

## Weekly Newsletter



Friday 14.7.2023

### Achievement Awards

Well done to all this year's winners.



Duvet winners  
Green & Purple

### Stars of the Week

Purple: Bethany

Green: George

Red: Thomas

Blue: Daisy



Please see below for information on quality texts recommendations for over the summer.

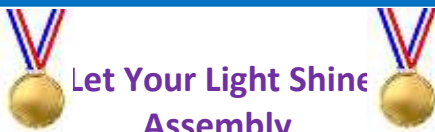


School re-opens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 8.50 am

Wishing you all a healthy and happy summer.



We would like to say thank you to all our volunteer readers and librarians, for giving up their free time to support our pupils.



Let Your Light Shine  
Assembly

29<sup>th</sup> Septembers

9.10am

Please bring any awards achieved at home.

Welcome to

Mr Wakefield who becomes our new Reception (Earth) Class teacher  
ad

Mrs Boydell who will be teaching Air Class

Mr Jowett's 10 top tips for reading stories to your child can be found below.



Fuel4Fun Summer Camp can now be booked.

Go to [www.fuel4fun.co.uk](http://www.fuel4fun.co.uk) if you would like to book a funded or paid place for your child.

Goodbye

Wishing Mr McNee, a fond farewell as he leaves us after 4 years to go travelling around the world.

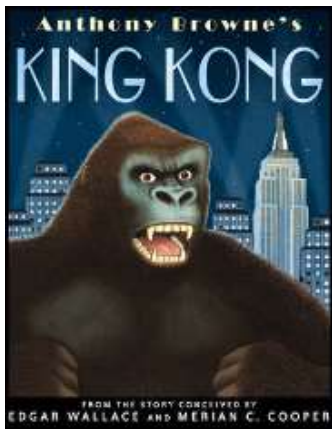
### New Classes for September

<u>Class Name</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Teaching Assistant</u>
Earth	EYFS	Mr Wakefield	Mrs Dawson
Water	Year 1/2	Mr Jowett	Mrs Dawson
Air	Year 3/4	Mrs Boydell	Mrs Barber
Fire	Year 5/6	Miss Hawkins	Mrs Barber

## Ten top tips for reading stories to your child

- 1 Make reading to your child feel like a treat.  
Introduce each new book with excitement.
- 2 Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
- 3 Show curiosity in what you're going to read:  
*Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.*
- 4 Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation:  
*Oh I think what's happening here is that...*
- 5 Chat about the story:  
*I wonder why he did that?*  
*Oh no, I hope she's not going to...*  
*I wouldn't have done that, would you?*
- 6 Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- 7 Link stories to your own experiences (e.g. *This reminds me of...*)
- 8 Read favourite stories over and over again.  
Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
- 9 Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.
- 10 Read with enjoyment.  
If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.

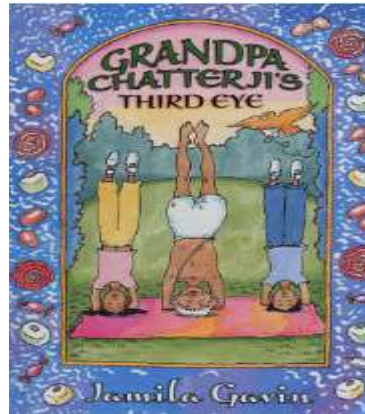




King Kong  
By  
Anthony  
Browne

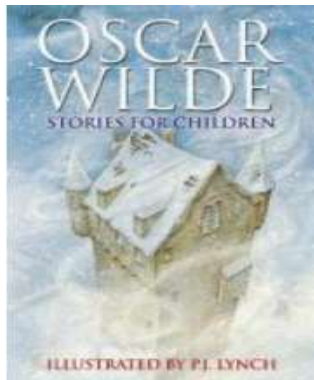
Year 1 & Year 2 Recommended New  
Reads  
Summer Term 2023

A picture book to share with those who might think they were beyond the picture book stage, Anthony Browne's King Kong is a sumptuous book which gives an awesome visual version of the original King Kong film matched by a much abbreviated version of the original text. Based on the story of the giant gorilla and his dramatic adventures including the rescue of a beautiful lady in distress and battles with dinosaurs, it ends with the iconic final moment on the Empire State Building.



Grandpa  
Chatterjee's  
Third Eye  
By  
Jamila Gavin

The wisdom of the elderly is affectionately shown in these three delightful stories about the impact a visit from Grandpa from India has on his grandchildren's lives. Grandpa's commitment to a simple life as represented by the tiny bundle he travels with, his unusual but effective way of keeping himself and his clothes clean and his steadfast practice of meditation shows that there are other interesting ways of living. Warm, family stories make this a lovely collection to share.



Stories for  
Children  
by  
Oscar  
Wilde

Beautiful illustrations capture the anguish and joy of Oscar Wilde's classic fairy stories for children.

The Selfish Giant who won't let any children play in his garden finds only the winter can exist in his garden. Snow, hail and frost are happy there but everyone else keeps away. But, when a bird breaks through and brings children with it, Spring comes again and the Giant realise the mistake he has made.

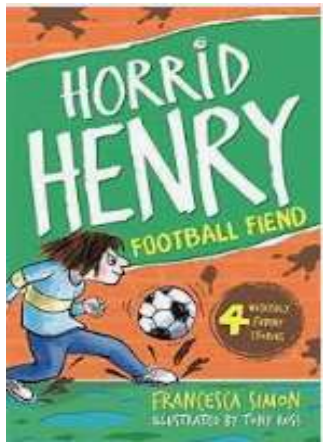
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## Horrid Henry Football Fiend

By  
Francesca  
Simon

A new collection of stories about Horrid Henry and his little brother, Perfect Pete.

Henry is as determined as ever to get his own way and will stop at nothing to achieve his ends. Above all, he won't let Perfect Pete stand in his way.

How Henry and Pete continue their feuding adventures makes for more hilarious reading.



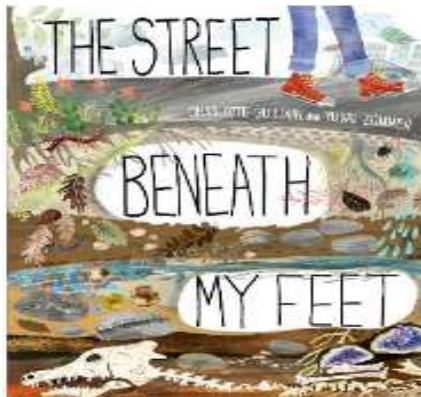
The Questing  
Knights of the  
Faerie Queen  
by  
Geraldine  
McCaughrean

A beautiful book, lavishly illustrated in colour throughout, this is an accessible prose re-telling of the story of the Faerie Queen, Spenser's romantic poem first written for Queen Elizabeth 1.

Full of adventure with knights and dragons, princesses and sea nymphs, it is both action-packed and romantic.

Ideal for reading aloud and sharing with a wide age group the story is lyrically retold capturing all the excitement and passion of the original.

## Non - fiction



**The Street beneath my Feet** by Charlotte Guillian Detailed, ingenious and graphically beautiful this information book opens, as the best do, with an invitation to young readers to stop and wonder as they're asked to think about what is going on beneath their feet. No ordinary book but a fold-out poster in book form, opening out the pages reveals a huge vertical panorama that takes us down through the different layers and right into the very core of the Earth. Friendly but information-rich text explains the features of the different layers, from the pipes and wires that support our civilisation to old bones, underground rivers, coal mines.



## The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams

To commemorate the 350th anniversary of the fire, powerful and sumptuous drawings from the new east London illustrator, James Weston Lewis, bring the events of November 1666 to life in this stunning gift book. Lewis's drawings take readers on a journey, from the single smouldering coal that falls out of the baker's oven to the swirling clouds of ash that engulf the city and then in to the very heart of the fire itself.



The Bed and  
Breakfast Star  
By  
Jaqueline  
Wilson

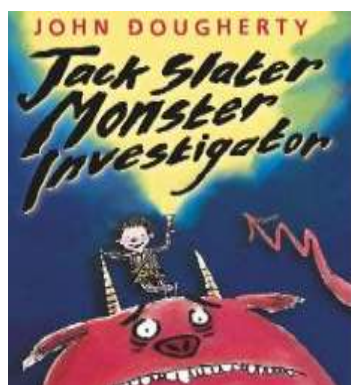
Year 3 & Year 4 Recommended  
New Reads  
Summer term 2023

Elsa longs to be a star and she makes her life sound very glamorous indeed to try to make her wish come true. The reality is very different. As her family moves from one dump to another, Elsa creates a background of jokes to try to ease the pain of the increasingly depressing homes. Not that anyone is laughing much. But, Elsa finds she is a star – almost without meaning to be. Jacqueline Wilson is at her best in this story about a child's use of humour for survival.



The Fox and the  
Ghost King  
By  
Michael Morpurgo

Michael Morpurgo weaves a charming and witty story around sport and history as they have come together in the recent twin triumphs of the City of Leicester with the discovery of the remains of King Richard III in a car park and Leicester City football club winning the 2016 Premier League. The link between the two? A family of foxes! When Daddy Fox finds the ghost of the king and helps to release him from an unseemly grave he is granted one royal wish. What will it be? As a mad-keen footballing family the Foxes have one over-riding wish; that Leicester City can go top of the League.



Jack Slater  
Monster  
Investigator  
By  
Jack  
Dougherty

Abandoned in the forest as a baby, Lump is adopted by a witch and grows up knowing nothing but love. He is nursed by a bear, waited on by a djinn and has only a cat to talk to. The forest is full of protecting magic but Lump must grow up and needs to find his way in the world and whether he has any magical powers of his own. A stunning story full of myth, magic and mystery as well some very human characteristics.

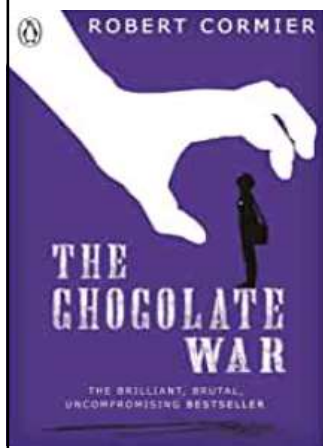
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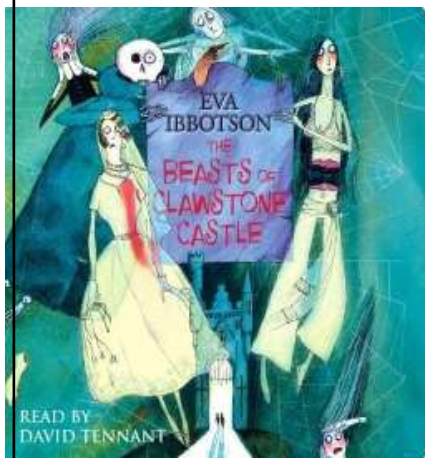
## The Chocolate War By Robert Cormier

Every year, Trinity School runs a chocolate sale. Each boy volunteers to sell a quota of boxes. But this year it's different, because new kid Jerry Renault has refused to take part. This small act of defiance starts a chain reaction exposing the corruption running throughout the school.

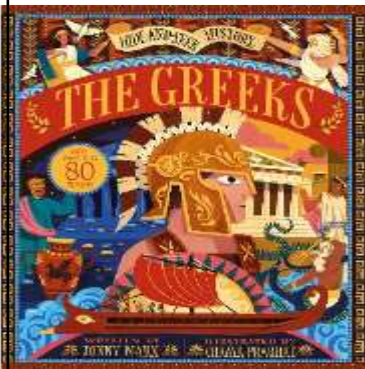


## The Beast of Clawstone Castle By Eva Ibbotson

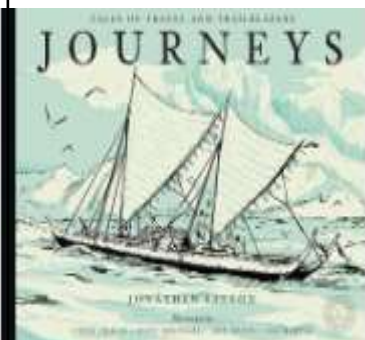
When Madlyn and Rollo are sent to staying at ancient Clawstone Castle, they soon fall in love with the house and its eccentric, penniless inhabitants. There's grumpy, limping Uncle George, mousey Miss Emily, and reclusive Cousin Howard who hardly ever leaves his library. But, the children are especially enchanted by the Cattle of Clawstone Park - rare and beautiful beasts, as white as snow and as wild as wolves. No one knows where they came from, but the owners of Clawstone have always protected them. So, as the castle crumbles away, Madlyn and Rollo devise a money-raising scheme...



## Non - fiction



**The Greeks by Jonny Marx** Were charioteers the highest-paid athletes in history? How did Heracles slay the many-headed Hydra? Did the Greeks invent the world's most bloodthirsty sport? Readers can discover the truth behind some of the most incredible ancient Greek stories and superstitions and unearth the most fascinating aspects of an ancient culture in this immersive book. With flaps to lift on every page, there's plenty of history to uncover.



**Journeys by Johnathan 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.



**Blood  
Fever**  
By  
**Charlie  
Higson**

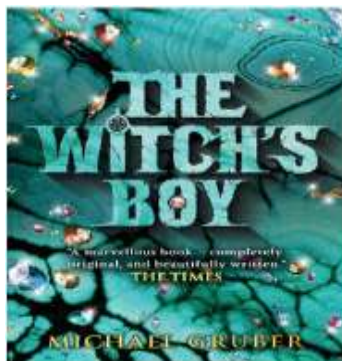
**Year 5 & Year 6 Recommended  
New Reads  
Summer term 2023**

Fans and non-fans of the grown up James Bond alike will be equally attracted to the young James Bond, now back to be the hero of a second title, Blood Fever.

Still at Eton, James is drawn into the same kind of derring-do as his grown up self but here the adventure with a Latin-speaking group of Italian dissidents is good clean fun tinged with an entirely appropriate amount of menace. Brilliant plotting will make it a sure-fire winner. Also available in Audio CD.



**Something  
Invisible**  
By  
**Siobhan  
Parkinson**



**The Witch's  
Boy**  
By  
**Michael  
Gruber**

Delicately told and filled with high drama, Something Invisible is a thoughtful novel in which Jake, helped by his new friend Stella, unravels his feelings as he comes to terms with his step-father, his absent father and how his position has altered since the arrival of his baby sister.

A thoughtful and emotionally satisfying domestic story which gets right the heart of how Jake feels.

A whirlwind adventure unfolds from the moment that lonely Penny Black helps a mysterious furry creature escape from a mouse trap in her uncle's post office. But the creature isn't a mouse...nor is it a rat – as it is quick to tell Penny when it introduces itself as Wishyouwas as a Sorter. Second Class. Soon Penny finds herself swept off on a wild underground adventure following the mystery of missing letters and helping the army of Sorters, Deliverers and the rest return them to their rightful owners. Rich in word play, including the wonderful names of the hidden Post Office team, this is a magical and cleverly created world of

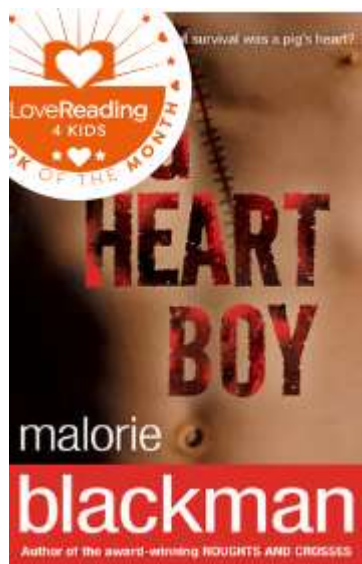
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## Pig heart Boy

By  
Malorie  
Blackman

Cameron's operation is risky. Very risky. He needs a new heart and the best match comes from an unusual source - a pig. A pig heart transplant has never been done before. It may not work out and it's controversial but Cameron and his family are prepared to give it a try. After all, it's the one chance Cameron has of leading a normal life and at thirteen that's the one thing he really wants to do. Told by Cameron as he faces up to the bravest decision of his life this is an emotionally rich and thought-provoking story.

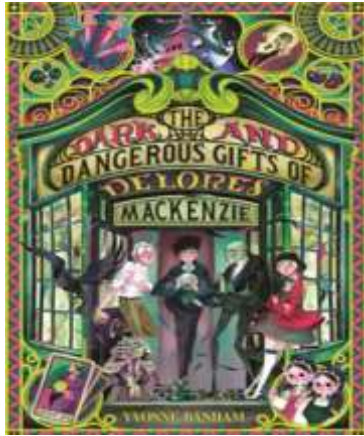


## The Dark and Dangerous Gifts of Dolores McKenzie

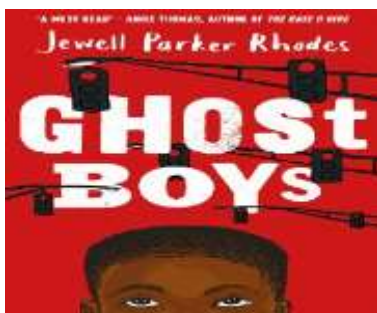
By  
Yvonne  
Banham

Dolores Mackenzie has always seen spirits. When she was a child, they were benign and friendly and used to join her for tea parties but, now she's older, the Bòcain have become increasingly sinister and malevolent. And now they are trying to kill her. If she's to have any chance of a tolerable life, Dolores must learn to control her powers, so she is sent to the Uncles who run a bookshop in Edinburgh Old Town.

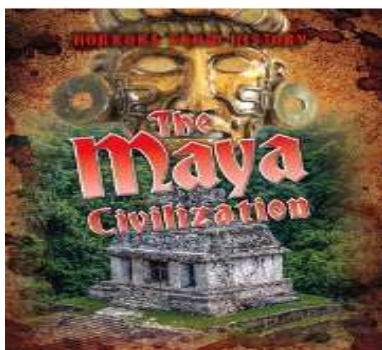
As well as the immediate and urgent threats to Dolores and the rest of humanity, there are underlying mysteries and unexplained events that give extra depth to the story and potential clues to future adventures.



## Non - fiction



**Ghost Boys – Jewell Parker Rhodes** ALIVE Twelve-year-old Jerome doesn't get into trouble. He goes to school. He does his homework. He takes care of his little sister. Then Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. DEAD As a ghost, watching his family trying to cope with his death, Jerome begins to notice other ghost boys. Each boy has a story and they all have something in common...



**The Maya by Louise Spillsbury** - Uncover some of the most chilling practices of the Maya. This book explores all the gruesome details, from rituals and rites to battles and sieges, with a detail that young readers will love! Prepare to be horrified by the customs and culture of the Maya!



