

# RIVER ACADEMY HOME LEARNING

*Year 7*

*Suggested Reading List*



# Units 1 and 2

Have you enjoyed the Gothic extracts we have studied this term? Why don't you try these novels.

*A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness

*Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi

*The Haunting of Aveline Jones* by Phil Hickey

*October, October* by Katya Balen

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill

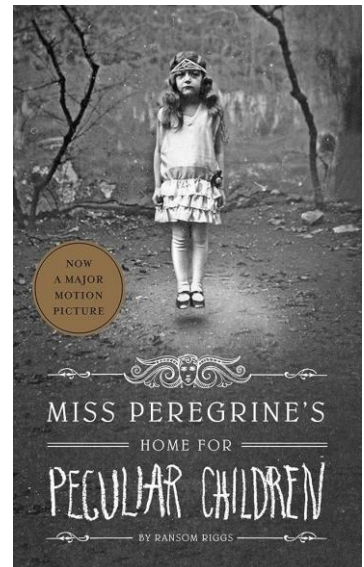
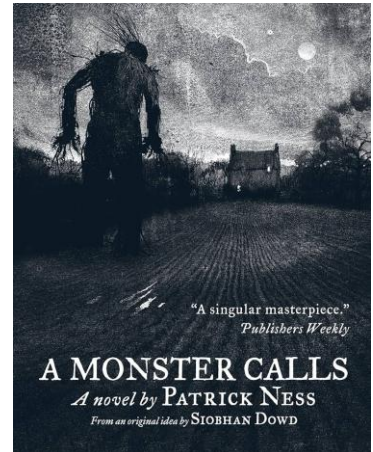
*Cogheart* by Peter Bunzl

*Murder Most Unladylike* by Robin Stevens

*The Girl of Ink and Stars* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

*A Secret of Birds and Bone* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*  
by Ransom Riggs



# Unit 3

Have you enjoyed *Safiyyah's War*? Why don't you try these novels.

## Historical Fiction:

Voyages in the Underworld of Orpheus Black by Marcus Sedgwick and Julian Sedgwick

The Bletchley Riddle by Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin

When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle

Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

## Carnegie Winners and Nominees:

Lark by Anthony McGowan

Nowhere on Earth by Nick Lake

Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

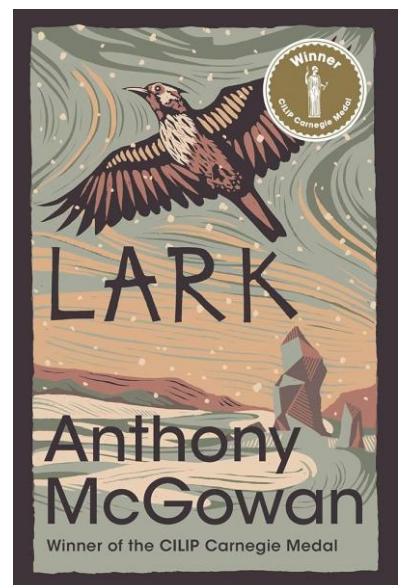
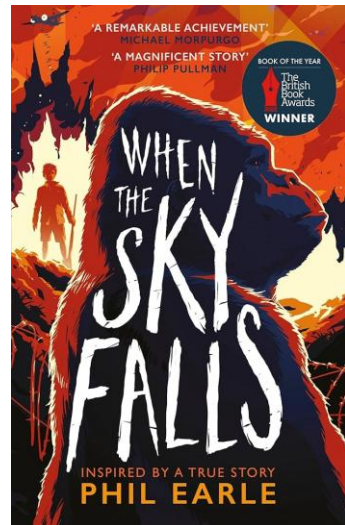
Run, Rebel by Manjeet Mann

The Light in Everything by Katya Balen

Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

Tsunami Girl by Julian Sedgwick

Girl. Boy. Sea. by Chris Vick



# Unit 4

**Have you enjoyed the extracts we have read this term? Why don't you try these texts.**

## **Autobiographies:**

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah

You Are a Champion by Marcus Rashford

Boy by Roald Dahl

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Mao's Last Dancer (Young Readers' Edition)  
by Li Cunxin

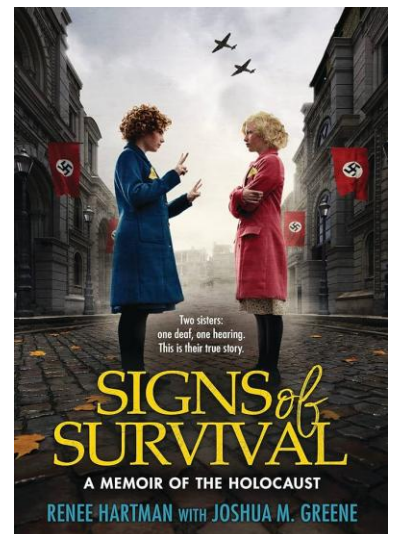
Becoming (Young Readers Edition) by Michelle Obama

Reaching for the Moon: The Autobiography of  
NASA Mathematician Katherine Johnson by  
Katherine Johnson

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young  
Readers Edition by William Kamkwamba and  
Bryan Mealer

Gone to the Woods: A True Story of Growing Up  
in the Wild by Gary Paulsen

Signs of Survival by Renee  
Hartman and Joshua M. Greene



# Unit 5

Looking for some great quality children and young adult fiction? Check out some of the longlist for the 2025 Carnegie medal.

On Silver Tides by Sylvia Bishop

I Am Wolf by Alastair Chisholm

Sisters of the Moon by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick

The Things We Leave Behind by Clare Furniss

The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow, illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton

Island of Whispers by Frances Hardinge, illustrated by Emily Gravett

King of Nothing by Nathanael Lessor

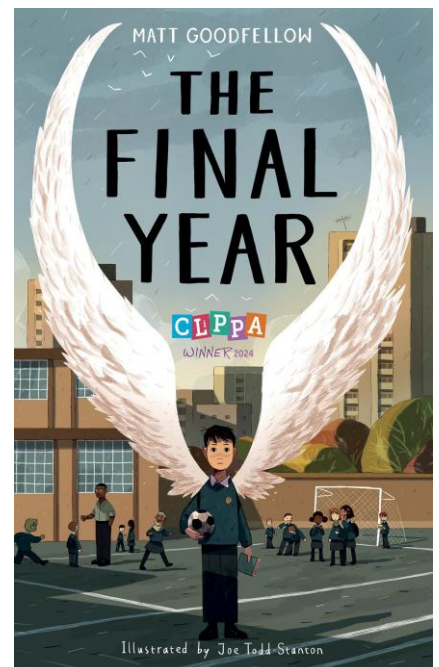
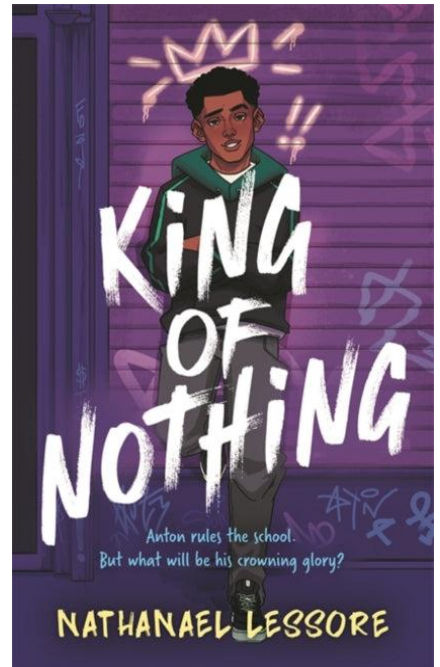
All That It Ever Meant by Blessing Musariri

Fallout by Lesley Parr

The Wrong Shoes by Tom Percival

Louder Than Hunger by John Schu

Us in the Before and After by Jenny Valentine



# Unit 6

**Looking to explore some more literature about identity? Try these!**

The Weight of Water by Sarah Crossan

Fight Back by A.M. Dassu

The Song Walker by Zillah Bethell

Boy in The Tower by Polly Ho-Yen

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Orangeboy by Patrice Lawrence

Oh My Gods by Alexandra Sheppard

Pig-Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

Rebound by Kwame Alexander

The Northern Lights by Phillip Pullman

How to Be Brave by Daisy May Johnson

