jérôme Masi

Non-fiction, 1960s-present day

Indigo Donut by Patrice Lawrence

Romance and mystery featuring music fans

Rock War by Robert Muchamore

Battle of the bands

Ariana: The Biography by Danny White

Unofficial biography of pop star

Don't Stop Thinking about Tomorrow by Siobhan Curham

Vinyl collection helps character navigate her mum's depression

A Song for Ella Grey by David Almond

Modern retelling of the Orpheus legend

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

Daughter of a hip hop star trying to make it as a rapper

Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad

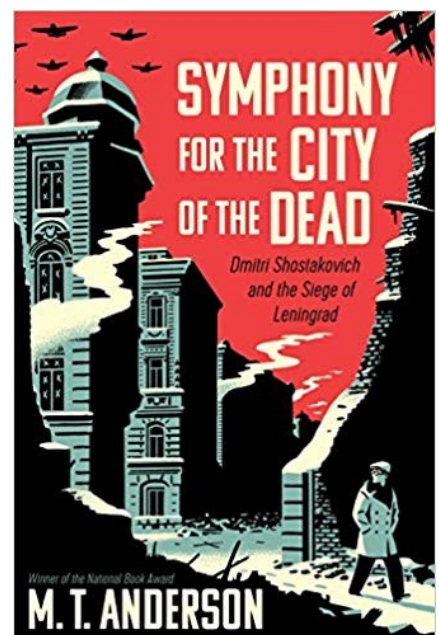
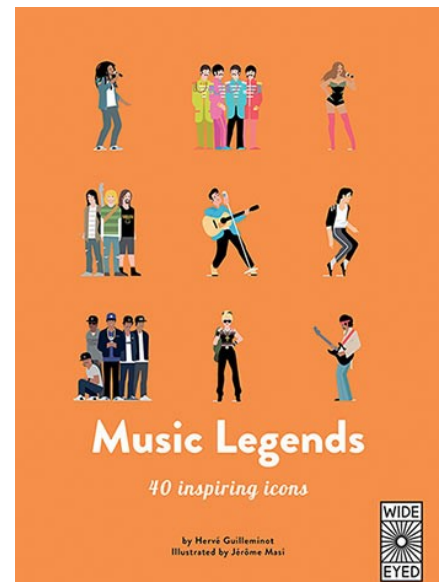
Based on a true story of classical music in the midst of war

Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Fantasy quest woven around an enchanted harmonica

Summer Bird Blue by Akemi Dawn Bowman

Character uses song-writing to cope with grief



Book List for your P.E. Classroom

Running on Empty by S.E. Durrant

Aspiring Olympic runner

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Verse novel following twins who love basketball

The Keeper by Mal Peet

Sports journalism and the greatest goalkeeper

Women in Sport: 50 Fearless Athletes who Played to Win by Rachel Ignatofsky

Non-fiction book covering a range of female athletes

Fat Boy Swim by Catherine Forde

Teenage boy discovers swimming and family secrets

Fantastic Footballers: 40 Inspiring Icons by Jean-Michel Billioud and Almasty

Non-fiction for football fans

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

Group of teenagers run to survive and escape

Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina by Michaela DePrince & Elaine DePrince

Memoir of a girl's journey to become a ballerina against all odds

Whiteout by Gabrielle Dylan

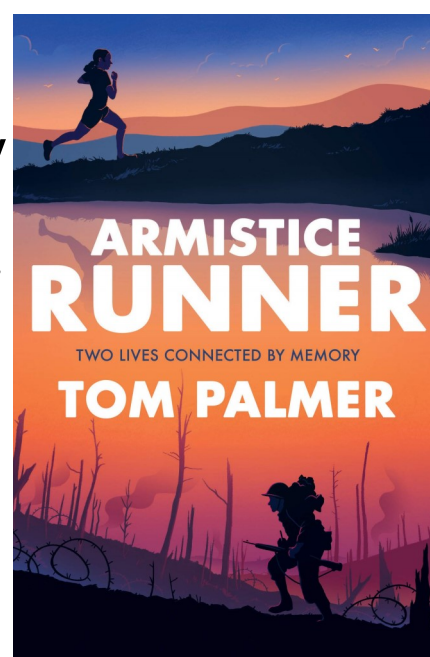
Horror strikes on a school ski trip

Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer

Story about fell-running and family relationships

Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen

Learning to ride a bike during a special summer



Book List for your Science Classroom

**The Mighty Women of Science by Clare Forrest,
Fiona Gordon & Kate Livingston**

Comic book style non-fiction text

Zom-B by Darren Shan

Zombie science—[also featured on Authors Live](#)

**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William
Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer**

Inspiring true story of a journey towards renewable energy

The Loneliest Girl in the Universe by Lauren James

Thrilling story of space exploration

Sky Dancer by Gill Lewis

Characters caught up in conflict to protect hen harriers

The Carbon Diaries 2015 by Saci Lloyd

Drastic plan to save the world from climate change

**Corpse Talk: Ground-breaking Scientists by Adam
Murphy & Lisa Murphy**

Read interviews with dead scientists in this graphic novel

Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld

Biology vs technology—which will triumph?

The Secret Life of the Periodic Table by Dr Ben Still

Puts chemical elements in context

How to Bee by Bren MacDibble

Imagine a world without bees

