

In this booklet you will find a range of top tips to support you when hearing your child read. You will also find a range of book recommendations for children across all ages that your child may wish to read too. For more information linked to reading, please see the Reading section of our school website.



## 10 tips on hearing your child read

### 1. Choose a quiet time

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten to fifteen minutes is usually long enough.

### 2. Make reading enjoyable

Make reading an enjoyable experience and show that you enjoy it. Sit with your child. If your child loses interest then do something else.

### 3. Maintain the flow

If your child mispronounces a word, allow them time to correct it themselves rather than correcting them immediately.

If your child struggles with **lots** of words, it can be better to tell them some. If your child does try to 'sound out' words, use the sounds the letters make rather than 'alphabet names'.

### 4. Be positive

If your child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Instead of saying 'No. That's wrong,' say 'Let's read it together' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child's confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.

### 5. Success is the key

If you are keen for your child to progress it can be easy to give them a book that is too difficult. Until your child has built up his or her confidence, it is better to keep to easier books. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless. Flow is lost, text cannot be understood and children can easily be put off reading.

### 6. Regular practice

Try to read with your child on most school days. 'Little and often' is best.

### 7. Communicate

Your child will most likely have a reading diary from school. Try to communicate regularly with positive comments and any concerns. This will show your child that you value reading.

## 8. Talk about the books

Being able to say the words on the page is only half the story with reading. Your child needs to understand what they are reading. To help them with this, it is important that you talk about their reading book and ask questions. Here are some suggestions:

To begin with ask simple questions to show that your child understands the words –

- How many people are in the . . .?
- What colour was the . . .?
- What happened at . . .?
- What does . . . mean?
- Where did . . . go?

As your child becomes more confident, ask more complex questions that make them think more –

- What does . . . think?
- What does that word tell us about . . .?
- How did . . . react?
- How was . . . different after . . . ?
- Why is . . . important?

For more able readers, ask questions that make them think about the organisation and format of a text and the writer's choice of words –

- Why is . . . in bold type / italics / underlined?
- How does the diagram help you to understand . . . ?
- Why is . . . in a box?
- What kind of writing is this?
- Why is . . . a better word than . . . ?
- What does this word suggest about . . . ?
- Can you think of alternative words to . . . ?

## 9. Variety is important

Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials e.g. picture books, short and long story books, comics, magazines, poems, information books and local newspapers.

## **10. Does your child feel too old to read aloud to you?**

If your child feels that they too old to read aloud to mum or dad, you can still help them. Try reading the same thing as them and discussing it afterwards. You could read the same page of an information book, short story, chapter of a story book or article from a newspaper or magazine.

## Recommended reading (age 6-8)



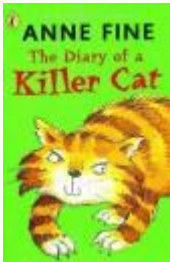
**The Adventures of Captain Underpants**  
**Dav Pilkey**

George and Harold create the greatest super-hero in their school's history and now they're about to bring him to life....



**Beaver Towers : Witches Revenge**  
**Nigel Hinton**

The evil witch Oyin has returned to Beaver Towers with one aim, revenge. She has tried to destroy Philip with...



**The Diary of a Killer Cat**  
**Anne Fine**

The hilarious antics of Tuffy the killer cat, in his own words...Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead...



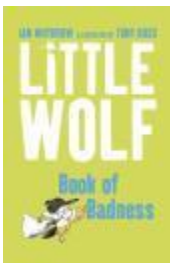
**Gobolino the Witch's Cat**  
**Ursula Moray Williams**

With his bright blue eyes and sparky magical whiskers, no one could mistake Gobolino for a kitchen cat, but that's...



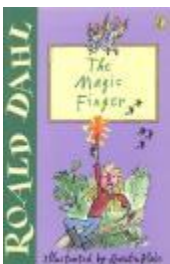
**Katie Morag Delivers the Mail**  
**Mairi Hedderwick**

One of a series of picture books featuring the ever-resourceful Katie Morag and her family and friends on the Isle...



**Little Wolf's Book of Badness**  
**Ian Whybrow**

Little Wolf is so worryingly well-behaved that his parents send him to Cunning College to learn the Nine Rules of...



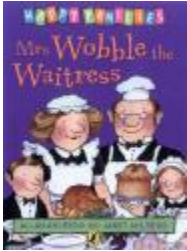
**The Magic Finger**  
**Roald Dahl**

The story of an unusual little girl who has magical powers. When someone makes her angry, she zaps a punishment...



**The Man Whose Mother Was a Pirate**  
**Margaret Mahy**

This is the story of Sam, an accountant, and his first trip to the seaside with his ex-pirate mother. This...



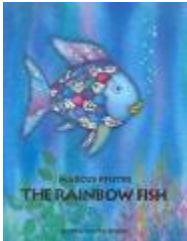
**Mrs. Wobble the Waitress**  
**Allan Ahlberg**

Designed for use at home and in school, each book in this series introduces the learner reader to the adventures...



**Pirate School : Just a Bit of Wind**  
**Jeremy Strong**

Ziggy, Smudge, Carkella and Flo are starting pirate school and they have lots of new things to deal with. Their...



**The Rainbow Fish : Mini Book**  
**Marcus Pfister**

The most beautiful fish in the entire ocean discovers the value of personal beauty and friendship. On board pages.



**Where the Wild Things are**  
**Maurice Sendak**

One night Max dresses up in his wolf suit and does all kinds of things he shouldn't, like chasing the...

## Recommended reading (age 7-9)



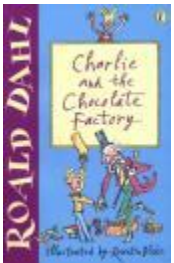
**Adventures Of The Little Wooden Horse**  
**Ursula Moray Williams**

Dashing, proud and brave, Uncle Peder had never made so fine a horse before. The little wooden horse loves Uncle...



**Carbonel**  
**Barbara Sleigh**

This is the story of a cat, a broomstick and an ordinary schoolgirl called Rosemary. She bought them both in...



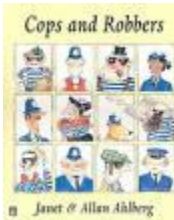
**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**  
**Roald Dahl**

Mr Wonka's inventions are out of this world. He's thought up every kind of sweet imaginable in his amazing chocolate...



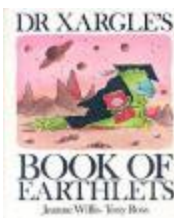
**Charlotte's Web**  
**E B White**

This is the story of a little girl named Fern who loved a little pig named Wilbur — and...



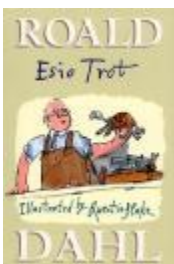
**Cops and Robbers**  
**Allan Ahlberg**

The robbers of London town plan a desperate crime on Christmas Eve - to steal all the toys they can...



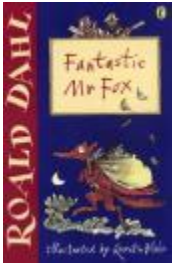
**Dr. Xargle's Book Of Earthlets**  
**Jeanne Willis**

This humorous story tells how Dr Xargle instructs his class of aliens on the appearance and habits of "Earthlets" (human...



**Esio Trot**  
**Roald Dahl**

Mr Hoppy, a retired bachelor, harbours a secret passion for the attractive widow Mrs Silver. Unfortunately she lavishes all her...



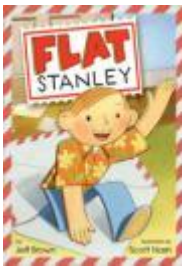
**Fantastic Mr. Fox**  
**Roald Dahl**

Boggis, Bunce and Bean are just about the nastiest and meanest three farmers you could meet, and they hate Mr...



**Finn Family Moomintroll**  
**Tove Jansson**

Although they're small, fat and shy creatures, Moomins have the most amazing adventures. It all begins when Moominpappa tries on...



**Flat Stanley**  
**Jeff Brown**

Stanley Lambchop is an ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem. One night, a giant pinboard falls on top of him...



**Fungus The Bogeyman**  
**Raymond Briggs**

Deep under the ground, in the dark tunnels of bogeydom, live the bogeys, a vile collection of slimy, smelly creatures...



**Grk and the Pelotti Gang**  
**Joshua Doder**

Tim and his dog Grk, zip through the streets of Rio at high speed, after the notorious Pelotti gang. Then...



**How the Whale became and other stories**  
**Ted Hughes**

First published 25 years ago, this book by the Poet Laureate is now regarded as a classic of its kind....



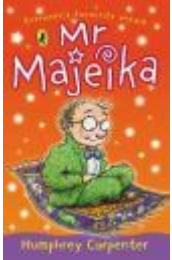
**Hundred-mile-an-hour Dog**  
**Jeremy Strong**

Streaker is a mixed-up kind of dog... with quite a bit of Ferrari and a large chunk of whirlwind... She's...



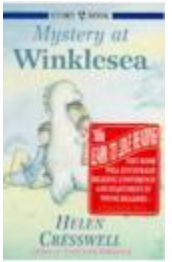
**The Indian in the Cupboard**  
**Lynne Reid Banks**

This text is the first of five stories about Omri and his plastic North American Indian - Little Bull -...



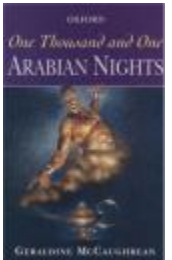
**Mr. Majeika**  
**Humphrey Carpenter**

When Class Three's new teacher flies in through the window on a magic carpet, the children believe that with Mr...



**Mystery At Winklesea**  
**Helen Cresswell**

Dan and Mary find the perfect present for their mother in the shop at the seaside, an egg-shaped stone with...



**One Thousand And One Arabian Nights**  
**Geraldine McCaughrean**

Queen Shaharazad tells stories to her murdering husband, King Shahryar, every night, to delay her inevitable execution. He is so...



**Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark**  
**Jill Tomlinson**

Plop is a baby owl. Perfect in every way - except for one. He's afraid of the dark! But he...



**Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark**  
**Jill Tomlinson**



**Please Mrs. Butler**  
**Allan Ahlberg**





**Railway Cat**  
**Phyllis Arkle**

A collection of five adventures in the life of Arkle, the irrepressible railway cat. He gets snow-bound, he saves a...



**The Sam Pig Story Book**  
**Alison Uttley**

Sam Pig lives in a thatched cottage with Tom, Bill and Ann Pig - and also Brock the Badger. Here...



**The Worst Witch**  
**Jill Murphy**

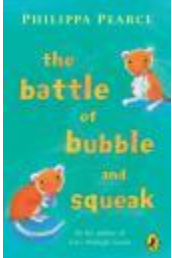
Mildred Hubble's first term at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches starts badly. She can't control her broomstick, her kitten, or...

## Recommended reading (age 8-10)

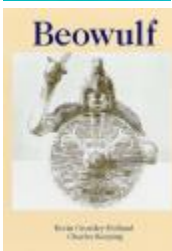


**Alice's Adventures In Wonderland**  
**Lewis Carroll**

A stunning new full-colour trade paperback edition of this children's classic. Join Alice as she travels through Wonderland and meets...



**Battle Of Bubble And Squeak**  
**Philippa Pearce**



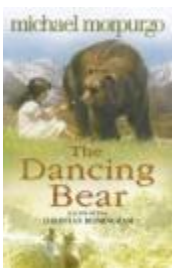
**Beowulf**  
**Kevin Crossley-holland**

This is the story of Beowulf, who travelled across the sea to fight two monsters, one could rip a man...



**Butterfly Lion**  
**Michael Morpurgo**

The story of a young boy who rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African bush. They remain inseparable...



**Dancing Bear**  
**Michael Morpurgo**

Nothing disturbs the peace of a French village until the arrival of a bear cub. Adopted by the orphaned Roxanne,...



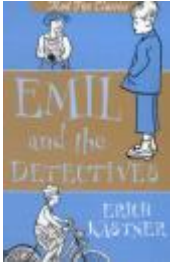
**Demon Headmaster**  
**Gillian Cross**

Dinah moves in with the Hunter family and starts going to the same school as her foster-brothers Lloyd and Harvey....



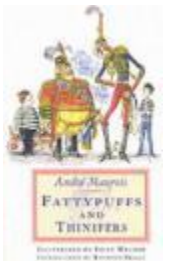
**Dog So Small**  
**Philippa Pearce**

For months, Ben had been thinking about dogs. He had picked the biggest and the best from the dog-books in...



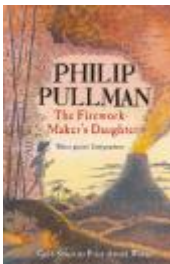
**Emil And The Detectives**  
**Erich Kastner**

If his mother had known the amazing adventures Emil was going to have in Berlin, she would never have let...



**Fattypuffs And Thinifers**  
**Andre Maurois**

Edmund was fat and loved food - just like his mother. His brother Terry was thin - just like his...



**Firework-maker's Daughter**  
**Philip Pullman**

More than anything else in the world, Lila wants to be a Firework- Maker. But every Firework-Maker must make a...



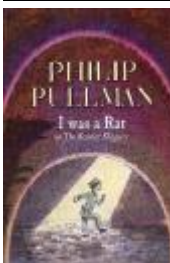
**Haroun And The Sea Of Stories**  
**Salman Rushdie**

An adventure novel about a son's attempt to rescue his father and return to him a special gift. The father...



**Harriet The Spy**  
**Louise Fitzhugh**

After school Harriet goes to observe the rich lady who never gets out of bed, the man with 25 cats...



**I Was A Rat!**  
**Philip Pullman**

When a small boy turns up on Bob and Joan's doorstep unable to say much except 'I was a rat',...



**Iron Man**  
**Ted Hughes**

Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction caused by the Iron Man. A trap is set for him,...



**Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe**  
**C S Lewis**

The classic text with eight pages of stunning movie photographs and a brand new movie cover!



**Little House On The Prairie**  
**Laura Ingalls Wilder**

The sun-kissed prairie stretches out around the Ingalls family, smiling its welcome after their hard journey across America. But looks...



**Little Prince**  
**Antione De Saint-exupery**

You could be excused for thinking that this book is one containing a simple story for young children about a...



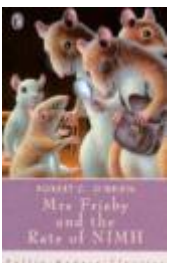
**The Midnight Fox**  
**Betsy Byars**

Tom is horrified when his parents tell him he is to stay on Aunt Millie's farm while they are away...



**Millions**  
**Frank Cottrell Boyce**

A bittersweet story about the perils and pleasures of pounds and pennies. It will make you laugh and cry.;Two bothers,...



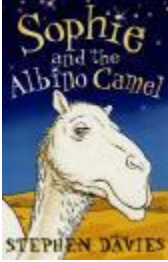
**Mrs. Frisby And The Rats Of Nimh**  
**Robert C O'brien**

Time is running out for Mrs Frisby, who must move her family of mice before the farmer destroys their home....



**The Sheep-Pig**  
**Dick King-Smith**

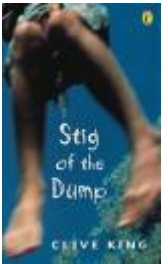
When Farmer Hogget wins a piglet at the local fair, Mrs Hogget thinks of fattening it up for the freezer....



**Sophie And The Albino Camel**  
**Stephen Davies**

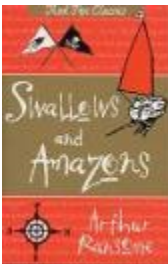
Sophie lives in Gorom-Gorom, with her carnivorous-plant obsessed dad. Despite living there for 2 years, she finds it difficult to...

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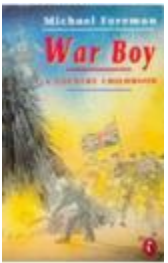
**Stig Of The Dump**  
**Clive King**

First published in 1962, this is the story of a boy who finds a Stone-Age cave-dweller living in a rubbish...



**Swallows and Amazons**  
**Arthur Ransome**

John, Susan, Titty and Roger sail their boat, Swallow, to a deserted island for a summer camping trip. Exploring and...



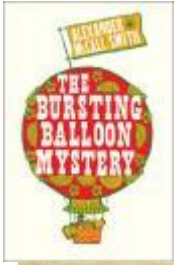
**War Boy**  
**Michael Foreman**

The award-winning illustrator of "Eric the Viking" and "Nicobobinus" looks back on his own wartime childhood, in this book which...



**Woof!**  
**Fritz, Ahlberg, Allan Wegner**

## Recommended reading (age 10 +)



### **Bursting Balloons Mystery** **Alexander McCall Smith**

Features international detectives Max and Maddy Twist, who made their mark with "The Chocolate Money Mystery".



### **A Christmas Carol** **Charles Dickens**

Dickens's ghostly tale of Ebenezer Scrooge has become as much a part of Christmas as trees and stockings, plum pudding...



### **Dark Is Rising** **Susan Cooper**

It's mid-winter's Eve, the day before Will's 11th birthday. But there is an atmosphere of fear in the familiar countryside...



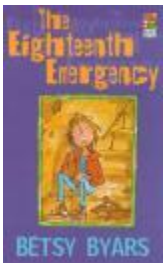
### **Dragon Rider** **Cornelia Funke**

To be a Dragon Rider is surely every child's wish – to fly on a dragon's back to the highest...



### **Eagle Of The Ninth** **Rosemary Sutcliff**

"The Eagle of the Ninth" is heralded as one of the most outstanding children's books of the twentieth century and...



### **Eighteenth Emergency** **Betsy Byars**

Mouse and his best friend Ezzie have come up with 17 action plans for various types of emergency, such as...



**Elidor**  
**Alan Garner**

Roland, Helen, Nicholas and David are lured into a ruined church, where the fabric of time and place is weak...



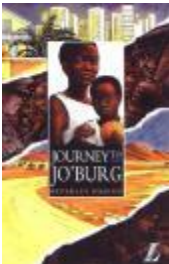
**Fire, Bed And Bone**  
**Henrietta Branford**

The narrator of this tale is a hunting dog, living in a peasant household in 1381. Unrest is spreading among...



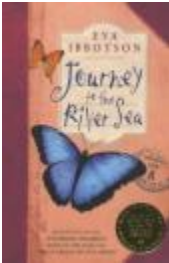
**Gideon The Cutpurse**  
**Linda Buckley-Archer**

An encounter with an anti-gravity machine catapults Peter Schock and Kate Dyer back to the 18th century and sets in...



**Journey To Jo'burg**  
**Beverly Naidoo**

Frightened that their baby sister will die, 13-year-old Naledi and her young brother Tiro run away from their grandmother to...



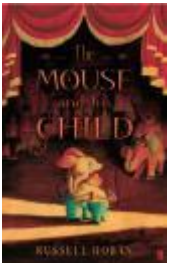
**Journey to the River Sea**  
**Eva Ibbotson**

It's 1910 and Maia, orphaned at 13, travels from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus,...



**Krindlekrax**  
**Philip Ridley**

Who is more likely to get the part of the hero in the school play? Ruskin or Elvis? Under Lizard...



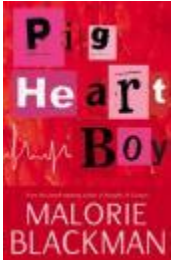
**The Mouse And His Child**  
**Russell Hoban**

So begins the story of a tin father and son who dance under a Christmas tree until they break the...



**The Owl Service**  
**Alan Garner**

It all begins with the scratching in the ceiling. From the moment Alison discovers the dinner service in the attic,...



**Pig Heart Boy**  
**Malorie Blackman**

Cameron is thirteen and in need of a heart transplant when a pioneering doctor approaches his family with a startling...



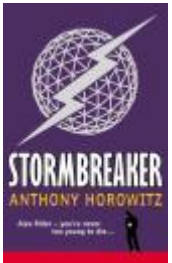
**Redwall**  
**Brian Jacques**

Redwall Abbey, tranquil home to a community of peace-loving mice is threatened by Cluny, the Scourge and his battle-hardened horde...



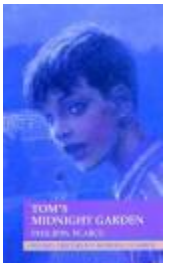
**Snow Spider**  
**Jenny Nimmo**

This is a really good story bringing in legends and magic from Celtic Wales. If you have already read the...



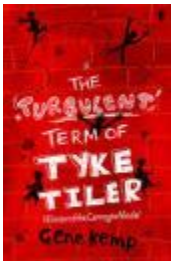
**Stormbreaker**  
**Anthony Horowitz**

When his guardian dies in suspicious circumstances, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider finds his world turned upside down. Forcibly recruited into MI6,...



**Tom's Midnight Garden**  
**Philippa Pearce**

When Tom hears the grandfather clock strike thirteen he is not prepared for what is going to happen. Outside the...



**The Turbulent Term Of Tyke Tiler**  
**Gene Kemp**

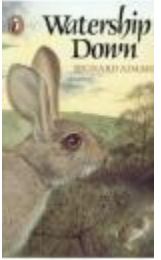
Their last term at Cricklepit Combined School is full of the usual fun and madness, but then Tyke learns that...





**Two Weeks with the Queen**  
**Morris Gleitzman**

When Colin's brother Luke becomes seriously ill with leukemia, he is determined to get the best help possible. He is...



**Watership Down**  
**Richard Adams**

Fiver could sense danger - something terrible was going to happen to the warren. His brother Hazel could sense it...



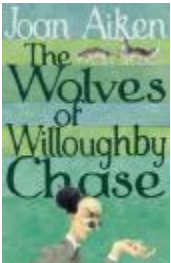
**When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit**  
**Judith Kerr**

Partly autobiographical, this is first of the trilogy by Judith Kerr telling the story of a Jewish family fleeing from...



**The Wizard Of Earthsea**  
**Ursula K Le Guin**

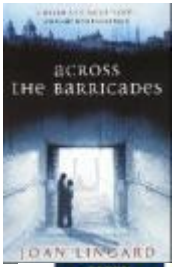
This tale of wizards and dragons features the character of Sparrowhawk. Tempted by pride to try spells beyond his powers,...



**Wolves Of Willoughby Chase**  
**Joan Aiken**

Good King James III is on the throne and the country is ravaged by wolves which have migrated through the...

## Recommended reading for confident readers (age 10 +)



**Across The Barricades**  
**Joan Lingard**



**Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents**  
**Terry Pratchett**

Maurice, a streetwise tomcat, has come up with the perfect scam. Inspired by the Pied Piper tale, cat and kid...



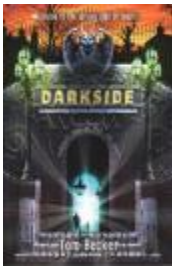
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**Darkside**  
**Tom Beckerlegge**

Jonathan has stumbled on London's greatest secret: Darkside, an incredibly dangerous and unimaginably exciting place, ruled by Jack the Ripper's...



**The Diamond of Drury Lane**  
**Julia Golding**

Set in 1790's Covent Garden this book whisks you back to a bygone era. The narrator's colourful slang and confident...



**Framed**  
**Frank Cottrell Boyce**

Dylan is the only boy living in the tiny Welsh town of Manod. His parents run the Snowdonia Oasis Auto...



**Gideon The Cutpurse**  
**Linda Buckley-archer**

An encounter with an anti-gravity machine catapults Peter Schock and Kate Dyer back to the 18th century and sets in...



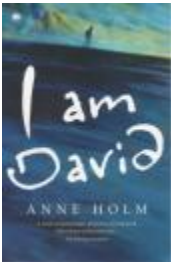
**Holes**  
**Louis Sachar**

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**Homecoming**  
**Cynthia Voigt**

Dacey had known for a while that something was not right, and when her mother said goodbye that day Dacey...



**I Am David**  
**Anne Holm**

The story of a young boy's journey through Europe after escaping from the camp where he had lived all his...



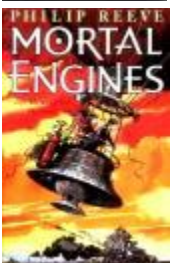
**Little Soldier**  
**Bernard Ashley**

Kaninda is an ex-child soldier from East Africa, orphaned and living in London. When a child from a nearby estate...



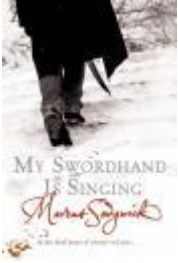
**The Machine Gunners**  
**Robert Westall**

Living in World War II Britain, Chas McGill is determined to outdo his rival Boddser Brown in obtaining the ultimate...



**Mortal Engines**  
**Philip Reeve**

In a world where moving cities trawl the globe, Tom and Hester have been thrown out of theirs and left...



**My Swordhand Is Singing**  
**Marcus Sedgwick**

In the bitter cold of an unrelenting winter Tomas and his son, Peter, arrive in Chust and despite the inhospitability...



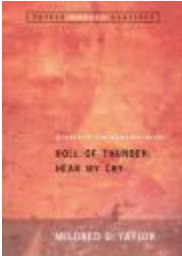
**Noughts and Crosses**  
**Malorie Blackman**

Sephy is a Cross - a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a nought - a 'colourless' member...

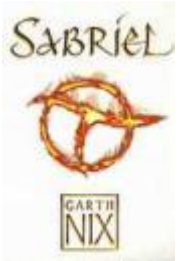


**Private Peaceful**  
**Michael Morpurgo**

"Tommo" Peaceful is recalling his childhood from those terrible battlefields. He remembers his big brother Charlie taking him to his...

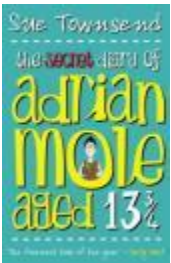


**Roll Of Thunder, Hear My Cry**  
**Mildred D Taylor**



**Sabriel**  
**Garth Nix**

Sabriel is sent as a child across the Wall to the safety of a school in Ancelstierre. Away from magic,...



**The Secret Diary Of Adrian Mole Aged Thirteen And Three Quarters**  
**Sue Townsend**

At 13 years old, Adrian Mole has more than his fair share of problems - spots, ill-health, parents threatening to...



**Smith**  
**Leon, Mckendry, Kenny Garfield**

Smith, though only 12, is an accomplished pickpocket, saved from the gallows by his own stealth and speed. One dark...



**Stoneheart**  
**Charlie Fletcher**

Deep in the City something had been woken, so old that people had been walking past it for centuries without...

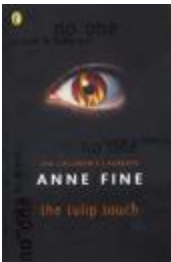


**Treasure Island**  
**Robert Louis Stevenson**



**Troy**  
**Adele Geras**

Marpessa is gifted with God-sight, Xanthe has the healing touch. But then, Aphrodite, Goddess of Love, decides to play with...



**Tulip Touch**  
**Anne Fine**

Nobody wants to be around Tulip but her outlandish behaviour doesn't matter to Natalie. At first she finds Tulip exciting...



**Watership Down**  
**Richard Adams**

Fiver could sense danger - something terrible was going to happen to the warren. His brother Hazel could sense it...



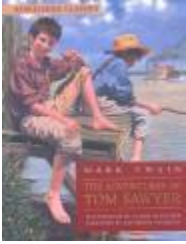
**The Weathermonger**  
**Peter Dickinson**

When Geoffrey starts to repair his uncle's motorboat, he and his sister Sally are condemned as witches. Fleeing to France,...



**The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes**  
**Arthur Conan Doyle**

Amid the foggy streets of sinister London and the even more sinister countryside, Holmes and Watson once more solve the...



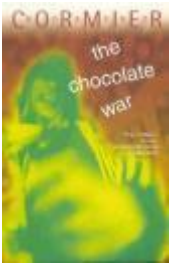
**The Adventures Of Tom Sawyer**  
**Mark Twain**

Incredible adventures along the banks of the Mississippi! Tom Sawyer has an eye for adventure, and is forever getting into...



**Book Of Everything**  
**Guus Kuijer**

Thomas Klopper sees things that no one else can see: fish swimming in the canal, sparrows playing trumpets and frogs...



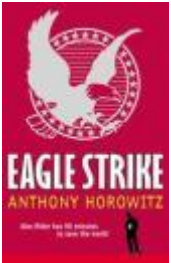
**The Chocolate War**  
**Robert Cormier**

Every year, Trinity School runs a chocolate sale. Each boy volunteers to sell a quota of boxes. But this year...



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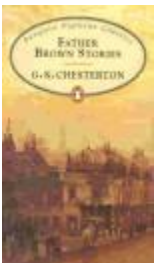
**Eagle Strike**  
**Anthony Horowitz**

Reluctant MI6 agent Alex Rider is relaxing in the south of France until a sudden, ruthless attack on his hosts...



**Eragon**  
**Christopher Paolini**

When Eragon finds a polished stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm...



**Father Brown Stories**  
**G K Chesterton**

A collection of seven tales taken from the "Father Brown" books. Father Brown's cherubic face and unworldly simplicity, his glasses...



**Flour Babies**  
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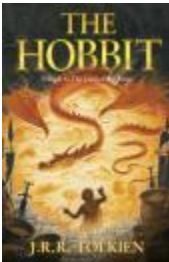
**Fly By Night**  
**Frances Hardinge**

As the realm struggles to maintain an uneasy peace after years of civil war and tyranny, a twelve-year-old orphan and...



**Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy**  
**Douglas Adams**

Losing your planet isn't the end of the world...the movie tie-in edition of Douglas Adams's perennially popular novel, with exclusive...



**The Hobbit**  
**J R R Tolkien**

Bilbo Baggins enjoys a quiet and contented life. Then, one day the wizard Gandalf and a band of dwarves arrive...



**I Am The Cheese**  
**Robert Cormier**

Adam's father is in hospital, and Adam has set off by bike to visit him. Adam's bike is an old-fashioned...



**Kensuke's Kingdom**  
**Michael Morpurgo**

Michael's parents buy a yacht, and take him off to sail round the world. Washed overboard in a fierce storm,...



**Kidnapped**  
**Robert Louis Stevenson**

"Two sailors dragged me back from the side of the ship, and then a thunderbolt seemed to strike me on..."



**Mistress Masham's Repose**  
**T H , Eichenburg, Fritz White**

Maria is a ten-year-old orphan girl, growing up in her crumbling ancestral home, under the authority of a cold guardian...



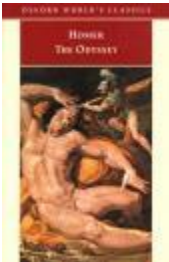
**Moonfleet**  
**F K , Falkner, J Meade Exell**

Young John Trenchard gets involved in the smuggling trade in the Dorset coastal village of Moonfleet. Forced to flee England...



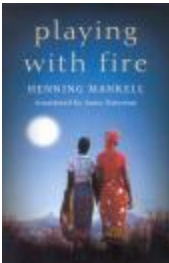
**My Family And Other Animals**  
**Gerald Durrell**

Sometimes it's pretty hard to tell them apart. With snakes in the bath and scorpions on the lunch table, our...



**The Odyssey**  
**Homer**

This is Homer's classic tale of Odysseus' 10-year voyage back home to his wife Penelope in Ithaca after the Trojan...



**Playing With Fire**  
**Henning Mankell**

Sofia lost her legs and her sister in a landmine accident, but now she's growing up and is ready to...



**Refugee Boy**  
**Benjamin Zephaniah**

Alem, the product of an Ethiopian father and Eritrean mother, is left alone in London, his fate resting in the...



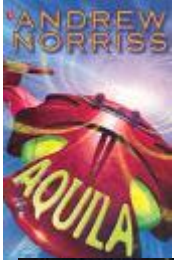
**The White Darkness**  
**Geraldine Mccaughrean**

When she is taken on a mystery expedition by her eccentric uncle Victor, Sym can't believe her luck. Destination Antarctica...



## Recommended reading for Reluctant Readers

The list below was created from a survey run on Lovereading4schools where we asked Teachers and Parents to recommend books that they have found helpful in encouraging reluctant readers.



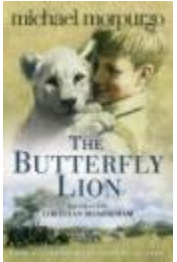
**Aquila**  
**Andrew Norriss**

Two schoolboys discover a spaceship when out on a school-trip. The boys learn to fly the spaceship and talk in...



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

A mediterranean mystery featuring James Bond at the age of 13. Feisty, blond and superfit Amy Goodenough, sister of James'...



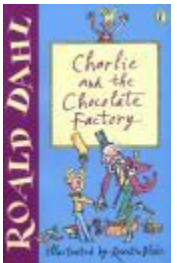
**Butterfly Lion**  
**Michael Morpurgo**

The story of a young boy who rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African bush. They remain inseparable...



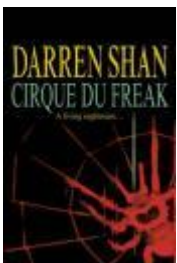
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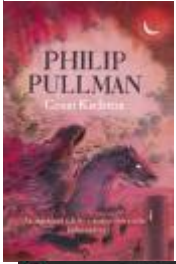
**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**  
**Roald Dahl**

Mr Wonka's inventions are out of this world. He's thought up every kind of sweet imaginable in his amazing chocolate...



**Cirque Du Freak**  
**Darren Shan**

Darren goes to a freak show with his friend, Steve. It's the gothic "Cirque du Freak" where weird, half human/half...



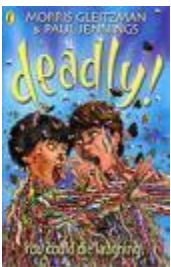
**Count Karlstein**  
**Philip Pullman**

No one in the village of Karlstein dares to leave their home on All Souls Eve - the night Zamiel,...



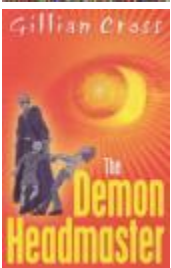
**Dark Is Rising**  
**Susan Cooper**

It's mid-winter's Eve, the day before Will's 11th birthday. But there is an atmosphere of fear in the familiar countryside...



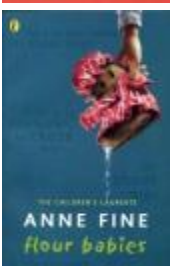
**Deadly!**  
**Morris Gleitzman, Paul Jennings**

When Amy goes home for her birthday tea she finds her parents have vanished and in their place is a...



**Demon Headmaster**  
**Gillian Cross**

Dinah moves in with the Hunter family and starts going to the same school as her foster-brothers Lloyd and Harvey...



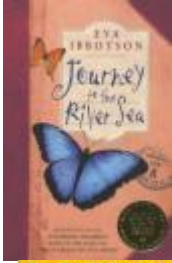
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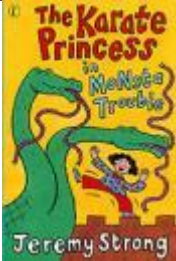
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**Journey to the River Sea**  
**Eva Ibbotson**

It's 1910 and Maia, orphaned at 13, travels from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus,...



**Karate Princess In Monsta Trouble**  
**Jeremy Strong**



**The Killer Underpants**  
**Michael Lawrence**

Join Jiggy McCue and his pals in this pant-astically funny tale! The underpants from hell - that's what Jiggy calls...



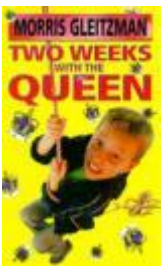
**Millions**  
**Frank Cottrell Boyce**

A bittersweet story about the perils and pleasures of pounds and pennies. It will make you laugh and cry.;Two bothers,...



**Snow Spider**  
**Jenny Nimmo**

This is a really good story bringing in legends and magic from Celtic Wales. If you have already read the...



**Two Weeks with the Queen**  
**Morris Gleitzman**

When Colin's brother Luke becomes seriously ill with leukemia, he is determined to get the best help possible. He is...



**War Boy**  
**Michael Foreman**

The award-winning illustrator of "Eric the Viking" and "Nicobobinus" looks back on his own wartime childhood, in this book which...



**Fighting Fantasy 1: The Warlock of Firetop Mountain**  
**Steve, Livingstone, Ian Jackson**

The Warlock of Firetop Mountain is the first book in the Fighting Fantasy gamebook series, written by Steve Jackson and...