



## Whole Reading Text

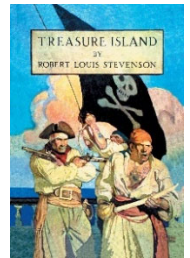
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Exploring whole texts and building stamina whilst reading is a vital part of literacy at Ormiston Meridian Academy. These texts are carefully chosen to be the backbone of an English curriculum which whisks students away on fantastic adventures without leaving the safety of the classroom!

### Year 7

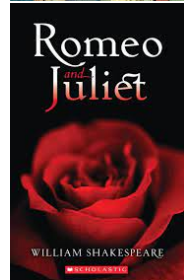
#### Treasure Island

A swashbuckling adventure, following the adventures of Jim Hawkins on his hunt for pirate treasure. This children's classic has been chosen not only for its dynamic storyline, but also for its challenging vocabulary. Robert Louis Stevenson's timeless tale is a real page turner!



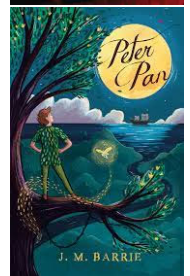
#### Romeo and Juliet

Arguably, Shakespeare's most romantic and tragic play, students study the ups and down of young love, set against a backdrop of feuding families in Verona. This is our introduction to Shakespeare, allowing students to begin to access complex language from a bygone era. The rich and vivid language used by Shakespeare paints vibrant pictures for students, allowing them to be transported to a world of violence, vengeance, love and death.



#### Peter Pan

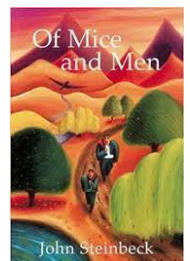
J.M. Barrie's classic tale of childhood and growing up, transports us to Neverland where good and evil battle, the Lost Boys get a mother figure and Peter learns what it is to have friends. Another great classic, this novel provides a high level of reading challenge while engaging the students through its magical storyline.



### Year 8

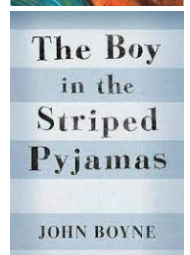
#### Of Mice and Men

Steinbeck's novella is a tale of friendship, loneliness, segregation and hardship. Set in 1930s USA, our protagonists show the hardships of migrant workers in the Great Depression. Focusing on issues of race, gender and exploitation, students witness the lengths true friends will go to in order to protect one another.



#### The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

John Boyne's fictional representation of Auschwitz, follows the journey of Bruno, a young boy unaware that his father is instrumental in the operation of the infamous extermination camp. Taken away from his friends in Berlin, Bruno befriends Shmuel, a young Jew who has been captured and with whom he strikes up an unlikely friendship.



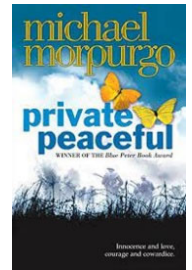


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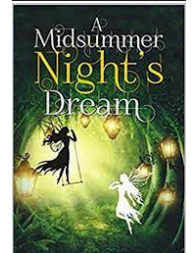
### Private Peaceful

We follow the Peaceful brothers as they grow up. When the time comes, the brothers go off to fight in the First World War. We follow their story of love and friendship, sibling rivalry and the ultimate sacrifice given by so many.



### A Midsummer Night's Dream

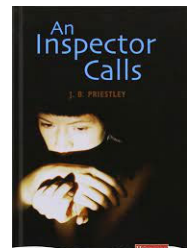
One of Shakespeare's most magical tales! Four Athenians run away to the forest only to have Puck the fairy make both of the boys fall in love with the same girl. The four run through the forest pursuing each other while Puck helps his master play a trick on the fairy queen. In the end, Puck reverses the magic, and the two couples reconcile and marry.



## Year 9

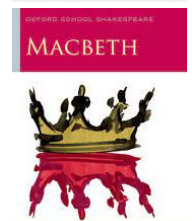
### An Inspector Calls

J.B. Priestley presents a damning insight into the dangers of capitalism when a family find out that each of them has had a part to play in the death of a young, working class woman. Forced to face up to their responsibilities by Inspector Goole, the family both take and avoid blame in equal measure. However, those who avoid their responsibilities must eventually face up to them, sooner or later...



### Macbeth

A gruesome and bloody tale of ambition, the supernatural and vengeance, Shakespeare takes us into a world where nothing is as it seems. 'Brave Macbeth', a once valiant and loyal soldier, betrays the King, committing regicide and other hideous crimes in order to try and maintain his place as leader of Scotland. However, as will all good stories, pride comes before a fall and Macbeth's downfall is of epic proportions.



### A Christmas Carol

Created as a way to make money, Dickens' tale of Christmas cheer is one with which we are all familiar. A heart-warming tale of one man's journey from miser to philanthropist, this story has stood the test of time. Dickens' elaborate, rich and often hyperbolic language is a test of the students but with careful study, is rewarding in itself.

