

WYBERS WOOD ACADEMY

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READING NEWSLETTER *READING RECOMMENDATIONS*

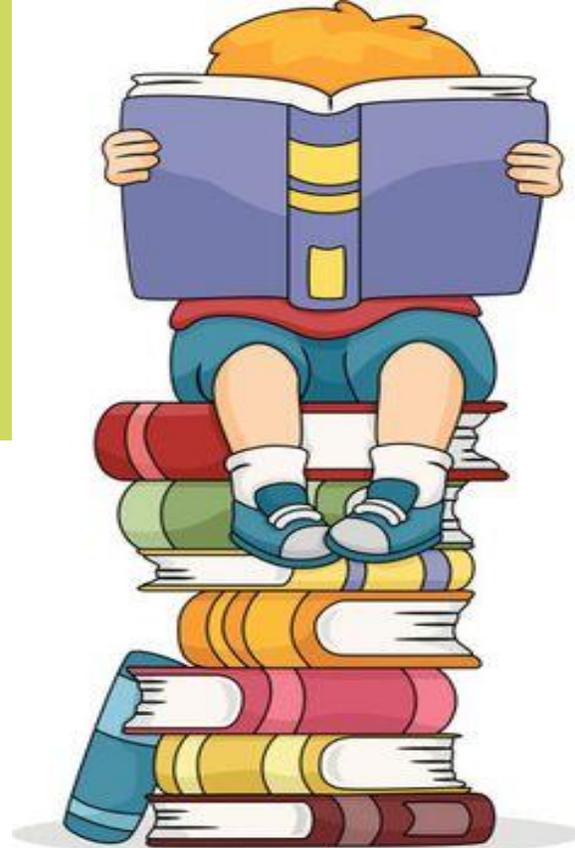
We have been celebrating the fabulous range of books available and reading for pleasure during our World Book Day events in school. To enable our children to spend their World Book Day tokens thoughtfully, we have put together this newsletter to recommend some new titles and authors the children may not have encountered before.

As the children start school, we teach them to read; they are learning to read as it is a skill they need to access all areas of the curriculum. But as they progress through the year groups, the focus is very much more about reading to learn. Through their reading, the children find out about new worlds, about history, politics, emotions and relationships; reading feeds their imaginations; reading provides them with the vocabulary to communicate effectively; reading enables them to escape from their present into imaginary worlds; reading is vital to children's well-being and knowledge.

In this edition of our reading newsletter, we aim to highlight some recently published books as well as recommend books for specific year groups. Mrs Walker would love to hear from children if they have any book recommendations too. Put your recommendations in the suggestions box near the staffroom and we will share with other children.

Enjoy your reading!

There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book. —Frank Serafini



Author Recommendation Malorie Blackman

Malorie Blackman is acknowledged as one of today's most imaginative and convincing writers for young readers. *Noughts & Crosses* has won several prizes, including the Children's Book Award. She is also the only author to win the Young Telegraph/Gimme 5 Award twice with *Hacker* and *Thief*.

In 2005, Malorie was honoured with the Eleanor Farjeon Award in recognition of her contribution to the world of children's book. In 2008, she received an OBE for services to children's literature.



Our Book Recommendations

Let us know which books you have enjoyed.

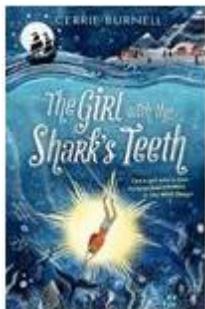
For Years 5 & 6



Ghost is a boy with anger management issues, which is fairly unsurprising after the trauma of his dad trying to shoot him and his mother. But life starts to change when he takes up running. A page-turning and beautifully written story.



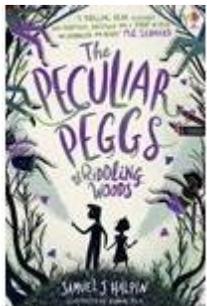
Fast-paced and funny, this otherworldly adventure is a heartwarming tale of friendship and loyalty. With entertaining characters and a clever plot, it explores big issues with humour, sensitivity and a touch of magic.



When mysterious men kidnap her mother, Minnow has to set sail alone for the magical, dangerous and beautiful Wild Deep. This book is full of lyrical, breathless prose and Burnell's imagination is marvellous.



A funny, inventive story set in the year 2099, where skycars, cyber pets and flying sweets are the norm but the complexities of friendship and playground politics are just the same as now.



Is there something in the woods stealing children? A creepy, compelling and deliciously dark modern fairytale. For maximum tension and thrills, try reading under the covers by torchlight



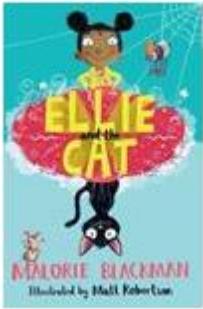
This is a timely and important book which illuminates the realities of life as a refugee. The horrors that 14-year-old Shif is escaping are all too real, but this is ultimately a story about the power of kindness and the strength of the human spirit.



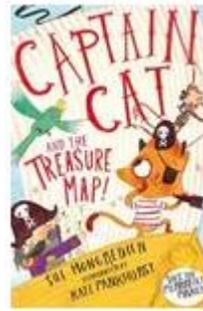
One of the greatest gifts adults can give—to their offspring and to their society—is to read to children.

Carl Sagan

Recommendations for Years 3 & 4



Ellie gets magically swapped into the body of her pet cat, Jolly. In order to become human again, Ellie must complete a special task before sunset the next day. A magical and gently comic tale of friendship and thinking of others.



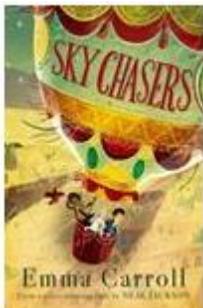
Captain Cat and the Treasure Map is perfect for children starting to read their own books, but also tons of fun to read together at bedtime. There are lots of laughs, and the pace is nice and quick, meaning young readers will power this great new pirate series



Anna is determined to bring back grandeur to Hotel Flamingo, so it can once again be full of sunshine and life. *Hotel Flamingo* is a sweet story of working together, being optimistic and knowing anything is possible.



The quest continues for Sam Wu to prove that he is not afraid of anything. This time he is out to prove that he is not by any means afraid of the dark... This series is going from strength to strength and is a great accessible read.



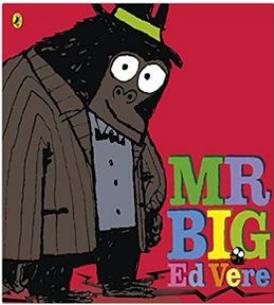
Based on historical events, the story follows a young thief, Magpie, who is caught up in the Montgolfier brothers' attempt to be the first people to fly. This engaging story is full of heart and adventure.



When a school caretaker mysteriously disappears, leaving behind a small pile of sand, a student is drawn into an extraordinary adventure. Alongside the delightfully daft plot, Montgomery successfully touches on topics such as assumptions about deafness.

A book is a gift you can open again and again. *Garrison Keillor*

Recommendations for Year 2



Mr Big is strong, Mr Big is tough, Mr Big is . . . well . . . BIG! He has just one small problem - because of the way he looks he just can't get people to stick around. How can he show them that although he may look a little scary, he is just a great big softy inside?

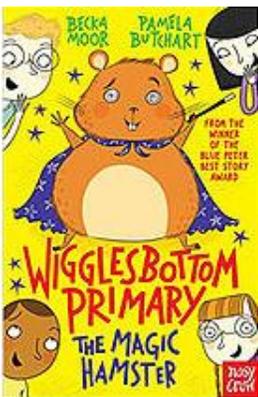
With his trademark bold colour and masterful graphic simplicity, Ed Vere sensitively and humorously tackles the universal and current subject of inclusion, reminding the reader that to get to know someone you need to look beyond their exterior.



The classic fight between pigs and wolves as you've never seen it.

The three little wolves erect first a solid brick house. The big bad pig comes along and when huffing and puffing fails to work, he uses a sledgehammer to bring the house down. Next they build a home of concrete: The pig demolishes it with his pneumatic drill. The three little wolves choose an even stronger design next time round: They erect a house, made of steel, barbed wire, armor plates and video entry system, but the pig finds a way to demolish it too. It is only when the wolves construct a rather fragile house made of cherry blossoms, daffodils, pink roses, and marigolds that the pig has a change of heart . . .

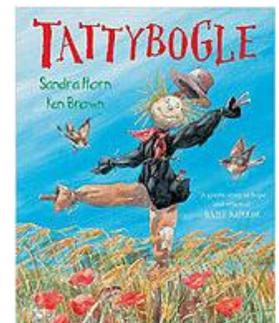
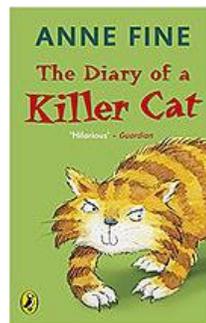
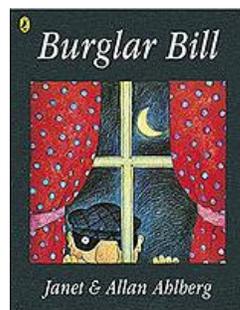
Witty, subversive and a brilliant read aloud picture book.



Three more stories of primary school mayhem as 2F set out to solve the real mysteries of life. Does the classroom hamster have magical powers? When Lauren swallows a fly, will she ACTUALLY turn into one? And who, or what, is ROBOT BOY?

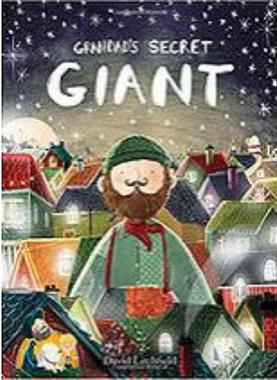
Look out for other Wigglesbottom titles! The Shark in the Pool and The Toilet Ghost.

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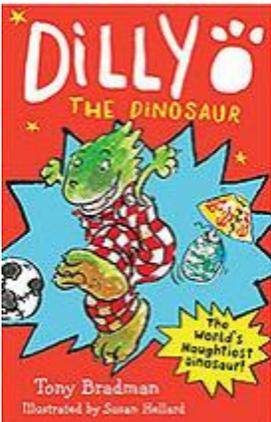


It is not enough to simply teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading. Something that will stretch their imaginations—something that will help them make sense of their own lives and encourage them to reach out toward people whose lives are quite different from their own. —Katherine Patterson

Recommendations for Year 1



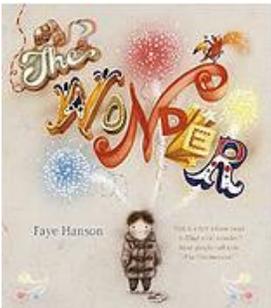
'Funny, touching and visually stunning, this really is a book to treasure.' Daily Mail A GIANT story of belonging and friendship from David Litchfield, author of the Waterstones Illustrated Book Prize 2016 winner *The Bear and the Piano*. "He has hands the size of tables," Grandad said, "legs as long as drainpipes and feet as big as rowing boats. Do you know who I mean?" "Yes," sighed Billy. "The Secret Giant. But he's not real!" Billy doesn't believe his Grandad when he tells him there's a giant living in his town, doing good deeds for everyone. He knows that a giant is too big to keep himself hidden. And why would he WANT to keep himself a secret? But as time goes on, Billy learns that some secrets are too BIG to stay secret for long... This delightful heartfelt story of belonging and friendship teaches the importance of tolerance and acceptance to young children.



Dilly the Dinosaur gets up to all sorts of mischief.

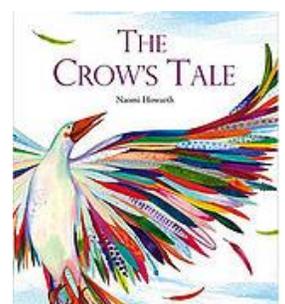
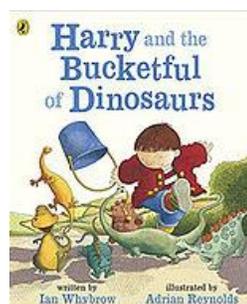
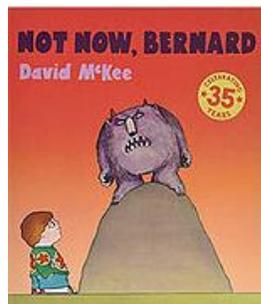
When he decides he doesn't want to wash any more, Dilly ends up becoming a very smelly dinosaur indeed! And when he's told he can't have his birthday every day he gets very grumpy. And you know what happens when Dilly gets grumpy... cover your ears, here comes the ultra-special, 150-mph SUPER SCREAM!

Tony Bradman's dinosaur stories are the most fun books for early readers you're likely to come across. Kids aged 5 and up will love Dilly the Dinosaur.



This is a story about a boy whose head is always full of wonder. We follow him on an average-seeming school day, where his daydreams transform the world around him. Unfortunately lots of other people - the park keeper, the bus driver, the lollipop lady - all tell him to get his head out of the clouds. It is only in art class that he realises he can bring the wonder out of his head for the whole world to enjoy.

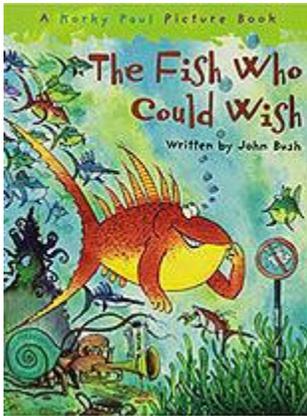
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**Reading is to the mind what
exercise is to the body.**

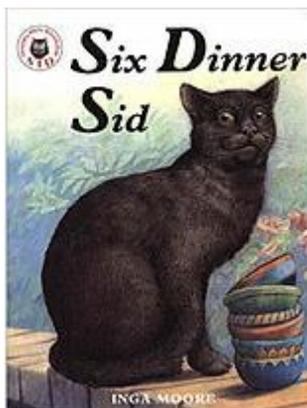
Richard Steele

Recommendations for Early Years

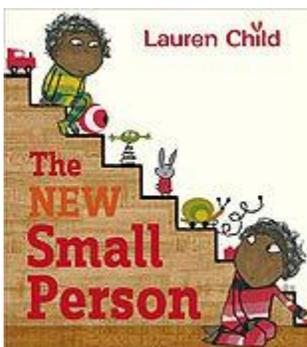


Deep in the ocean lives a fish whose wishes come true! He wishes for all sorts of crazy things - a castle, a car, and even fine clothes to wear. But he is a rather foolish fish and one day he wishes to be just like all the other fish . . . perhaps this will be the one wish he wishes he never wished!

The rhythmical text is great to read aloud and Korkey Paul's illustrations take you to a crazy underwater world. With its neat punch line, this is a book that children will just love to hear (and join in with) over and over again.



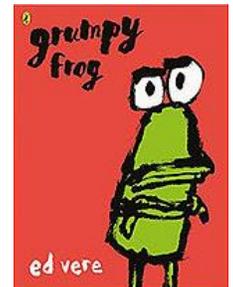
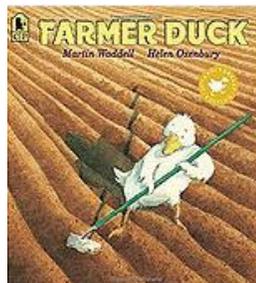
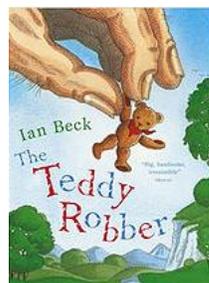
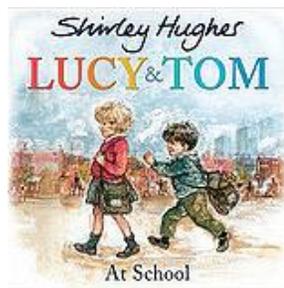
Sid is a cat who is addicted to having six meals a day and glories in this lifestyle. Manipulative, persuasive and a charmer he has wrapped everybody round his little paw - each owner believes that Sid belongs to them only . . . until the day he is found out!



Elmore Green started life as an only child, as many children do. He had a room all to himself, and everything in it was his. But one day, everything changed.

This brand new picture book from the hugely talented Lauren Child about the arrival of a new sibling is bound to be a hit with parents and children. Told with humour and with wonderfully stylish artwork, this is Lauren Child at her absolute best.

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Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything. —Tomie dePaola
