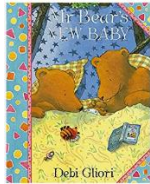
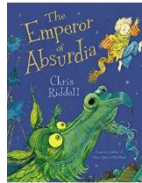


Recommended Reads

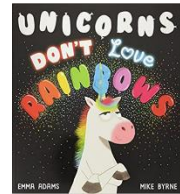
Recommended books for EYFS and Year 1



Mr Bear's New Baby by Debi Gliori is full of beautiful illustrations and details that will wryly entertain parents. Mr and Mrs Bear are desperate for sleep after their new baby is born and none of their neighbours' helpful suggestions seems to work. Will they ever manage to get their baby to sleep?



The Emperor of Absurdia by Chris Riddell is full of wacky illustrations and lovely alliterative descriptions. Chris Riddell takes the reader on a fantastical journey through a dreamlike world full of amazing creatures and fantastic contraptions. This is definitely a good book to revisit and find links in the illustrations.



Unicorns Don't Love Rainbows by Emma Adams is a favourite bedtime story in the Rivett household. This story is all about a unicorn who doesn't love smiling, cake, glitter, ice cream or rainbows. Full of rhymes and funny pictures, this story is a fantastic celebration of accepting our differences and being ourselves.

Recommended by Mr Rivett

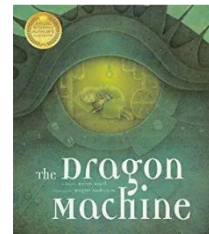
Recommended books for Year 2 and 3



This is a wonderfully accessible biography by Helaine Becker of Katherine Johnson, the African-American mathematician whose work made it possible for Apollo 11 to reach the moon and Apollo 13 to return home safely. With beautiful illustrations, the text shows how Katherine was inspired by an early love of maths and how she overcame many obstacles placed in her way in a society that treated her differently due to her skin colour. A great read for any fans of space exploration!



Ellie and the Cat by Malorie Blackman tells the story of a rather rude and unhappy little girl who is sent to stay with her grandmother while her father goes away to work. However, Ellie's grandmother seems to have magical powers and swaps Ellie into the body of her pet cat Jolly. Can Ellie learn from her mistakes and become a kinder person? I loved the other characters in this book – a mouse called Dimple and a spider called Vinegar, who help Ellie learn to make friends.



The Dragon Machine by Helen Ward is beautifully illustrated by Wayne Anderson. This book tells the story of George, a young boy who feels ignored and overlooked. He begins to notice lots of tiny dragons hiding all around him. Readers will love spotting the dragons hidden within the illustrations! After the dragons cause all sort of chaos, George realises that they don't belong in his world and decides to build an amazing dragon machine to fly them home. This is a book to return to time and time again.

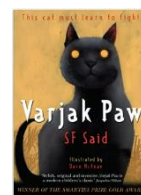
Recommended books for Year 4, 5 and 6



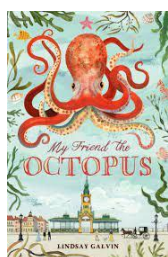
The Strangeworlds Travel Agency by L.D. Lapinski is one of the most inventive books I have read this year. Flick moves to a new town and is drawn to a strange building. Inside, she meets Jonathan, who introduces her to a very unusual travel agency. They reach other worlds by stepping into suitcases. I loved the characters and the relationship between them just as much as the adventures in other worlds. I'm definitely looking forward to reading the sequel!



Fans of the Who Let the Gods Out series will already know that Maz Evans is a writer who is as imaginative as she is hilarious. VI Spy tells the story of a young girl whose mother is a retired super-spy. VI is hoping to follow in her mother's footsteps and to complete her first mission, which will allow her entry to Rimington Hall, a school for spies. However, she soon realises that her father (who is getting divorced from her mother) is actually a super-villain. Can VI work with her soon to be stepbrother to stop the evil villain, Umbra?



Varjak Paw by S.F. Said tells the tale of a Mesopotamian Blue cat who looks and feels very different to his family. After some strange people come into the home he has always stayed in, Varjak escapes to the streets. He makes friends with some stray cats but also terrifying cat gangs. Varjak must learn The Way – a secret martial art for cats developed by his ancestor, Jalal. I loved all the action and drama in this story, as well as the themes of persistence and loyalty. The descriptions of Mesopotamia will certainly appeal to history fans!



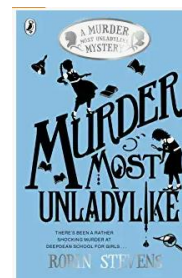
My Friend the Octopus by Lindsay Galvin is a great book to read if you enjoy historical fiction, aquatic animals and mysteries. The main character, Vinnie Fyfe, is unexpectedly sent to live with her aunt in Brighton, where she forms a special bond with an octopus and meets some new friends. Life takes another turn when a sinister stranger arrives and entangles them in a dangerous mystery.

Recommended by Miss Hoal



The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin is a hilarious book, which we really enjoyed reading in class. A young boy called Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country. He is surprised when the video goes viral and people ask for him to take over as prime minister! If you've ever wondered what would happen if a child was in charge of the country, this is your chance to find out!

Recommended by Mrs Mathie



This is the first book in a fantastic series of detective books. Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens is a blend of a boarding school story with an Agatha Christie style detective mystery. At Deepdean School for Girls, Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong have set up their own detective agency. When Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym, they have a real mystery to solve – especially when the body goes missing. Full of twists and turns and excitement, you will definitely want to rush to the sequels.