## **Year 7 Literacy**

### **Recommended Reads Top Picks:**

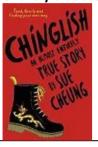
Red Leaves  Brainnachari  Red  Leaves	Aisha is a thirteen-year-old refugee living in London. Happy for the first time since leaving her war-torn home, she is devastated when her foster mother announces that a new family has been found for her and she will be moving on. Feeling rejected and abandoned, Aisha packs her bags and runs away, seeking shelter in the nearby woods.
Skulduggery Pleasant  DEREK LANDY  Skulduggery  Pleasant  THE DEAN FAMOUS BESTSELLER	Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary (in the name of the greater good, of course).  Oh yeah. And dead.  Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie. She's well, she's a twelve-year-old girl. With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out
Magnus Chase and the sword of Summer  MAGNUS CHASE SWORD OF SUMMER	A fire giant attacking the city? Immortal warriors hacking each other to pieces? Unkillable wolves with glowing eyes? It's all coming up.
The colour of the sun COLOUR SUN David Almond	Beautiful, dream-like story about a boy, a crime, a feud, and growing up in a small town.
A Monster Calls  A MONSTER CALLS  PATRICK NESS	Haunted by a monster in his dreams, denied much information by his family and treated as a weirdo by his class mates and a 'special case' by his teachers, Conor struggles to get to grips with the devastating emotions which threaten to overwhelm him



# After Tomorrow AFTER TUNDRROW \*\*\* STANLING STORM OF THE STANLING

Matt's world is collapsing. Following 'Armageddon' Monday, when the five big banks crashed, armed robbers are roaming the streets, money has become worthless, and people are going hungry.

# Chinglish An almost entirely true story



It is difficult trying to talk in our family cos: a) Grandparents don't speak English at all b) Mum hardly speaks any English c) Me, Bonny and Simon hardly speak Chinese d) Dad speaks Chinese and good English - but doesn't like talking In other words, we all have to cobble together tiny bits of English and Chinese into a rubbish new language I call 'Chinglish'. It is very awkward.

#### **Recommended Reads By Genre:**

#### Historical

**Bone Talk-** Candy Gourlay (This immersive coming-of-age epic is set in the late nineteenth century, when an age-old Filipino culture first encounters the brutal warmongering of white men.)

Under a Dancing Star – Laura Wood (1930s. Inspired by Much Ado)

**The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas-** John Boyne (Set during the Holocaust – the story of an unlikely friendship between two boys)

**Armistice Runner** – Tom Palmer (Tom Palmer celebrates the unsung athletic heroes of the Armistice in a powerful intergenerational tale of the fell-running messengers on the front-line of war.) DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY

#### Fantasy/Magical

The Thirteen Treasures – Michelle Harrison (unsolved mystery – faeries)

**The Dollmaker of Krakow** – RM Romero (An enchantingly heartrending conjuration that weaves folklore magic with the darkness of Nazi-occupied Poland)

**Face Like Glass-** Frances Hardinge (An endlessly inventive adventure through the twisting tunnels of a subterranean city that's sent reeling by the arrival of a girl like no other.)

#### **Horror**

Cirque Du Freak – Darren Shan (Freak show. Vampires. Massive spider)

**Stuff of Nightmares** – Malorie Blackman (Kyle has always been afraid of things, especially dying. But when he gets on the train that is taking him and his class on a school trip, he has no idea how close to Death he is going to come)

**Scared to Death** Anthony Horowitz (This chilling collection of ten nightmarish and fiendishly funny short stories is a perfect read for fearless children.)



#### **Non-Fiction**

**Speak Up!** Lara Croyton (Laura explores how to make sure your voice is heard as well as what happens when your voice is challenged by others.)

**Glimmer of Hope – How Tragedy sparked a movement** (Thought provoking collection of essays from the teens who sparked the anti-gun movement in the US.)

**Survivors-** David Long / Kerry Hyndman (In a nutshell: jaw-dropping true stories; survival against the odds. Proof that true stories can be every bit as remarkable as the most fantastic fiction)

#### **Adventure**

Alex Rider Series – Anthony Horowitz (Teenage spy adventures)

**The Haven** – Simon Lelic (This high-octane, high-stakes London-set thriller is about kids who get caught up in gang culture as a result of being forgotten by government and overlooked by adults)

**The Wheel of Surya** –Jamila Gavin (A powerful story of culture, class, family and faith set against the backdrop of Indian independence and the Partition of India and Pakistan.)

**Contagion**-Teri Terry (*URGENT!* An epidemic is sweeping the country. You are among the infected. There is no cure; and you cannot be permitted to infect others. You are now under quarantine..)

#### **Graphic Novels**

**Lumberjanes**- Noelle Stevenson Grace Ellis Shannon Watters Kat Leyh (The story follows a group of girls and Jo spending summer at a scout camp, and the strange creatures and supernatural phenomena they encounter there.)

**Amulet** – Kazu Kibuishi (follows the adventures of Emily, a young girl who discovers a magical amulet in her great-grandfather's house.)

**John Blake** – Philip Pullman (Far out at sea, and hidden by the fog of time, sails the Mary Alice and her crew - searching for a way home. But the mysterious ship is being hunted by a villain who will go to ANY lengths to track her down)

#### Realistic

Rayne and Delilah's Midnite Matinee – Jeff Zentner (About to graduate from high school, best friends Josie and Delia host a humorous horror movie show on public access TV)

**True Sisters** – Keren David (Frizzy-haired Ruby is thoughtful and funny, but even she struggles a little when her mum takes in a new foster child, such as quiet, distrustful Clara who reminds Ruby of a "housemaid from Downton Abbey".) DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY

#### Classics

Alice's adventures in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll (Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll is a story about Alice who falls down a rabbit hole and lands into a fantasy world that is full of weird, wonderful people and animals.)

**Treasure Island** – Robert Louis Stevenson (Set in the eighteenth century, Treasure Island spins the tale of Jim Hawkins aboard the Hispaniola as he journeys across the Spanish Main in search for buried treasure on an exotic isle)

**Watership Down**- Richard Adams (Watership Down is the tale of a group of rabbits in search of a home. Fiver, a small, young rabbit, has a gift: He can tell when things are going to happen and he can sense whether they will be good or bad.)

