



Autumn Term Reading List: Year 7

This term, Year 7 will be studying the theme of 'Heroes and Villains'. You will find a list of recommended books that you can choose from to read alongside this unit at home.

Stormbreaker (& sequels) by A. Horowitz: *They told him his uncle died in an accident. He wasn't wearing his seatbelt, they said. But when fourteen-year-old Alex finds his uncle's windshield riddled with bullet holes, he knows it was no accident. What he doesn't know yet is that his uncle was killed while on a top-secret mission.*

Oh my Gods! By Alexandra Sheppard: *Life as a half-mortal teenager should be epic. But, for Helen Thomas, it's tragic. She's just moved in with her dorky dad and self-absorbed older siblings - who happen to be the ancient Greek gods, living incognito in London! Between keeping her family's true identities secret, trying to impress her new friends, and meeting an actually cute boy, Helen's stress levels are higher than Mount Olympus. She needs to rein in her chaotic family before they blow their cover AND her chances at a half-normal social life. Or is Helen fated for an embarrassment of mythical proportions?*

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf: *There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help. That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan.*

The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave: *Amihan lives on Culion Island, where some of the inhabitants - including her mother - have leprosy. Ami loves her home - with its blue seas and lush forests, Culion is all she has ever known. But the arrival of malicious government official Mr Zamora changes her world forever: islanders untouched by sickness are forced to leave. Banished across the sea, she's desperate to return, and finds a strange and fragile hope in a colony of butterflies. Can they lead her home before it's too late?*

The Flame of Olympus (& sequels) by Katie O'Hearn: *A young girl, a winged horse, and an Olympian war make for an adventurous start to an exciting trilogy.*

Artemis Fowl (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer: *At just twelve years old, Artemis Fowl is a criminal genius. No scheme is too dastardly, no plot too devious. And he's just discovered that fairies are real. Poor fairies.*

Gregor the Overlander (& the Underland Chronicles series) by Suzanne Collins: *When Gregor and his little sister discover a strange underground city beneath their New York apartment, he becomes the unwilling participant in a conflict involving giant spiders, bats, cockroaches, rats, and humans.*

The Fire Thief (& sequels) by Terry Deary: *The story of Prometheus the Titan is well known. He stole fire from Zeus and gave it to humans. Zeus and the gods then decided to punish Prometheus by chaining him to a rock and having an eagle tear out his liver every day. The gods made his liver grow back at night just so they can put him through endless torture. But nothing ever stays the same, even in the world of the gods! So after 8000 years of agony, Prometheus has finally broken free of his chains.*

Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths by Bernard Evslin: *The earth breeds giants and ogres of indescribable horror -- the heavens hold omnipotent gods and goddesses, abounding in courage, strength and wisdom.*

Asha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinda Bilan: *Asha lives in the foothills of the Himalayas. Money is tight and she misses her papa who works in the city. When he suddenly stops sending his wages, a ruthless moneylender ransacks their home and her mother talks of leaving.*

From her den in the mango tree, Asha makes a pact with her best friend, Jeevan, to find her father and make things right. But the journey is dangerous: they must cross the world's highest mountains and face hunger, tiredness - even snow leopards. And yet, Asha has the unshakeable sense that the spirit bird of her grandmother - her nanijee - will be watching over her.

The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper: *It's Christmas-time in the Stanton family house: presents, carol singing, good cheer. But for eleven-year-old Will Stanton, something sinister has begun, inching round his subconscious, shouting silent warnings he can't decipher. Then on Midwinter Day, Will wakes up to a different world: silent, covered in snow and ancient forest, a world of another time. A world where evil lurks.*

Unstoppable by Dan Freedman: *Fourteen-year-old twins, Roxy and Kaine, have only one thing in common. They HATE each other. Kaine is loud, brash and brilliant at football. Roxy is heading for tennis superstardom. When tragedy strikes, their worlds are ripped apart. Can they come together before it's too late?*

Who Let the Gods Out (& sequels) by Maz Evans: *Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help.*

Inkheart (& sequels) by Cornelia Funke: *One cruel night, Meggie's father reads aloud from a book called INKHEART-- and an evil ruler escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their living room. Suddenly, Meggie is smack in the middle of the kind of adventure she has only read about in books.*

Ultimate Football Heroes Collection – M&T Oldfield: *Ultimate Football Heroes Series Collection 6 Books Bundles Pogba (Ultimate Football Heroes), Neymar (Ultimate Football Heroes), Messi, Iniesta, Ronaldo, Giggs (Classic Football Heroes)*

Charlie Merrick's Misfits... by David Cousins: *Charlie loves football. He watches it, memorizes facts about it, and he's even the captain of the local youth team, North Star Galaxy.*

When Charlie discovers that youth teams are being selected to play in exhibition matches at the World Cup tournament later that year he decides to enter North Star. There's one problem. He's got to prove that North Star deserve a place at the tournament and that's not easy when your team are kind of rubbish at football!

Seven Wonders: The Colossus Rises (& sequels) by Peter Larangis: *Percy Jackson meets Indiana Jones in master storyteller and 39 Clues author Peter Lerangis's epic Seven Wonders series. The Colossus Rises is the first installment of the bestselling five-book series chronicling the story of Jack McKinley, an ordinary kid with an extraordinary problem. In a few months, he's going to die--unless he finds seven magic Loculi that have been hidden in the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.*

The Adventure of Odysseus by Hugh Lupton, Daniel Morden & Christina Balit: *Travel back in time to experience one of the greatest epic stories of all time. Once the Trojan war ended, Odysseus thought his journey home would begin. But what he assumed was the end of his adventure was truly only the beginning.*