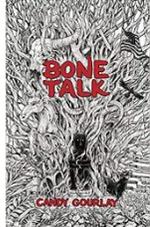
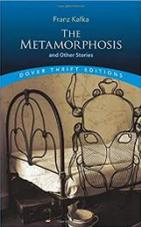
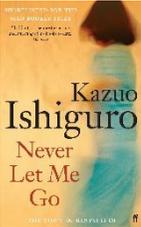
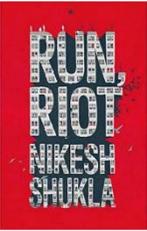
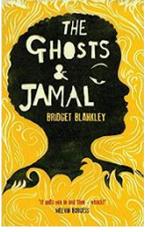
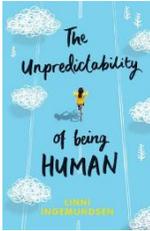
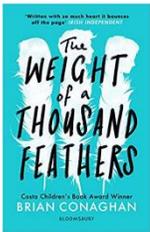
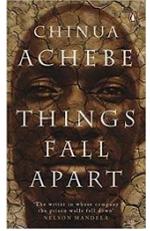
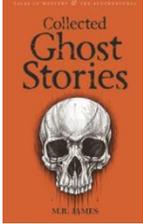


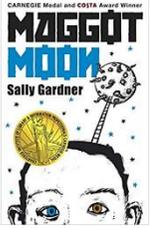
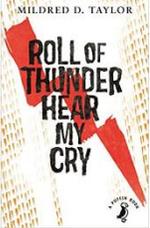
Orchard School Bristol – Reading and Registration

At Orchard, all students from Year 7 to Year 10 read every morning. The books have been chosen by staff from across the school and reflect our dynamic and culturally rich school. Here's a list of the books for Year 9, and a little bit about each one.

Year	Book Title and Author	Cover	What's it about?
9	Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay		'Bone Talk' will take you out of the classroom and into another time and place - the Philippines, 100 years ago. A boy called Samkad wants to become a man. He is desperate to be given his own shield, spear and axe. His best friend, Luki, wants to be a warrior too - but she is a girl and that is forbidden. Then a new boy arrives in the village and everything changes.
9	Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka		This classic, written in 1913, has been translated into languages across the world. It's been described by the Guardian as 'arguably the most famous, also greatest, short story in the history of literary fiction.' Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect... and we'll leave the rest of this surreal and philosophical musing for our students to discover in registration!
9	Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro		Another dystopian classic, from a world-famous author; Never Let Me Go is a gripping, brave book about the nature of humanity. Hailsham seems like a pleasant English boarding school, far from the influences of the city. Its students are well tended and supported, but curiously, they are taught nothing of the outside world and are allowed little contact with it. As the story unfolds, students will be gripped by the characters' lives and inevitable fate.

9	<i>Run, Riot</i> by Nikesh Shukla		<p>This is a brand-new book from the brilliant Nikesh Shukla. It's written for teenagers and is both gripping and thrilling. When teenagers Hari and Jamal film an unarmed youth from their estate being beaten by police, they find themselves hunted by the very people who should be protecting them. This novel deals with the themes of youth helplessness, gentrification and police brutality.</p>
9	<i>The Ghosts & Jamal</i> by Bridget Blankley		<p>Published in 2018, <i>The Ghosts and Jamal</i> tells the story of a teenage boy with epilepsy. He wakes one morning to find that everyone in his village but him has been killed by 'ghosts' who have escaped from a bright red canister. This book covers the themes of civil war, Islamophobia, homelessness.</p>
9	<i>The Hate U Give</i> by Angie Thomas		<p>This is a book that has swept the Young Adult fiction scene off its feet. It's the hard-hitting story of 16-year old Starr, her friends, and her family, as they cope with the impact of a police shooting. The event shakes her community in ways that bring out the best, and the worst, in people.</p>
9	<i>The Outsiders</i> by S.E. Hinton		<p>This book was published in 1967, and is still loved by teenagers across the country. 14-year-old Ponyboy is not your typical teenager. He looks like a hooligan, with his hair and clothes, but he loves films, books, and doing well at school. His parents both died when he was young. As Ponyboy makes his way through the world, the readers are challenged to reflect on what makes a person 'good'.</p>

9	<i>The Unpredictability of Being Human</i> by Linni Ingemundsen		Nominated for the Carnegie Medal 2019, this book has touched the hearts of readers since being published. Malin watches life from the sidelines, while her dad yells, her brother lies, and her mum falls apart. It's tough fitting in when you're different. But what if it's the world that's weird, not you? This is a beautiful, funny and honest coming-of-age story that never pretends life is perfect.
9	<i>The Weight of a Thousand Feathers</i> by Brian Conaghan		Angry, stirring and tender, this is a bold, questioning exploration of the lengths to which we'll go for the people we love. Bobby Seed has questions. What's another word for 'thesaurus'? How can I tell Bel I want her as my girl friend, not my girlfriend? How much pain is Mum in today? Has she taken her pills? And sometimes, secretly, Why us? But it's Mum's question for Bobby that could turn everything on its head. It's the Big One. The Unthinkable One. This book deals with the themes of having an ill parent, being a teenage carer, family, loyalty, and difficult decisions.
9	<i>Things Fall Apart</i> by Chinua Achebe		This classic has received global critical acclaim and is considered to be one of the greatest works of contemporary English literature. <i>Things Fall Apart</i> is about the tragic fall of the protagonist, Ibo, and his culture. Ibo is a respected and influential leader within the Igbo community in eastern Nigeria. He brings honour to his village, when he wins a wrestling contest. However, things start to spiral out of control for Ibo, and we witness his desperate fall from grace.
9	<i>Collected Ghost Stories (Tales of Mystery & The Supernatural)</i> by M.R. James		These short stories are arguably the best of their genre. M.R. James crafts his tales with subtlety; these are not gruesome, horror-filled pieces, but stories which unnerve the reader by feeding the imagination!

9	<p><i>Maggot Moon</i> by Sally Gardner</p>		<p><i>Maggot Moon</i> has won multiple awards – and rightly so. <i>Maggot Moon</i> tells the story of Standish Treadwell, a British schoolboy with dyslexia, who lives in an alternative 1950s Britain. As his family and friends disappear around him, Standish finds himself involved in a plot to win the race to the moon.</p>
9	<p><i>Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry</i> by M. Taylor</p>		<p><i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> is the classic story of a girl growing up in the deep South. Set in Mississippi at the height of the American Depression, this is the story of a family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride and independence against the forces of a cruelly racist society.</p>