

Summer 2022

GLPA STAFF READING RECOMMENDATIONS



Birch Class Y6 – Miss Egan: Room 13 by Robert Swindells

Have you ever been on a school trip... a residential even? How about a lovely Year 6 visit to Whitby for the week? Sound good?

Well, the children in the story are really excited about their week out of school – beach combing, hiking, swimming, visiting the Abbey and spending their pocket money in the local shops. Fliss (the protagonist), David, Gary and Ellie-May stay in a guest house on the West Cliff and all is going well until ...it's time for lights-out and one of the children seems to be sleep-walking. The only problem is that where the 'sleep-walker' heads to on her midnight walk – Room 13 – just doesn't seem to exist in the daytime.



The gang become increasingly worried about their friend and fear that someone or something has a powerful hold on her. What lies behind the door of the mysterious Room 13 is not for the faint-hearted! Are you bold enough to open the door?

This is a great horror story for Years 5 and 6 up. The descriptions of the residential, with all the typical characteristics, staff and children, has obviously been written by someone who has been on many of them! A funny and thrilling classic children's book, which stands the test of time. I really enjoyed it!

Sycamore Class Y6 – Miss Sykes: Soul Eater by Michelle Paver



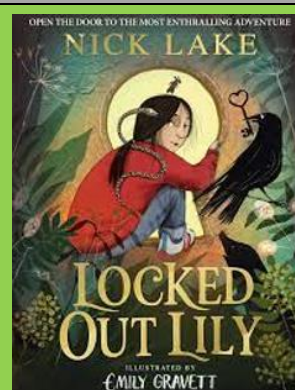
The Wolf Brother series have become a firm favourite on my bookshelf. After being reunited with Wolf, it looked like peace had been restored in the forest. But when wolf is snatched, Torak and Renn have no choice but to team up again to find their friend.

As the frost settles in, Soul Eater: Chronicles of Ancient Darkness sees the friends tread a dangerous path. But as Torak takes on ice bears, he discovers a dark secret of his own...

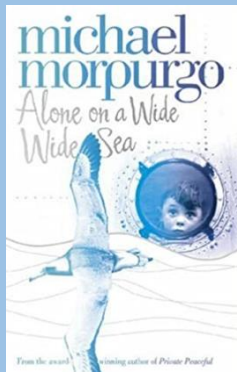
I couldn't put this book down!

Suitable for Year 5/6. Mrs Sercombe: Locked Out Lily by Nick Lake.

This is a dark, but intriguing story about a young girl struggling to cope with the changes in her life and feeling uncomfortable in her own skin and life. In the story Lily wishes she had a different family and unfortunately her wishes come true when her family are replaced with an evil alternative family. She must go on a journey of discovery to realise how much she loves her family and ultimately save them! She finds new friends along the way, who help her in more ways than one. This would be suitable for our Year 6 children, as it is scary in places!



Maple Class Y5 Miss Henighan – Alone on a Wide Sea by Michael Morpurgo

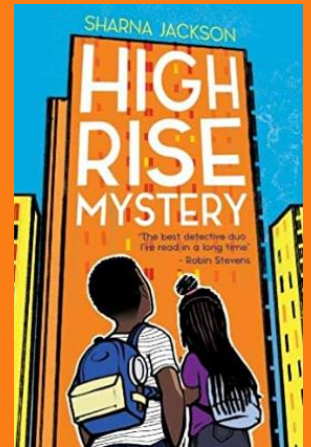


Alone on a Wide Sea follows the story of Arthur Hobhouse, a happening, as he moves to Australia from a young age to escape WWII. Along the way, Arthur meets many different people; from Piggy Bacon to Aunty Meg and her house full of animals.

The only part of his former life he remembers is that he has a sister, Kitty, who had given him a key. Will Arthur find out what the key is for? Will he ever see Kitty again? What will happen on his journey along the way?

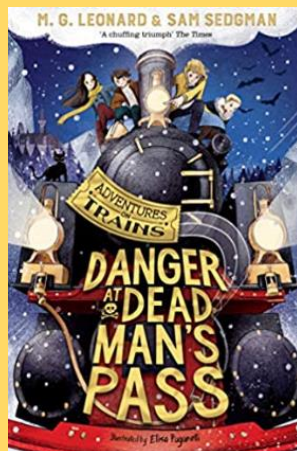
Chestnut Class Y4 – Mr Brough: High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson

Nik and Norva have found a body in THE TRI (a very special estate). It is the hottest summer on record in London and these two child detectives have plenty of time, until the end of the summer holidays that is. Being residents, they have the home-turf knowledge that could be vital in solving this case! With a cliff hanger in every chapter, this book takes you on many twists and turns. A great read and hard to put down once you have picked it up!!



Mrs Waddington – Hazel Class: Danger at Dead Man's Pass by M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman

A mysterious letter from an old investigate a spooky the Kratzensteins, a family of cursed, but there is no such take the night train to Berlin and old house at the foot of the Harz family's funeral train to the peak uncover the secrets of the before disaster strikes? I loved lots of twists in the story!

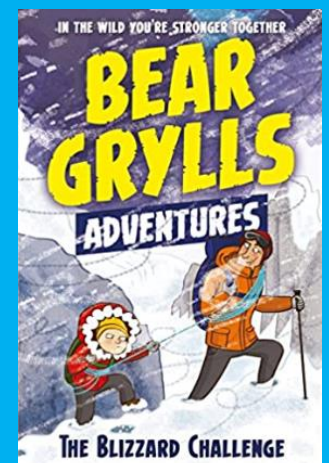


friend asks Hal and Uncle Nat to help supernatural mystery. Legend has it rich and powerful railway tycoons, are thing as a curse, is there? Hal and Nat go undercover. From a creaking spooky mountains, they take the Kratzenstein of the Brocken Mountain. Can Hal Brocken railway and the family curse reading this adventure book which has

Rowan Class Y3 – Mr Bright: Bear Grylls – The Blizzard Challenge

I've always been a fan of Bear Grylls – who doesn't love seeing his television adventures as he tackles waterfalls, snakes, crocodiles! What I wasn't so sure on was his series of books but they've definitely not been a disappointment!

Although the purpose is usually to recommend an individual book, I'd like to recommend this whole series. The books are perfectly pitched for year three, are entertaining but also accessible for the majority of this age group. There is always a twist or unexpected moment. I've loved reading the Safari Challenge in class this half term – it's had the children gripped and really listening attentively. The safari challenge has followed Evie (who



is very particular in terms of what she likes to eat). Before she knows it she finds herself in a situation where she can't afford to be fussy about food otherwise she'll not survive. She needs to eat whatever she can to live!

The series has 12 books in all and other titles include the blizzard, desert, jungle, sea, river, earthquake, volcano, safari, cave, mountain, arctic and sailing challenge! Take your pick out of any of those or take the Bear Grylls plunge and go for all twelve. Each book in the series features a different child. They all share one thing in common though – they are given a magical compass and end up meeting Bear and learning loads of life skills along the way! I'm confident that any books from this series will be a great read for your child over the summer holidays. Happy reading!!

Oak Class Y3 – Mrs Galinsky: Vi Spy: Licence To Chill by Maz Evans

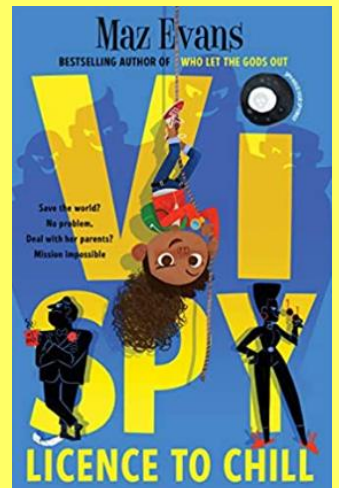
Last time I was at Green Lane, in Year 5, our Guided Reading Book was 'Who Let The Gods Out' by Maz Evans and was linked to our GLAM Topic on Greek Myths. Well, if like me, you loved reading WLTGO and its subsequent sequels, you'll be delighted to know that Maz now has a new heroine - Valentine (Vi) Day. The new series of 'Spy' Books begins with 'Vi Spy: Licence To Chill', followed by 'Vi Spy: Never Say Whatever Again', then 'Vi Spy: The Girl With The Golden Gran'.

If the titles sound familiar, that's because they're meant to - James Bond 007, Licence To Kill, eat your heart out!!

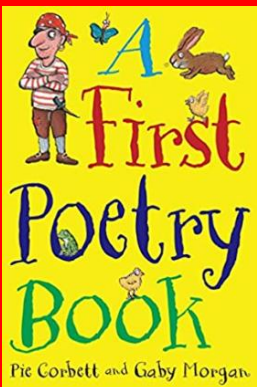
Divorce is tough for any kid. But when - like Vi's parents - your mum is ex-Secret Service and your dad is a retired bad guy, 'till death do us part' takes on a whole new meaning. With her parents' focus on each other, the real super-villains are having a field day. To save her family - and the world - from evil domination, Vi must turn spy.

Vi Spy: Licence to Chill is the first in a brand-new series centred around young spy wannabe Valentine (Vi) Day who is determined to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a super sleuth. But that's a life Easter Day put behind her eleven years ago and she'll do whatever it takes to protect her daughter from the dangerous world of Espionage. It all seems to be going to plan - until Vi's supervillain father turns up and demands to see his daughter. Robert claims to have turned over a new leaf (and he has the badge to prove it!) but Easter's not so sure, and when a sinister plot is uncovered and an evil overlord makes a reappearance, Vi needs to decide whether she can truly trust her father. It seems like she's finally found her mission... but could it cost her her family? Read it now and I promise, that like Maz's first series, you won't be able to put it down and will soon be on to books two and three!

Happy Reading!



Willow Class Y2 – Mr Buckley: A First Poetry Book from Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan.



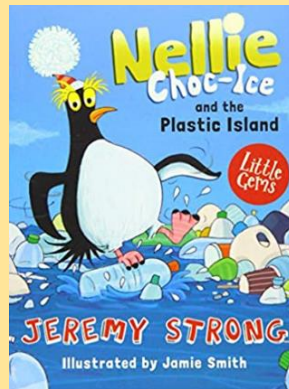
This book is full of wonderful poems that will inspire and engage KS1 children. Every topic imaginable is covered from pirates and mermaids to nature and space – everyone will find something for them in this book. There are poems that rhyme, poems that don't, visual poems, acrostic poems and poems in different forms. Compiled by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan, the works come from a huge range of different writers; maybe it will inspire some future work from our young writers.

Elm Class Y1 – Mrs Wadsworth: Nellie Choc-Ice and the Plastic Island by Jeremy Strong and Jamie Smith

Macaroni Penguin, Nellie Choc-Ice, lives she is the most famous penguin explorer taken her all the way to the Arctic and mean she has floated away on a piece of Captain Beardy-Beard on his submarine when they become trapped by a huge the only ones that are stuck in the huge untangle everyone and come up with a story has lots of facts included in it and it the huge island made up of plastic that what is not real is what Nellie

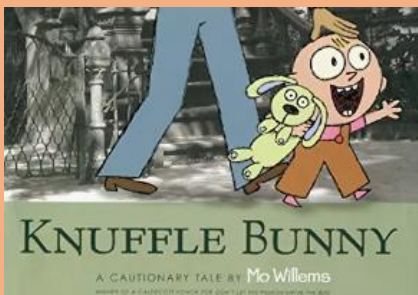
operation is fiction not fact. It is an

read that is the perfect fit for smaller hands. The chapters are short, there are plenty of colourful illustrations and there are even some tips on how to keep the oceans plastic-free on the inside front cover. A great little read and one that introduces young children to a very important topic. It provides lots of opportunities for discussions about protecting the oceans and the animals that call them home and our responsibility to try to use less plastic.



in Antarctica near the South Pole and in the world. Nellie's exploring has the North Pole - and by exploring I ice. In need of a lift home, Nellie joins but things don't quite go to plan plastic island. However, they are not plastic mess. Can adventurous Nellie plan to clean up the ocean... The is important that children know that Nellie finds is real. Unfortunately, accomplishes - her big clean-up entertaining and thought-provoking

Beech Class Y1–Miss Harrison: Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems



Real life photos of Brooklyn in New York meets cartoon characters in this cautionary tale!

This is the story of a young child name Trixie and her misunderstood daddy who one day go on a visit to a local laundrette. On their journey they pass some well known places

which are photographed beautifully in this book. Unfortunately, there is an incident at the launderette which results in one very unhappy Trixie and one very confused daddy! Will daddy ever figure out what is wrong with Trixie? If you want to know, you must read this book and enjoy the wonderful graphics in it!

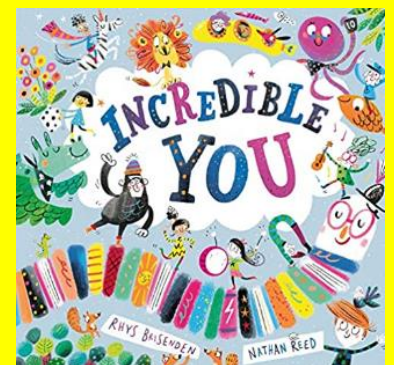
For Knuffle Bunny lovers, there is a second book in this series; Knuffle Bunny Too.

Cherry Class – Reception – Mrs Coughtrey: Incredible You by Rhys Brisenden & Nathan Reed

Have you ever had a difficult day and wished that you could be somebody or something else?

Maybe you want to be bird and fly away from your problems. If you are feeling angry, you might wish to be a dog so that you can shout in the park (because it would just sound like a bark!). When facing a challenge, perhaps you need the strength and power of a rhino.

This book encourages children to focus on what they can do to build self-confidence and belief. It celebrates a multitude of strengths such as artistic and expressive talents, kindness, sporting abilities and technical and constructive skills. It also spreads the message about the importance of laughter.

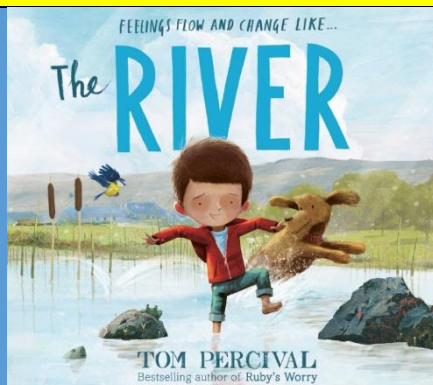


Everyone has bad days. This gorgeous picture book, with subtle messages, is perfect for initiating talk to help children explore how to build resilience, focus on the positive and remember their special talents. Readers are encouraged to dream big, stay positive and to be happy just the way they are.

INCREDIBLE YOU is the perfect book to read to EYFS children when facing change (such as transition into a new year group).

Suitable for EYFS/KS1. Mrs Sercombe:

I loved this book for its important beautiful and engaging illustrations, life. The River is a great story which Rowen who loves to spend time by the flow through his life like a river, Rowen which he learns to understand.



The River by Tom Percival

message, but also for it's which really bring the story to follows a young boy called river with his dog. As changes experience a range of emotions,

Pear Class Reception - Mrs Key: The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas



This is a such a fantastic book to explore and discuss the various emotions which we may feel. The book introduces us to the little colour monster who doesn't know how to make sense of his feelings. The best way to help the monster make sense of his feelings is to seek help from someone else. This book has such a heart-warming but important message which encourages young children to talk to others about their feelings. The book uses simple, yet beautiful illustrations to highlight the different emotions and would give children who find it difficult to express how

they feel, a helping hand to do so.

Apple Class Nursery - Miss Cameron: There's a Pig up my Nose by John Dougherty

There's a Pig Up My Nose by John Dougherty This book is silly, fun, and captures the minds of children perfectly. When Natalie gets a pig stuck up her nose, her classmates are driven mad by the noise and are directed by their teacher to invent ways of getting it out. These ideas portray children's vivid and often literal imagination and problem-solving skills, making the reader laugh out loud. I found that this book was engaging and interactive as we also enjoyed thinking of ways to help rid Natalie of her 'Oinks'

