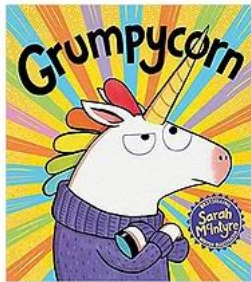
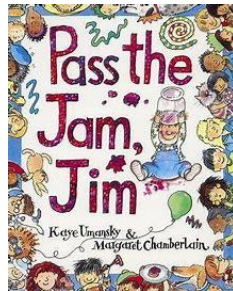


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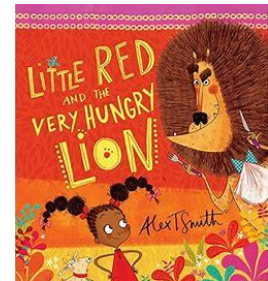
Recommended books for EYFS and Year 1



I love Sarah McIntyre's illustrations, which are full of colour and character! She is also the author of this picture book about a rather grumpy unicorn, who is struggling to write a book. Will he let his friends help him?

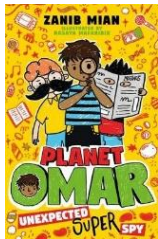


This classic picture book by Kaye Umansky and Margaret Chamberlain will appeal to younger children, with its rhyming text and chaotic scenes as children prepare for a party! It's one to return to and reread again and again.

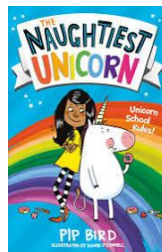


I love this version of Little Red Riding Hood by Alex T Smith! Little Red sets off to visit her auntie who is poorly. Then a Very Hungry Lion approaches Little Red, wanting to gobble her up. She sees through his tricks right away and decides to tame him!

Recommended books for Year 2 and 3



This hilarious series of books by Zanib Mian feature the loveable character of Omar and his friends and family. In this book, he is trying to raise money to save his mosque. After a successful talent show, the money goes missing! Can Omar find out what has happened to it? With laugh-out loud humour and wacky cartoon-style illustrations, it's not surprising that a Planet Omar story was chosen for one of this year's £1 World Book Day titles.



I loved this book by Pip Bird, which is the first in a series of books. Mira has been looking forward to going to unicorn school for ages, as her big sister keeps talking about it. She dreams of having her own sparkly, magical unicorn friend and going on quests together. However, she ends up with Dave, who is grumpy, lazy and a little bit naughty! With a focus on the importance of friendship and an entertaining and amusing plot, this book is sure to be popular with any unicorn fans!



This classic series by Jill Murphy is just as good to read today. It's not surprising that it has been adapted for children's television again. Mildred Hubble is in her first year at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches. Mildred tries her best but somehow things always go wrong and she is often in trouble. After accidentally ruining a broomstick display, Mildred decides to run away. However, she soon discovers a plot against the academy. Can the worst witch save the school?

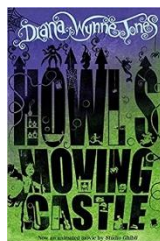
Recommended books for Year 4, 5 and 6



Cogheart is the first in a series of books by Peter Bunzl that will be popular with fans of steampunk. Lily Hartman's father is captured and silver-eyed men are stalking her. She and her friends Robert and the mechanical fox Malkin (my favourite character) embark on a terrific quest to find and bring her father back. Full of fantastic inventions and a plot that is truly gripping, this book will keep you turning the pages!

It's not surprising that this debut novel by Jasbinder Bilan has been nominated for so many prizes. Asha lives in the foothills of the Himalayas. When her father suddenly stops sending his wages from the city, a ruthless moneylender ransacks their home and her mother talks of leaving. From her den in the mango tree, Asha makes a pact with her best friend, Jeevan, to find her father and make things right. Their dangerous journey covers the heights of the Himalayas. Evocative, beautifully written and full of hope.

Fans of Brightstorm will love this second novel by Vashti Hardy. Filled with her usual creativity, this book is set in the city of Medlock, where a secretive guild of inventors have developed a way to capture spirits of the dead in animal-like machines, bringing them back to life. Prue Hayward is missing her older brother, who died a year ago. Can she find a way to get the ghost machines to remember the people they used to be?



The Girl Who Stole an Elephant is a fast-moving adventure set in the Sri-Lankan jungle. The heroine, Chaya, is a modern-day Robin Hood figure, who steals from the rich to help people she knows buy food or medical treatment. When she ends up stealing the queen's jewels and the king's elephant, has she gone a step too far? This book is currently available to read as an e-book on the Oak National Academy (see the link on your year group website) and is definitely one I'd recommend!

Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones is a classic and well worth reading (or returning to, for older readers!). Sophie Hatter from the land of Ingary catches the unwelcome attention of the Witch of the Waste and is put under a spell that makes her appear old. Deciding she has nothing more to lose, Sophie makes her way to the moving castle belonging to the dreaded Wizard Howl. There Sophie meets Michael, Howl's apprentice, and Calcifer the fire demon, with whom she agrees a pact. An enchanting tale, which has also been adapted for film by Studio Ghibli.

This is a beautifully told story that sensitively covers the theme of domestic violence. As such, it is more suited to older primary pupils and above. 10-year-old Aniyah finds herself living in foster care when her mum disappears. She believes that her mum isn't gone for ever and has become a star. When a new star is spotted acting strangely in the sky, Aniyah is sure it's her mum, and she embarks on the adventure of a lifetime to make sure everyone else knows too -- an adventure that involves breaking into the Royal Observatory of London. The power of friendship and hope shine through in this memorable story.