



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School



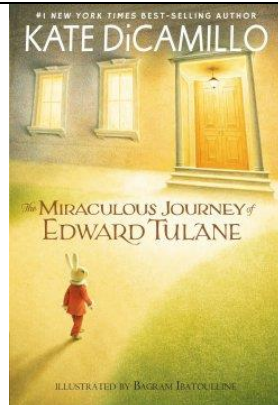
Year Four - Recommended Reading



Year Four recommended reading list

- Below is a list of our recommended reads for Year Four. The children will be reading lots of brilliant books in school, but as always, reading at home is just as important, so if you are able to help your child read and enjoy some of these books, that would be great.
- This is not an exhaustive list, there are hundreds of wonderful books recommended for this age group, all of which provide quality reading material, exposing children to various genres and levels according to their interest and reading ability. The following websites offers plenty of other recommended reads for each year group, so please take a moment to peruse them when you can:
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-primary-school-pupils/>
- The Love reading website (<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>) has lots of downloadable reading resources and is free to join. You will be able to find most recommended reads on Amazon, but we also want to encourage you to make use of local Libraries, which are a brilliant but often underused resource for our children.
- Many of the books on each list may be suitable for other year groups, so please feel free to branch out if this suit your child's needs.
- We have included both fiction and non-fiction books as part of the list. The non-fiction books have been chosen because they are linked to the topics the children will be studying in school.
- We hope this is a useful list and will help you and your child enjoy reading together!

Fiction Books

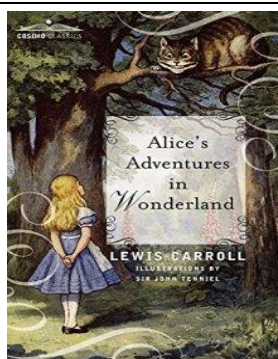


The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

By Kate DiCamillo

A timeless tale by the incomparable Kate DiCamillo, complete with stunning full-color plates by Bagram Ibatoulline, honors the enduring power of love.

“Someone will come for you, but first you must open your heart. ...” Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who treated him with the utmost care and adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost.



Alice's Adventures In Wonderland

By Lewis Carroll

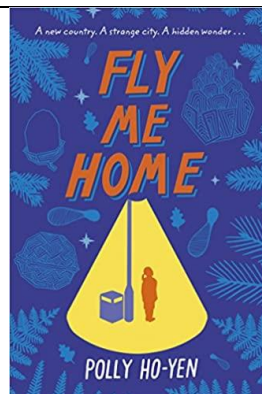
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland tells the story of a girl named Alice falling through a rabbit hole into a fantasy world populated by peculiar, anthropomorphic creatures. The tale plays with logic, giving the story lasting popularity with adults as well as with children. It is considered to be one of the best examples of the literary nonsense genre. Its narrative course and structure, characters and imagery have been enormously influential in both popular culture and literature, especially in the fantasy genre.



The Midnight Hour

By Benjamin Read and Laura Trinder

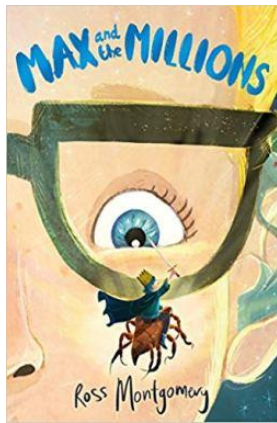
When Big Ben sounds the stroke of midnight, Emily's parents vanish. As an adventurous eleven year old, Emily packs her sandwiches and her hedgehog, Hoggin, and heads into the Midnight Hour. A Victorian London frozen in time, the Midnight Hour is a magical place of sanctuary and of peril dreamt up by children – and inhabited by monsters of legend, creatures of the imagination, and a Postal Service determined to save the day (and night!). To save her mum and dad, Emily must be brave enough to embrace her own inner magic.



Fly me Home

By Polly Ho-Yen

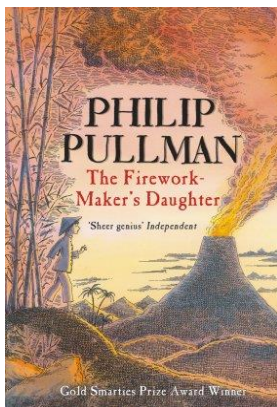
Feeling lost and alone in a strange new city, Leelu wishes she could fly away back home – her real home where her dad is, thousands of miles away. London is cold and grey and the neighbours are noisy and there's concrete everywhere. But Leelu is not alone; someone is leaving her gifts outside her house – wonders which give her curious magical powers. Powers which might help her find her way home . . . *Fly Me Home* is an incredibly moving portrait of one family's struggle to adjust to life in a new country.



Max and the Millions

By Ross Montgomery

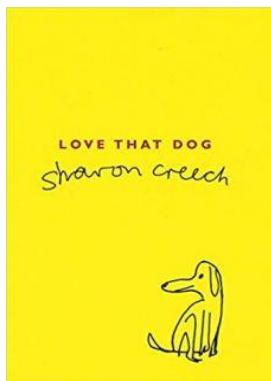
Max is used to spending time alone – it's difficult to make friends in a big, chaotic school when you're deaf. He prefers to give his attention to the little things in life... like making awesome, detailed replica models. Then Mr Darrow, the school caretaker and fellow modeller, goes missing. Max must follow his parting instruction: 'Go to my room. You'll know what to do.' There on the floor he finds a pile of sand ... and in the sand is Mr Darrow's latest creation... a tiny boy, no bigger than a raisin, Luke, Prince of the Blues. And behind the tiny boy... millions of others – a thriving, bustling, sprawling civilization



Firework Makers Daughter

By Philip Pullman

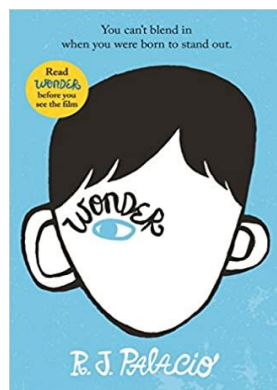
Lila dreams to become a firework-maker, just like her father. In order to become a true firework-maker, she sets off alone on a perilous journey to reach the terrifying Fire-Fiend. She travels through jungles alive with crocodiles, snakes, monkeys and pirates, and climbs up the scolding volcano. On finding the Fire-Fiend, she realises more is at stake than she ever imagined. Will Lila survive? Lila's is the kind of magical adventure that all children dream of and the gripping story of the fleet-footed heroine will live long in the memory of anyone who enters her world.



Love That Dog

By Sharon Creech

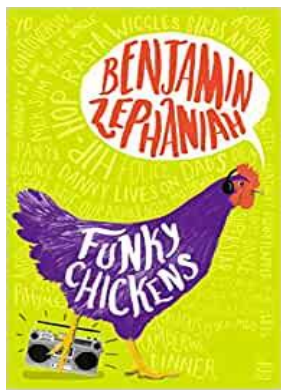
Jack hates poetry. Only girls write it and every time he tries to, his brain feels empty. But his teacher, Ms. Stretchberry, won't stop giving her class poetry assignments — and Jack can't avoid them. But then something amazing happens. The more he writes, the more he learns he does have something to say.



Wonder

By Rj Palacio

August or Auggie is a young ten-year-old boy who has been born with an incredible facial abnormality. He is a normal young kid who eats ice cream and plays on his x-box but his abnormality drives other children away on roads and on playgrounds. Owing to his abnormality, his parents have him home schooled till the age of ten. But now Auggie must go to school, a real one at that, with other children. August dreads his first day in school and the book talks about his trials and trepidations.



Funky Chickens (Poetry)

By Benjamin Zephaniah

A wonderfully irreverent collection of poetry for young people, touching on anything from vegetables to the Queen and from sewage to the sun. There's plenty of humour as well as poems on racism, pollution and the murder of a cat.

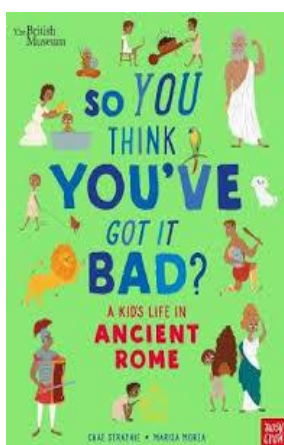
Non-fiction Books



Meet the Ancient Romans (Picture book style information text)

By Jason Davies

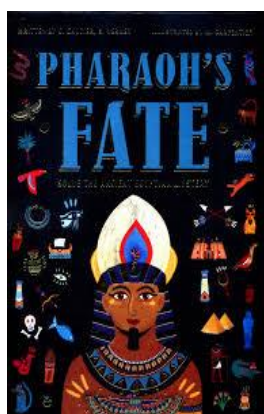
A picture-book style non-fiction text about the Romans. Each page has a short chunk of text accompanied by simple, bold illustrations or infographics. Humorous and stylish without compromising on factual content, this book is a popular choice with reluctant or younger readers.



So You Think You've Got It Bad: A Kid's Life in Ancient Rome (Information Book)

By Chae Strathie & Marisa Morea

Published in collaboration with The British Museum, this children's information book offers a humorous and informative introduction to daily life in Ancient Rome and has a high appeal to readers in KS2. The book compares modern-day life for children to different aspects of daily life for the Ancient Romans, including clothes and hairstyles, education, family life, pets, food and hobbies. The information is presented through speech bubbles, diagrams and bright cartoon-style illustrations as well as accessible chunks of text.



Pharaoh's Fate ('Solve the mystery' style information book)

By Camille Gautier & Stéphanie Vernet

This is a visually appealing and beautifully illustrated non-fiction text that explores life in Ancient Egypt. Someone is plotting to murder the pharaoh and this book walks the reader step by step through Egyptian life to investigate the clues and solve the mystery. This is the kind of non-fiction text that children want to look at again and again and is brimming with visual details about life in Ancient Egyptian times.