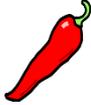
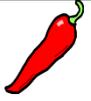
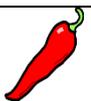
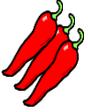


Warden Park English Department

Reading List Year 8 - Topic: General Reading List

Chilli Challenge	Title	Author	Where to find	Brief Description
	Black Dog	Levi Pinfold	LRC Picture Books	A black dog appears outside the Hope family's home. As each member of the household sees it and hides, the dog grows bigger and bigger. Only Small, the youngest Hope, has the courage to face the Black Dog. When it chases her through the forest she shows no fear, so it grows smaller and smaller. Finally, back to the size of a normal hound, the Black Dog is welcomed into the Hope household as their newest addition.
	Way Home	Libby Hathorn	LRC Picture Books	It's night and the dark is filled with strange sounds as Shane makes his way home. On a fence he finds a stray cat that at first growls and spits at him. But Shane talks and strokes the kitten to calmness, and decides to take the 'Spitfire, Kitten Number One,' home with him. No gang of boys, or avenue of dense traffic, or fierce dog can stop Shane carrying his new found friend to the place he calls home. Greg Rogers' sensitive use of charcoal and pastel create Shane and his cat in splendid city-at-night time scenes.
	Moose Baby	Meg Rosoff	LRC Bitesize	Brilliantly funny teen drama from the consistently brilliant and Carnegie Medal winning author. Will it be a boy or a girl? Nothing can prepare Jess and Nick for when Jess gives birth to their first - moose. Four legs won't fit into a romper suit and what will grandma say? But there has been a spate of Non-Homo-Sapien births round the country and everyone else is coping, disembowelled labradors apart. The trials of being a parent - A moving and also hilarious take on relationships and motherhood - with a very powerful message
	Lewis Hamilton	Andy Croft	LRC Biography	Gripping bio of the first black Formula One driver, who started racing aged 8. Crashes, controversy and championship.
	Dreaming the bear	Mimi Thebo	LRC Bitesize	<p>"When I get up, there's nobody home. Even Mum has gone out. The note says, 'I have to check my emails. I'll snowmobile to the meltline and be back soon. XX Mummy'. And I think, 'Good. I can feed my bear...'"</p> <p>Darcy's life was never exactly simple, but it was about to become a lot more complicated. Recovering from a distressing illness in her parents' cabin surrounded by looming pine trees, Darcy spends most of her days alone, warming herself by the log fire. That is, until she ventures into the woods hours before a heavy snowstorm, and finds herself face-to-face with a grizzly bear. Their encounter takes a surprising turn when it flourishes into a warm and caring companionship.</p>

	<p>The terrible thing that happened to Barnaby Brocket</p>	<p>John Boyne</p>	<p>LRC Fiction [F BOY]</p>	<p>There's nothing unusual or different about the Brocket family - and they're keen to keep it that way. But when Barnaby Brocket comes into the world, it's clear he's anything but ordinary. To his parents' horror, Barnaby defies the laws of gravity - and floats.</p> <p>Soon, the Brockets decide enough is enough. The neighbours are starting to talk. They never <i>asked</i> for a weird, abnormal, <i>floating</i> child. Barnaby has to go . . .</p> <p>Betrayed and frightened, Barnaby floats into the path of a very special hot air balloon – and so begins a magical journey around the world, with a cast of extraordinary new friends.</p>
	<p>Finding Audrey</p>	<p>Sophie Kinsella</p>	<p>LRC Fiction [F KIN]</p>	<p>Audrey can't leave the house. She can't even take off her dark glasses inside the house.</p> <p>Then her brother's friend Linus stumbles into her life. With his friendly, orange-slice smile and his funny notes, he starts to entice Audrey out again - well, Starbucks is a start. And with Linus at her side, Audrey feels like she can do the things she'd thought were too scary. Suddenly, finding her way back to the real world seems achievable.</p> <p>Be prepared to laugh, dream and hope with Audrey as she learns that even when you feel like you have lost yourself, love can still find you</p>
	<p>Girl online on tour</p>	<p>Zoe Sugg</p>	<p>LRC Fiction [F SUG]</p>	<p>Penny joins her rock-star boyfriend, Noah, on his European music tour. Penny's bags are packed.</p> <p>When Noah invites Penny on his European music tour, she can't wait to spend time with her rock-god-tastic boyfriend. But, between Noah's jam-packed schedule, less-than-welcoming bandmates and threatening messages from jealous fans, Penny wonders whether she's really cut out for life on tour. She can't help but miss her family, her best friend Elliot . . . and her blog, Girl Online.</p> <p>Can Penny learn to balance life and love on the road, or will she lose everything in pursuit of the perfect summer?</p>
	<p>Jessica's Ghost</p>	<p>Andrew Norriss</p>	<p>LRC Fiction [F NOR]</p>	<p>Francis has never had a friend like Jessica before. She's the first person he's ever met who can make him feel completely himself. Jessica has never had a friend like Francis before. Not just because he's someone to laugh with every day - but because he's the first person who has ever been able to see her ...Jessica's Ghost is a funny, moving and beautiful book by a master storyteller, about the power of friendship to shine a warm light into dark places.</p>
	<p>Boy in the Tower</p>	<p>Polly Ho-Yen</p>	<p>LRC Fiction [F HOY]</p>	<p><i>When they first arrived, they came quietly and stealthily as if they tip-toed into the world when we were all looking the other way.</i></p> <p>Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him.</p> <p>His mum doesn't really like looking outside – but it's going outside that she hates.</p> <p>She's happier sleeping all day inside their tower, where it's safe.</p> <p>But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear.</p>

				Now their tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out . . .
	Out of Shadows	Jason Wallace	LRC Fiction [F WAL]	<p>Set in Zimbabwe in the 1980s, just after the war for independence, a young English boy, Jacklin, is torn between his black friends at school and his sympathy for the colonial whites after witnessing the compulsory land seizures by Robert Mugabe's government.</p> <p>But with an imminent visit by Robert Mugabe to the school, Jacklin realizes that Ivan, his white supremacist schoolmate, plans to assassinate the black leader. The novel leaves us with the moral dilemma — in hindsight, should Jacklin have killed Ivan or let Ivan kill Robert Mugabe?</p> <p><i>"If I stood you in front of a man, pressed a gun into your palm and told you to squeeze the trigger, would you do it?"</i> <i>"No, Sir, No way!"</i> <i>"What if I then told you we'd gone back in time and his name was Adolf Hitler? Would you do it then?"</i></p>
	Heroic	Phil Earle	LRC Fiction [F EAR]	<p><i>'For the past five weeks I'd prayed that I'd never see my brother's name spelt out in poppies. In the weeks that followed I often wished I had.'</i></p> <p>Jammy and Sonny McGann are brothers, but that's where the similarities end. One is calm when the other is angry; one has a plan while the other lives purely in the moment. When Jammy returns from Afghanistan a very different man to the one who left, it's Sonny who is left to hold things together. But just how far will he go to save the brother who always put him first?</p>