

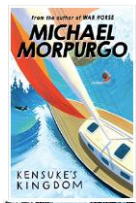
Dear Parents (and children),

These reading recommendations consist of a variety of fiction and non-fiction books for all ability ranges and interests. We recommend these authors, but they are only a selection of the latest titles available. We would love to see more children reading books so if you find a book that you would like to recommend, send a book review our way!



Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure by Vashti Hardy

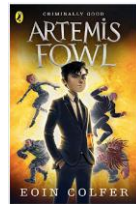
Arthur and Maudie Brightstorm set off on a dangerous voyage to find their father and save the family reputation.



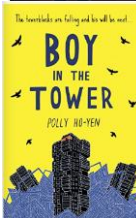
Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
Michael is washed overboard from his parent's yacht and finds himself marooned on a distant island with a Japanese soldier who survived the Hiroshima bombing. They become unlikely friends, but will Michael ever find his parents?



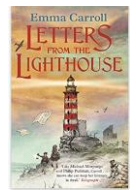
The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell
Set in the deepest snowbound Russia, a mother and daughter live in fear of the encroaching Red Army. But Feodora and her mother have a unique talent that might just help save them.



Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
Artemis Fowl is the twelve-year-old son of an Irish crime Lord. After significant research, Artemis believes that he has confirmed the existence of fairies, and he intends to track them down.



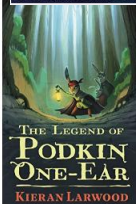
Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
A boy who lives in a tower block sees the whole world below him. But one day the tower begins to crumble and fall. Is all hope lost or can he find a way out?



Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll
February 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, 12-year-old Olive and her little brother are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, but he doesn't like company and certainly not evacuees.



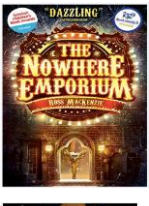
Dial a Ghost by Eva Ibbotson
When new owners force the Wilkinson's to leave the home they're haunting, they travel to London and apply to Dial-a-Ghost for a new home.



Podkin One Ear by Kieran Larwood
Podkin is the son of the warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger.... Is that day today?

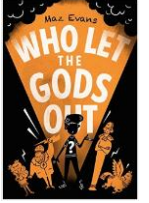
The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie

When a strange shop appears out of nowhere, Daniel finds himself drawn into the mysterious building, with its never-ending passages and surprises.



Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans

An anarchic laugh out loud story about a boy, Elliot, who spots a shooting star one night which turns out to be a deity with a lot on her mind; and something unexpected and nasty lurking under Stonehenge.



Beetle Boy by MG Leonard

When Darkus' Dad vanishes, he finds himself living next to the neighbours from hell. When things seemingly can't get any worse, a super intelligent talking beetle comes to the rescue.



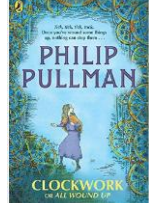
The Wonder Garden by Kristjana Williams

A beautifully illustrated exploration of five incredible habitats. Journey through the Great Barrier Reef and the Amazon. This book is great for sparking off imaginative young minds.



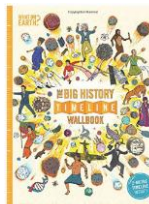
Clockwork by Philip Pullman

A tormented apprentice clock-maker, a deadly mechanical knight in armour – and the sinister Dr Kalmenius, who some say is the devil.



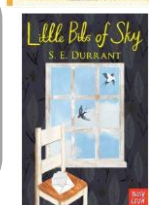
The What on Earth? Wallbook Timeline of Big History by Christopher Lloyd.

A mind-blowing five-metre-long fold out timeline where children can walk around the book and dip into different time periods. Unique and very engaging.



Little Bits of Sky by SE Durrant

Ira and her little brother Zac live in Skilly House, what Tracy Beaker would call a dumping ground. There are things they like about it including the staff and the garden with its huge trees. What will happen to Ira? Will she find her forever home?



The Polar Bear Explorers' club by Alex Bell
When Stella and three other junior explorers' get separated from their expedition, can they cross the frozen wilderness and live to tell the tale?



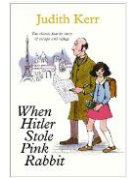
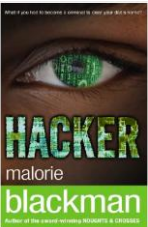


The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

A giant metal man rains destruction on the countryside by attacking farm equipment, before befriending a boy and defending the world from an alien monster.

Hacker by Malorie Blackman

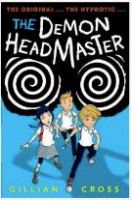
Vicky's father is accused of stealing over a million pounds from the bank where he works. How can she prove his innocence?



When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr
The powerful story of a young Jewish girl who is forced to flee her home in Germany in 1933.

The Demon Headmaster by Gillian Cross

Dinah Glass discovers that her new school Headmaster is very strange. It's almost as if he's controlling what all pupils say and think. Something is very wrong, and Dinah wants to know what it is!

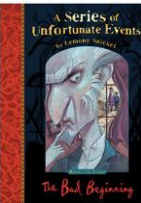


Skellig by David Almond

In the run-down garage of his new home, Michael finds a magical creature called Skellig. At the same time, Michael's baby sister is gravely ill in hospital. Somehow Skellig seems to hold the key to saving her.

A series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

The quirky and funny stories and the Baudelaire children whose parents' die in a mysterious house fire. The children are claimed by their distant cousin Count Olaf who is only interested in their inheritance.



George's Secret Key to the Universe by Stephen Hawking

From the moment George's pet pig breaks through the fence into the garden next door – his life changes forever! Having been introduced to his new neighbours: a scientist, his daughter and a super-intelligent computer called Cosmos, who can open a portal to any point in outer space.

The Song from Somewhere Else by AF Harrold

Frank doesn't know how to feel when Nick Underbridge rescues her from bullies one afternoon. No-one likes Nick, he is big, he's weird, he smells.... Or so everyone thought.

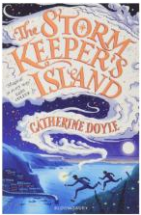


Explorer by Katherine Rundell

As the plane crashed into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home seems impossible. Except, someone has been there before.

The Storm Keepers Island by Catherine Doyle

Once in a generation, Arranmore Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to wield its power and keep its magic safe from enemies.

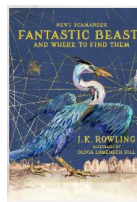
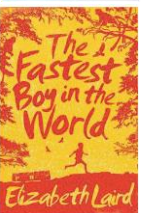


Wonder by R.J. Palacio

You can't blend in when you were born to stand out. An emotional and important tale of a 10-year-old boy with 'Mandibulofacial dysostosis'.

The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird

A beautifully told story packed with emotion and action. An 11-year-old boy, Soloman, turns his dreams of becoming an international runner into reality.



Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them by JK Rowling

This gloriously illustrated edition features an extraordinary array of magical creatures from Acromantula to Yeti via ten different breeds of dragon.

Lost Thing by Shaun Tan

The Lost Thing is a humorous story about a boy who discovers a bizarre-looking creature whilst out collecting bottle-tops at the beach.



Year 5 Challenging Reads

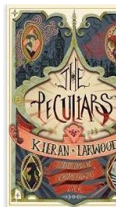
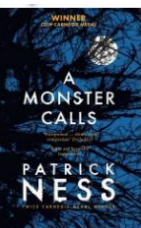


The Phoenix and the Carpet by E. Nesbit

A group of children find out their new carpet is magical. An egg in the carpet hatches into a talking Phoenix and grants the children three wishes every day.

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight, is different.



The Peculiar by Kieran Larwood

The Peculiar are a band of misfits, trapped in a nightly Victorian sideshow. In a world of child snatchers, grave robbers and dastardly doctors, they solve the mysteries no one else cares about.

My Swordhand is singing by Marcus Sedgwick

In the bitter cold of an unrelenting Winter, Tomas and his son, peter, arrive in Chust. This is a story of a father and his son, of loss, redemption and resolution.

