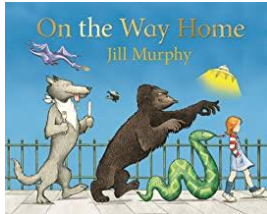


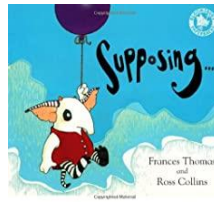
Recommended Reads

Recommended books for EYFS and Year 1



On the Way Home by Jill Murphy is a classic picture book that celebrates children's sometimes overactive imaginations. Claire has fallen over and hurt her knee on the way home – but just how did she do it? Funny, inventive and a great read-aloud.

Mrs McLeish



Supposing by Frances Thomas and Ross Collins is another fantastic read-aloud story. Little Monster has lots of worries, from a big black hole in the floor to the house being on fire. Luckily, Mummy Monster knows exactly how to help him imagine all the good things that might happen instead!

Mrs McLeish



The Big Angry Roar by Jonny Lambert is a beautifully illustrated story about a lion cub learning how to deal with his angry feelings. Perfect for beginning conversations with young children about recognising and managing feelings but also a lovely story for them to join in!

Mrs McLeish

Recommended books for Year 2 and 3



Genie and Teeny Make a Wish by Steven Lenton is a hilarious debut novel. Grant is cast out of Genie World for always getting his magic words wrong. On Earth, he meets a dog who has lost his owner and finds a nice teapot to live in. Unfortunately, they are kidnapped by the evil, purple-loving Lavinia Lavender and must escape before they are turned purple. This story is full of laugh out loud moments – I can't wait for the sequel!

Mrs McLeish



Panda at the Door by Sarah Horne is an enchanting story about a panda from Edinburgh Zoo, who arrives in the style of her hero, Mary Poppins, on the doorstep of a family. Although nobody in Callum's family expected Pudding the panda at their door, she turns out to be exactly what they need. Can they keep her safe from being sent to another zoo in China and will they stop their greedy neighbours from giving her away to get a cash reward?

Mrs McLeish



The Midnight Thief by Sylvia Bishop is a fast-paced mystery set in a boarding school. Freya, an explorer's daughter, hates her new school. When a bat removal expert is called in to deal with an infestation, Freya makes friends with his children. When the priceless dragon statues discovered by Freya's father are stolen, she works together with her new friends to discover who might have taken them and why. I loved Sylvia Bishop's array of characters just as much as trying to unravel this mystery.

Mrs McLeish

Recommended books for Year 4, 5 and 6

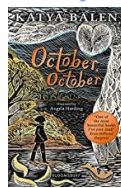


I would like to recommend The Last Wild by Piers Torday. It's funny, it's clever and clearly a popular read! It also has one of the most intriguing blurbs I have come across - see below.

"This is a story about a boy named Kester. He is extraordinary, but he doesn't know that yet. All he knows, at this very moment, is this:

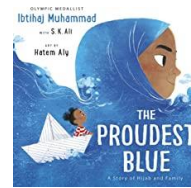
1. There is a flock of excited pigeons in his bedroom.
2. They are talking to him.
3. His life will never be quite the same again...

Mrs Harradine-Hughes



October, October by Katya Balen is a beautifully written descriptive story that tells the tale of a young girl whose life is turned upside down. October lives a self-sufficient life with her father in woods, far-removed from the hustle and bustle of a more conventional home life. This fearless, determined free-spirited character is suddenly confronted with modern, urban life when an unforeseen event changes life, forever. Katya Balen weaves a story to keep her readers guessing, creating an emotional connection with all the characters, even those we think we won't like! A rich, challenging text this is a book to treasure forever.

Miss Hatchell



The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad and illustrated by Hatem Aly is a beautiful tale of sisterly love and pride, which explores acceptance and difference, and the value of knowing one's own self and living confidently. It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong? This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.

Miss Hatchell



Year 5 loved The Barnabus Project by The Fan Brothers. The illustrations are amazing, with lots of little details to watch out for! This is an imaginative story with strong ideas about the power of friendship, teamwork and sticking together despite the difficulties. In a world built for Perfect Pets, Barnabus is a Failed Project, half mouse, half elephant, kept out of sight until his dreams of freedom lead him and his misfit friends on a perilous adventure. Who wants to fit in when you are made to stick out?!

Miss Hatchell



The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper is a gripping fantasy adventure – perfect for an older child (Year 5 and above) looking to read something different to most children's books. On his 11th birthday, Will Stanton discovers that he is in fact a mythical old one – a guardian and warrior for 'the light.' As midwinter approaches and the dark begins to rise, Will's courage and new found abilities are put to the test. Travelling through time, Will and his guide 'Merriman' gather the signs - through which the darkness will be turned back. This story is perfect for anyone (young or old) fond of fantasy, particularly fans of Arthurian legend.

Mr Popplewell



Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll is a thrilling adventure with lots of twists and turns. I couldn't stop turning the pages to see what happened next. When Lilian Kaye finds a parcel on her grandad's doorstep, she is shocked to see who sent it: a famous Egyptologist, found dead that very morning, according to every newspaper in England! The mysterious package holds the key to a story . . . about a king whose tomb archaeologists are desperately hunting for. Those of you who loved learning about Ancient Egypt and finding out about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun will particularly enjoy this story.

Mrs Mathie