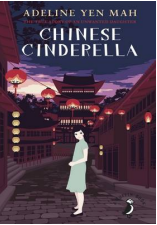

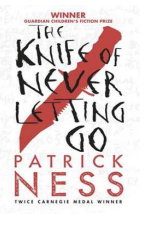

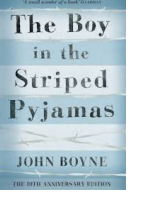

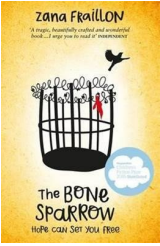
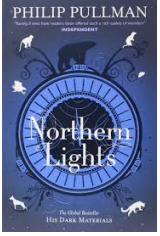

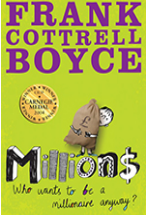



## Year 8 Suggested Reading

Reading Level: + means an easy read; \* means a challenge

Aim to read a selection of these books during your summer holiday. You could even write a book review!  
Challenge yourself!

	<p><b>Chinese Cinderella</b> by Adeline Yen Mah</p>	<p>Jung-ling's family considers her bad luck because her mother died giving birth to her. They discriminate against her and make her feel unwanted yet she yearns and continuously strives for her parents' love. Her stepmother is vindictive and cruel and her father dismissive. Jung-ling grows up to be an academic child, with a natural ability for writing. Only her aunt and grandfather offer her any love and kindness.</p> <p><b>Autobiography</b> *</p>
	<p><b>Brown Girl Dreaming</b> by Jacqueline Woodson</p>	<p>Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.</p> <p><b>Verse/Autobiography</b> +</p>
	<p><b>The Knife of Never Letting Go</b> by Patrick Ness</p>	<p>Prentisstown isn't like other towns. Women have been banished and only men remain. Everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming Noise.</p> <p>There is no privacy. There are no secrets. Then Todd Hewitt unexpectedly stumbles on a spot of complete silence. Which is impossible. And now he's going to have to run.</p> <p><b>Science Fiction</b> *</p>
	<p><b>Oh my Gods</b> by Alexandra Sheppard</p>	<p>Helen had expected a few "settling in" issues when she moved south to live with her dad, but actually her new school is great and she makes friends almost straightaway. It's her family that are the problem.</p> <p>'No visitors' is one of the strict house rules – because this side of the family are hiding a massive secret. They are all ancient Greek gods.</p> <p><b>Fantasy</b> +</p>
	<p><b>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</b> by John Boyne</p>	<p>Bruno has been moved from a comfortable home in Berlin to a house in a desolate area where there is nothing to do and no one to play with. Until he meets Shmuel, a boy who lives a strange parallel existence on the other side of the adjoining wire fence and who, like the other people there, wears a uniform of striped pyjamas.</p> <p><b>Historical</b> +</p>
	<p><b>The Island at the End of Everything</b> by Kiran Millwood Hargrave</p>	<p>Amihan lives on Culion Island, where some of the inhabitants - including her mother - have leprosy.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Action and Adventure</b> +</p>

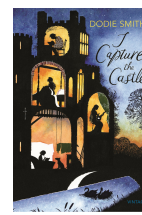
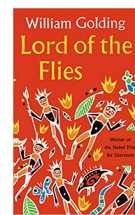
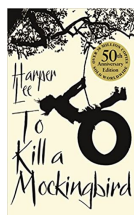
	<p><b>The Bone Sparrow</b> by Zana Fraillon</p>	<p>Born in a refugee camp, all Subhi knows of the world is that he's at least 19 fence diamonds high, the nice Jackets never stay long, and at night he dreams that the sea finds its way to his tent, bringing with it unusual treasures.</p> <p>Then, one day it brings him Jimmie. Carrying a notebook that she's unable to read and wearing a sparrow made out of bone around her neck. Jimmie strikes up an unlikely friendship with Subhi beyond the fence.</p> <p><b>Identity +</b></p>
	<p><b>Northern Lights</b> by Phillip Pullman</p>	<p>It begins with a girl and her daemon.</p> <p>The girl is Lyra Belacqua, an orphan who lives in a place like, and yet unlike, Oxford in a parallel universe in which science, theology and magic are entwined. Yet for Lyra, her world is about climbing the rooftops of the Oxford colleges with her friend Roger, enthraling the neighbourhood children with her tales and keeping out of the way of the scholars of Jordan College.</p> <p><b>Fantasy +</b></p>
	<p><b>Little Women</b> by Louisa May Alcott</p>	<p>Meg is the eldest and on the brink of love. Then there's tomboy Jo who longs to be a writer. Sweet-natured Beth always puts others first, and finally there's Amy, the youngest and most precocious. Together they are the March sisters.</p> <p>Through sisterly squabbles, their happy times and sad ones too, the sisters discover that growing up is sometimes very hard to do.</p> <p><b>Classic *</b></p>
	<p><b>Millions</b> by Frank Cottrell Boyce</p>	<p>Since the death of his mother, Damian has become obsessed by saints.</p> <p>One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God, and contemplates with his older brother Anthony the best way to spend it. But with only 17 days left before the national currency switches to Euros and the money becomes worthless, this proves to be much more difficult than they had anticipated...</p> <p><b>Mystery +</b></p>
	<p><b>No one is too small to make a difference</b> by Greta Thunberg</p>	<p>In August 2018 a fifteen-year-old Swedish girl, Greta Thunberg, decided not to go to school one day. Her actions ended up sparking a global movement for action against the climate crisis, inspiring millions of pupils to go on strike for our planet, forcing governments to listen, and earning her a Nobel Peace Prize nomination.</p> <p>This book brings you Greta in her own words, for the first time.</p> <p><b>Non-Fiction *</b></p>

For a **super challenge** why not try these classics:

**To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee

**Lord of the Flies** by William Golding

**I Capture the Castle** by Dodi Smith



***“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” Dr. Suess***