

# Whole Book Class Reading Suggestions

Year Six, Summer term: TRANSITIONS

**Beswitched by Kate Saunders**, illustrated by Paola Escobar, published by Scholastic

A magic spell sends Flora back to 1935, where she becomes a boarder at St Winifred's. Her time-travelling adventures are an entertaining homage to classic pre-war school stories, and bring new perspectives to the challenge of 'Moving Up'.

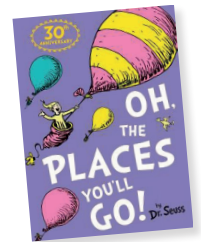
*Middle-grade fiction*



**Oh the Places You'll Go! by Dr Seuss**, published by Random House

This surreal and fun-filled rhyming picturebook explores the ups and downs of life. How will you address problems, and what personal attributes and skills will help you cope? Text and pictures can be read on many levels, and this book is often given to new graduates.

*Picturebook*



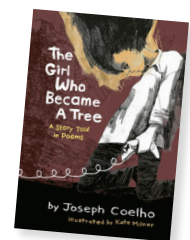
**The Arrival by Shaun Tan**, published by Hodder

A man leaves everything he knows and loves to travel to a strange new city, but support and kindness from strangers helps him to adapt and learn. Tan's artwork evokes the alienation and anxiety of unknown languages and customs, and encourages us to be more thoughtful about dealing with change and creating successful communities. *Wordless picturebook for older readers*



**The Girl Who Became a Tree: A Story Told in Poems**

by Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Kate Milner, published by Otter-Barry Books  
When she loses her phone in the library, Daphne discovers a forest behind the bookstacks and is lured into a trap. Can she stop her transformation before it's too late? An arresting and accessible contemporary story about loss, fear and change inspired by the Greek myth of Daphne, who was turned into a tree. *A story told in poems for older readers, fully illustrated throughout*



**Migrants by Issa Watanabe**, published by Gecko Press

A group of animals travels through a dark landscape, pursued by a childlike skeleton. We don't know where they're going, or why, but observe the caring way they support each other, and the dangers they must face. This dreamlike, wordless picturebook can be read in many ways and will inspire thoughtful discussion about how we deal with challenges and change. *Wordless picturebook for older readers*

