

Reading Newsletter

Autumn 2021

Welcome to our Autumn Term 2021 Reading Newsletter—a place for us to share reading recommendations and support our children in accessing and enjoying great books. We are pleased to say that this term's newsletter is a special edition which has been written by our Year 3 and Year 4 Reading Ambassadors. We hope that you enjoy their book recommendations. Happy reading!































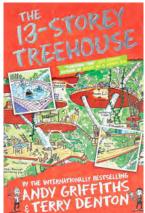


Isabelle in Year 3 recommends...

The Truth Pixie - Matt Haig

I really enjoyed this book. It is about how you have to be yourself no matter if people tell you you're different. The Truth Pixie can only tell the truth and sometimes the truth is mean. She tries not to say it but it just blurts out. Each page is a poem and some of the poetry is a little bit cheeky and made me laugh, like when the Truth Pixie says "you ask me why I smell of poo, it's 'cause the mouse in my hair has got no loo." The illustrations are by Chris Mould and the pictures are really cool and realistic. I would recommend this book to all ages.





Edward in Year 3 recommends...

The 13 Storey Treehouse - Andy Griffiths

The 13 Storey Treehouse is about two boys called Andy and Terry who live in a treehouse. The treehouse has 13 levels that have strange things happening on them like a giant catapult they use to fire a big banana to a tropical island! In this book, Andy and Terry have to write a story by 5 p.m. or something bad will happen but a big gorilla keeps trying to shake the tree and causes havoc. This book really made me laugh out loud! think it would be great for 7-9 year olds and it has lots of pictures.



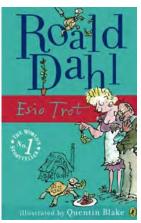


Aylin in Year 3 recommends...

Oh, No, Mr Snowman! - Nick Page

In this book, get ready to have your imagination taken over by Christmas and to go on a magical adventure. This book is about a little girl called Katy and her brother. Katy wants to build a snowman and he comes to life! He causes lots of trouble by coming down the chimney and freezing everything they do. In the end, they have lots of fun because he gives them ice cream and they ice skate in the house! I loved this book because it has lots of Christmassy things in and it is really funny. It is a picture book so it's suitable for all ages to enjoy.





Oliver in Year 3 recommends...

Esio Trot - Roald Dahl

Esío Trot is about a lady called Mrs Silver who has a tortoise called Alfie. Mr Hoppy lives in the flat above and is in love with her. He is too shy to tell her so he comes up with a plan to buy 140 tortoises and swap Alfie for a tortoise a little heavier each week. He tells Mrs Silver a poem to say to make her tortoise grow. His plan works and they get married! I like this book because the tortoise is cute. This book is for semi-confident readers and is a good introduction to chapter books. If you like a happy ending and old-fashioned stories, you will love this!



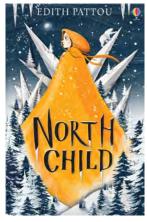


Joshua in Year 3 recommends...

Cat Kid Comic Club - Dav Pilkey

Cat Kid Comic Club is about Lil Petey and his friends who are teaching some baby frogs how to make comics. The frogs take turns to share their comics and then they talk about them. I really like this book because it is really funny. My favourite part is when the frogs sneak away without Flippy noticing (Flippy is a bionic fish who can move things with his mind). I think that you should read this if you want to learn how to make your own comic books or if you like reading books such as Dog Man.



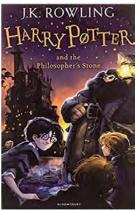


Deimantas in Year 4 recommends...

The North Child - Edith Pattou

Rose is an unusual child, a north child. She was born facing North. Once upon a time, there was a child called Rose. She lived with her family. Everything was alright until one day her sister, Sara, became really sick. Then after that day, a bear kept on coming and saying, if you give me your sister I promise she will become better. The next day they kept on arguing, so Rose thought about it and told them that she will go. This is a perfect book for ages 9+. It's quite challenging and difficult with lots of text but it is manageable. It's a great book about friendship.



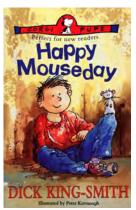


Georgina in Year 4 recommends...

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - JK Rowling

Harry's adventure begins after his Mum and Dad die when someone that must not be named waved their wand. Somehow, Harry didn't die so he is very, very famous and gets invited to Hogwarts the School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. On the train, he meets two new friends called Ron and Hermione and they get to Hogwarts then go to the sorting ceremony. The team houses are Gryffindor for all the brave, Slytherin for the mean, Hufflepuff for the kind and Ravenclaw for the wise. What house will the sorting hat choose for Harry? Read Harry Potter to find out. This set of books are suitable for 8+ and are very interesting. They can get a little bit challenging as the series goes on but when you finish them you can enjoy the films too. Once you pick this book up, it's hard to put it down. This book is about bravery, kindness and friendship.



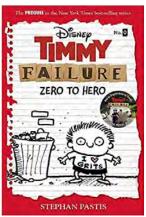


Mía in Year 4 recommends...

Happy Mouseday - Dick King-Smith

This book is all about this boy called Pete who calls every Saturday 'Mouseday' and who asks his Mum and Dad if he can have a mouse and a cage. His Mum and Dad always have the same answer which is 'no' so he makes a cage in his Dad's garage. After school, he goes to the pet shop to buy a mouse and called it Pews, and his cage is in a tree house. This book is very good and would be suitable for ages 6+.





Grant in Year 4 recommends...

Timmy Failure Zero to Hero - Stephan Pastis

Timmy Failure Zero To Hero is a book about how Timmy Failure became a detective and how he started off. It is a prequel to the main series of books. It is a mixture of silly and serious, and is also very funny. I would recommend it to children who are aged 6 or over and who like silly things. You can also learn new words from it.





Charlie in Year 4 recommends...

The Dinosaur That Pooped the Bed - Dougie Poynter and Tom Fletcher

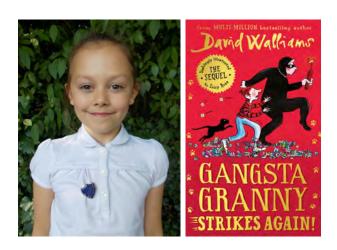
In this book, there is a dinosaur who creates chaos! Instead of tidying his owner's room, he starts eating up all the mess! It's very funny. I would recommend it to anyone who loves funny dinosaur books and wants to read books that make you laugh. My favourite part is when the dinosaur blocks the door and starts doing his business in the bedroom.



Ira in Year 4 recommends...

Daisy: A Summer Double - Kes Gray

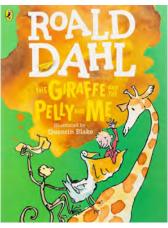
I really enjoyed reading this book because it was funny and interesting at the same time. My favourite characters were Daisy and her grandparents. I liked Daisy because she was the one who made the book funny. Her grandparents are some of my favourite characters too because they are really kind people and no matter what trouble Daisy gets herself into they are always there for her. My favourite part was when Daisy gets kittens into her bed but she and her mum get flea bites and her mum is allergic to them. I don't think Daisy really got the point though because she ends up telling everyone that her mum has fleas! I was a bit sad when I finished the book but I reminded myself that there are more books in the series. It was a thick book but I got through it surprisingly quickly.



Layla in Year 4 recommends... Gangsta Granny - David Walliams

I would recommend Gangsta Granny because it is very funny and I can really picture it when I am reading it. I like Raj the shopkeeper who is very funny, and the little boy called Ben.





Jacob in Year 4 recommends...

The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me - Roald Dahl

This story is about a boy named Billy who visited his childhood sweet shop. Suddenly, he finds out that a giraffe, a pelican and a monkey had bought it and moved in. They became friends and Billy finds out that they are window cleaners and they ask if he can join them with their window cleaning. They are such good window cleaners as they make such a good team together. The giraffe can reach so high, the monkey can climb onto his head to clean the windows and the pelican fills his giant beak with soap and water and flies really high to reach the higher windows. The Duke of Hampshire hears about how great they are at window cleaning and asks them to clean his windows. Whilst cleaning The Duke of Hampshire's windows, they spotted a burglar through one of windows stealing jewellery. Working as a great team, they manage to catch the burglar. The Duke is so grateful that he asks them to move into his mansion! They were really happy for themselves. This is what I loved about the book. The animals welcomed Billy as their friend and it showed great friendship and teamwork. The bravery they showed lead them to victory and fantastic rewards. My favourite part of the book was at the end when the book went into detail about the sweets for Billy's new sweetshop. These sweets were called names like Nishnobblers, Sherbet-Slurpers and Tongue-Rakers. I recommend this book to people that enjoy reading about animals, friendship, teamwork and... candy!