

Laura Norder Sheriff of Butts Canyon by Guy Bass

Guy Bass comes out all guns blazing in his latest comic adventure which features some typically wonderful characters - I particularly like Tad Topsy the bartender and Precious Little the gold prospector. Centre stage is sheriff's daughter Laura Norder and her arch enemy Duncan Disorderly, motto 'No rules!'. In a spontaneous gesture he comes to regret, Laura's dad makes her sheriff, but absolute power is no good for anyone and Laura's obsession with imposing strict rules quickly makes her very unpopular with the townspeople of Butts Canyon. It's very funny indeed, but there are lessons for us all and a sly bit of political satire too. Yee haw!

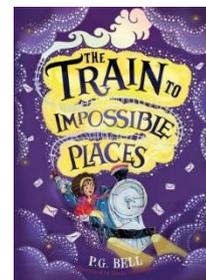
Pippa is a foundling working in a stable in ancient Greece, until one day she catches a glimpse of an enormous silver wing in the clouds. When she wakes the next morning on Mount Olympus, Pippa discovers that she has been selected as one of the riders in Zeus's Winged Horse Race. The winner's prize is immortality. Pippa falls instantly in love with her easily-distracted young horse, Zeph and they quickly become a fantastic team, exploring the mountain and meeting the interesting characters who live on Olympus.



The Winged Horse Race by Kallie George

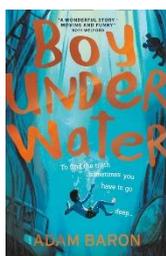
Year 3/4 Recommended New Reads

The Train To Impossible Places by P.G. Bell



It's not every day that a magical train drives through your hallway but that's what happens to Suzy at the opening of this terrific adventure story. She discovers it's the Impossible Postal Express, responsible for making deliveries throughout the Union of Impossible Places. Being something of a scientist, and deeply inquisitive, Suzy can't let this opportunity pass and climbs aboard. It's not long before she's been deputized as a Postal Operative (by the troll in charge), which in turn embroils her in an even bigger adventure, and one of those magical good versus evil power struggles that are central to all the best fantasy adventures.

Boy Under Water by Adam Baron



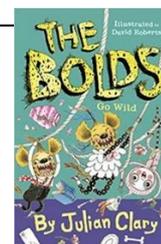
Being pulled to safety from the bottom of Lewisham Pool by classmate Veronique (losing his trunks in the process) is a terrible experience for Cymbeline Igloo, as it would be for any 9-year-old, but it leads his mum to have a breakdown. Cym has never understood her determination to keep him away from water, but now it's only by uncovering the family secrets that he can give her the help she needs.

Sea-ing Is Believing by Stephen Butler



There's monster-sized fun for readers to be had at the Nothing To See Here Hotel - after all, it is the world's number one holiday destination for magical creatures. In the company of the proprietors' son, the irrepressible Frankie Banister (who is part troll by the way), we get best seats for the action which here concerns the return of Frankie's great-great-great-grandfather Abraham, as a ghost.

The Bolds Go Wild By Julian Clary

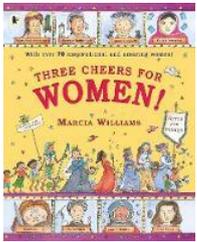


The Bolds are very surprised to be visited by Fred's mother, Granny Imamu. She's travelled all the way from Africa, and now she's here, she does not approve of what she finds. Hyenas, living as people - whatever next! Granny Imamu starts to stir up mischief with twins Bobby and Betty, encouraging them to get in touch with their beastly side at school. And then the twins' teacher comes to the Bolds with a rather unusual problem: her grown-up son Jeffrey just isn't like other people. He's rather hairy, doesn't much like to talk, and loves to monkey about. If animals can become people, could it happen the other way around . . . ?



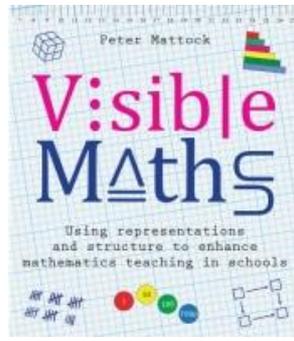
**The House
With Chicken
Legs by
Sophie
Anderson**

Twelve-year-old Marinka yearns to live in a "normal house" and to have a "normal family", but instead her house has chicken legs, and her grandmother is a Yaga, a Guardian of The Gate between this world and the next. Worse still, in Marinka's eyes, is that it's her destiny to become a Yaga herself, to take on the duty of giving the dead "one last wonderful evening" before they "return to the stars". Baba Yaga has long warned Marinka of the dangers of venturing too far in the world of the living, but her desire "to have friendships that last more than one night" is so strong that she's prepared to risk everything.



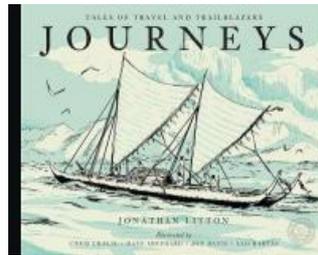
**Three Cheers
For Women!
By Marcia
Williams**

Three Cheers for Women is a hugely inspirational book for children. It is full of facts, quotes and jokes brought together in a fun way to ensure you remember them. You may even feel having read about some of these women that one of them was you in an earlier life? Joan of Arc perhaps - the teenage warrior, Florence Nightingale or even Marie Curie - probably the most famous female scientist of the 19th & 20th century.



**Visible Maths
by Peter Mattock**

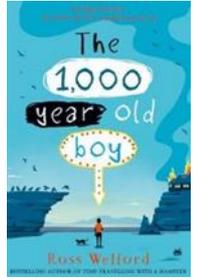
Peter Mattock's Visible Maths: Using representations and structure to enhance mathematics teaching in schools supports teachers in their use of concrete and pictorial representations to illustrate key mathematical ideas and operations.



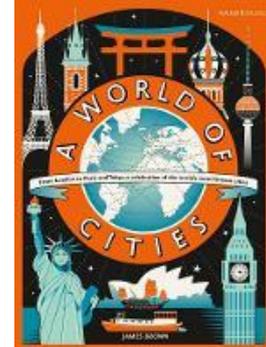
Journeys By Jonathan Litton

This fine, beautifully illustrated book does everything an information book should. Its subject is the amazing expeditions taken by men and women over the centuries. Some subjects will be familiar - Shackleton, Marco Polo, Amelia Earhart - while others will be less well known, such as Ibn Battuta who travelled though Africa, Central Asia, Afghanistan and India in the 1300s.

**The 1,000
Year Old
Boy by
Ross
Welford**



This is a story about someone who wants to stop... Alfie Monk is like any other nearly teenage boy - except he's 1,000 years old and can remember the last Viking invasion of England. Obviously, no one believes him. So, when everything Alfie knows and loves is destroyed in a fire, and the modern world comes crashing in, Alfie embarks on a mission to find friendship, acceptance, and a different way to live... which means finding a way to make sure he will eventually die.



**A World
Of Cities
by Lily
Murray**

In this large format picture book 30 famous cities around the globe are brought to life through beautiful illustrations and a vast miscellany of intriguing facts. Every spread is devoted to a city and within that spread are facts which will astound and surprise.