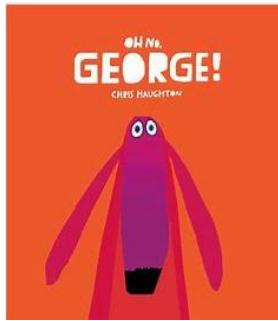


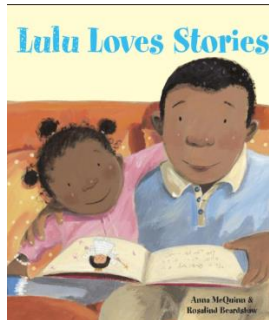
Recommended Reads

With Christmas coming up, I thought it would be a good time to recommend some more fantastic children's books that would be a great addition to stockings! Mrs McLeish – English Leader

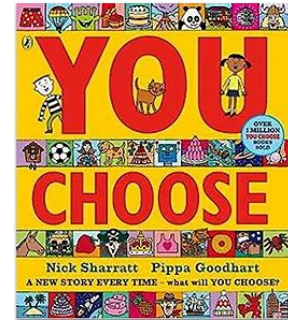
Recommended books for EYFS and Year 1



George is a dog who tries to be good but just can't help getting into trouble. This picture book has endearing, brightly-coloured illustrations and a text that children can't help joining in with.

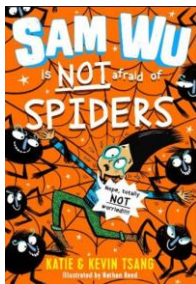


This picture book is a celebration of the power of books to inspire imaginative play and a wonderfully warm depiction of the joys of sharing stories with your children.



This is a very interactive book, with pictures that capture children's imagination. It gives lots of opportunities for developing conversations and explaining ideas as children choose things such as which means of transport they would choose, which bed they would sleep in and so on.

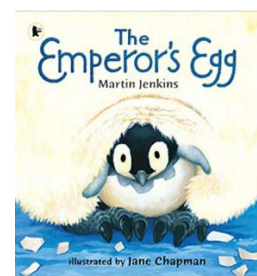
Recommended books for Year 2 and 3



The Sam Wu series are hilarious adventures in which Sam seeks to prove he is not afraid of spiders, the dark, ghosts and so on. These are very accessible chapter books with illustrations that appeal to children who are beginning to enjoy slightly longer chapter books.

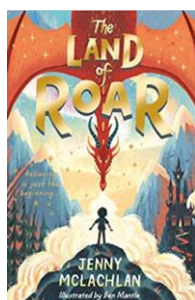


Isadora Moon is half fairy and half vampire. She likes the dark but she also likes using her magic wand. When she starts school, she is not sure whether she belongs at fairy school or vampire school. There is a series of Isadora Moon books, which are very short chapter books so perfect for younger readers to read or enjoy listening to.



A beautifully illustrated non-fiction book about the male Emperor penguin, who spends the bitterly cold Antarctic winter incubating the egg while the female returns to the sea. Perfect for animal fans.

Recommended books for Year 4, 5 and 6



The Land of Roar is a fantastically imaginative book that reminded me of the Narnia series or The Neverending Story film. When Arthur and Rose were little, they created the Land of Roar, an imaginary world accessed by climbing through the folding bed in their grandad's attic. They filled Roar with dragons, mermaids and ninja wizards, along with a very scary baddie, Crowkey. They thought that Roar was just a game they played when they were little...until Grandad is pulled into the folding bed and vanishes.



Ethan and his twin sister, Tammy, used to have a special bond but have recently been arguing. He soon remembers how important she is to him when she suddenly disappears just before Christmas. An encounter with a very hairy and rather smelly alien called Hellyann soon leads Ethan to realise that his sister has been kidnapped by aliens and it's up to him and his new friend Iggy to rescue her – helped by Hellyann, a pet chicken and a ship's computer named Philip. This adventure will definitely have you turning the pages well after lights-out.



This was one of my favourite reads of the summer and the sequel is next on my to-read pile. Casper Tock hates risks and adventures so he is not very happy to find himself accidentally in Rumblestar, an Unmapped Kingdom full of cloud giants, storm ogres and drizzle hags. Casper soon realises that Rumblestar and his own world are in trouble from an evil harpy called Morg. With one of the most memorable sidekicks, a rule-hating girl called Utterly Thankless and her tiny dragon, Arlo, Casper sets out on an adventure. This is a funny and charming book, which will capture hearts and imaginations.



Jennifer Killick's books really appeal to children. This book is both funny and gripping as Mo tries to find out what is going on in his home town. He and his mum have moved in with his new stepdad and stepsisters, Lottie and Sadie. The new people in his old house seem rather odd and he keep meeting strange people, such as a peculiar lollipop man and a boy called Jax. Who are the weird new people in their town? Do they have any involvement in the disappearance of Mo's dad many years ago? And why does the ice cream taste so good?



This is a wonderful book from the original illustrator of the Harry Potter books. The setting is as captivating as the characters. Herbert Lemon works as a Lost-and-Founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel. He usually reunites people with missing belongings but now has to try to find missing people. He decides to help Violet Parma find out what happened to her parents twelve years ago. Could their disappearance have something to do with the legendary sea-monster, the Malamander? I'm looking forward to reading the sequel to this and spending more time in Eerie-on-Sea!



Emma Carroll is rightly called "the queen of children's historical fiction". This story is based on a torrential flood that hit Somerset in the seventeenth century. Fortune Sharpe has been brought up in a village of strong women. However, the seventeenth century is not the time for a girl to be drawing attention to herself. She is sent away to find work dressed as a boy. Luckily a rich manor house is hiring. The suspicious owner is hunting for witches, and the house itself is a little too close to the sea . . .