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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Crayke Chronicle



Message from the Headteacher

This morning we have welcomed many prospective (and current!) families for our second Open Morning of the term. They were given tours by our superb Year 6 representatives who did an exceptional job of talking about what life is like at our school and did us all proud. Well done to all the children across school who contributed to this event and spoke so positively about their learning, experiences, opportunities and our values. We do have spaces available for Reception for September 2027, so if you know anyone who was unable to attend but is still interested in having a look around, please do encourage them to get in touch with us.

As a continuation of our Year of Reading focus, we have shared with you some recommended reads for each year group within this newsletter. If you're stuck for Christmas presents, these would be ideal!

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher

NEWS FROM SCHOOL



Cross Country

We thoroughly enjoyed taking KS2 to the Cross-Country competition at Husthwaite School. It was a particularly chilly afternoon but thankfully not too muddy! Both classes made us exceptionally proud. Their resilience and determination when running the race was fantastic, especially given the distance involved, but it was their support for one another more than anything that impressed us most.

As a school, we managed to come away with plenty of medals including:

Oak: Grant, Olive, Martha, Isla & Gem

Holly: Cameron & Edmund

Huge congratulations and well done to everyone who took part. Regardless of outcome, you all gave it your very best effort.

We are very excited to hear how all our competitors get on next week at the area finals – GOOD LUCK!













England Rocks – TTRockstars

Well done to all of the children who participated in the England Rocks competition on TTRS!
All Key Stage 2 children had the opportunity to join our England Rocks lunch club and the leader board was very close, it was great to see the enthusiasm for maths in school!

The highest scoring players overall were….
1. Elliott
2. Cameron
3. Pippa

The highest scoring in each year group were…
Year 2- Astrid
Year 3- Wilfred
Year 4- Cameron
Year 5- Fenton
Year 6- Elliott

Well done everyone, keep up the times tables practice!

Miss Williams



School Uniform

Please remember to label your child's uniform, PE kit and coat with their name. We do our best to reunite lost items with their owners, and to clear the cloakrooms daily, but given that the children wear very similar clothes, it can be difficult to identify who an item belongs to without a name. Please check the label to make sure it hasn't faded, too!

We aim to get outside as much as possible, whatever the weather, so please make sure your child brings a coat each day.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone warm and make lost property easier to return.

CLASS NEWS





Class News- APPLE



This week, we have celebrated National Princess Day, we learnt about the princesses in the royal family. We learnt all about toilets in different countries for World Toilet Day.

We enjoyed riding ‘horses’ and driving ‘race cars’ during our forest schools session. Please make sure that your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves. They really felt the cold during today’s session.

Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

Last week Beech Class had a fantastic Pirate Day! Everyone looked fantastic in their outfits and had made a great effort! We enjoyed playing pirate games and following different commands. We tried really hard with our determination to tie-dye pirate bandanas! They looked super! In the afternoon, we enjoyed a treasure hunt to find golden coins! This week we have been busy making our smoothies and testing them too; again I was so impressed with our food preparation skills and the smoothies smelt delicious!

Mrs Dobson









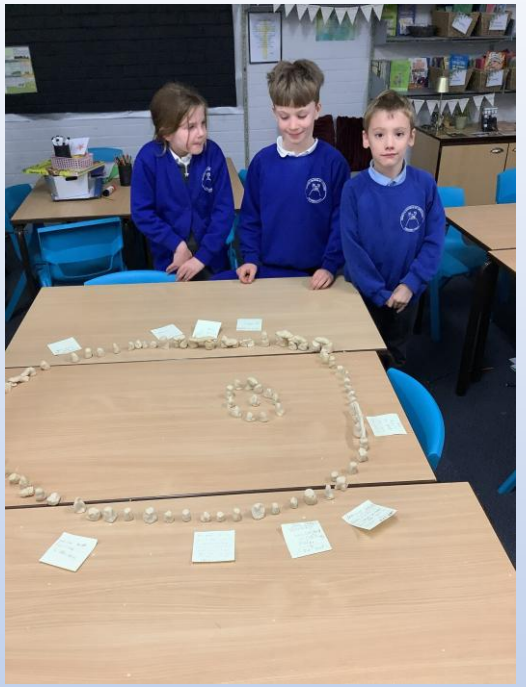




Class News – HOLLY

As we continue to learn more about prehistory, we have been studying Stonehenge and made our very own model. We thought about how it would have been built, who built it and made some predictions about what it might have been used for.

Miss Williams









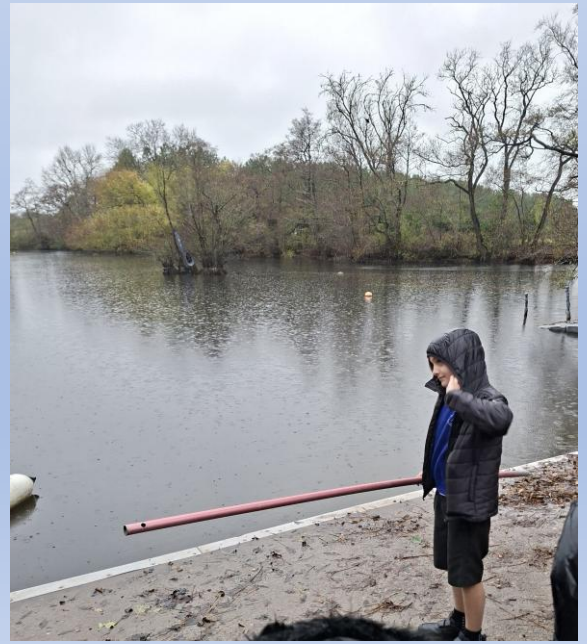
Class News - OAK

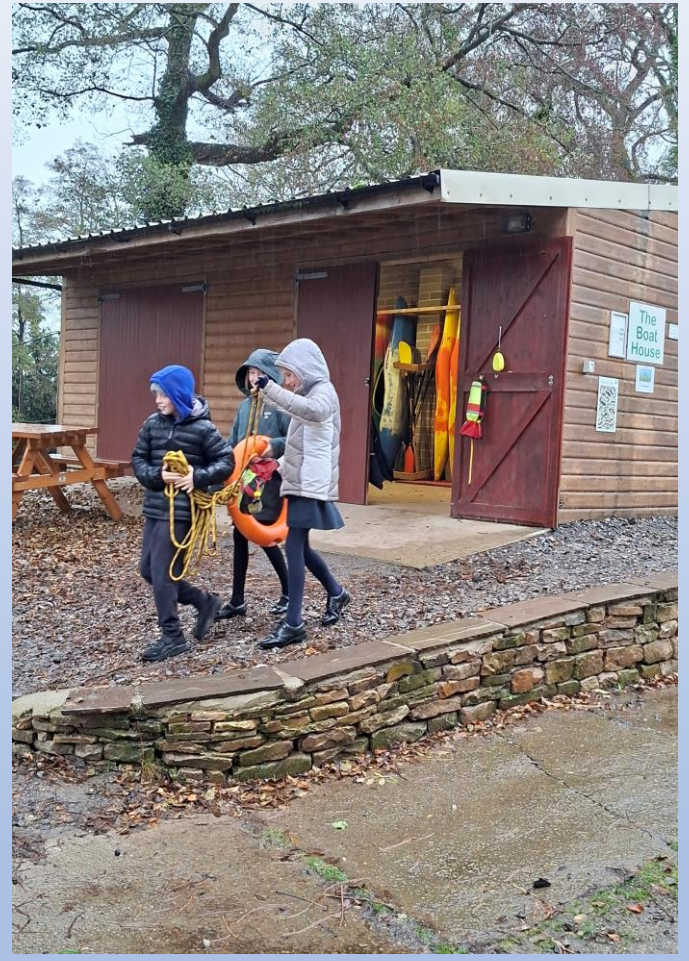
This week we braved the rain and participated in Crucial Crew workshops at Carlton Lodge where children learnt about a range of ways to keep themselves safe.

Not only did they learn about the importance of online safety, but also how to keep safe in water and how to help people in trouble. They spoke to representatives of North Yorkshire Police Force and the Fire Service and learnt all about the importance of sharing information with adults.

We were so impressed with the way that the children behaved and conducted themselves; they approached the workshops with maturity and thoughtfulness, even enduring the inclement conditions without complaint!









UPCOMING EVENTS



Reminders for next week (from Diary Dates)

Day	Date	Event	Who	Where
Tuesday	24 November	Swimming	Oak Class	Thirsk Leisure Centre
Tuesday	24 November	Cross Country Finals	Selected children	Thirsk School
Tuesday	24 November	Flu vaccinations	All with consent	School

Christmas@Crayke 2026

Date	Time	Event	What we need from you as parents and carers
Wednesday 2 December	Afternoon	Oak class visit to Ampleforth to watch a performance of **"A Christmas Carol"**	Consent to be provided and packed lunch required.
Thursday 3 December	After school 4:00 – 5:15 / 5:30 – 6:45	**CHASA Cosy Christmas Cinema Club** film night at school	See next slide!
Friday 4 December	Afternoon	**Pantomime** at the Sports Hall	Ensure your child has a warm coat and water bottle. CHASA have kindly funded the full costs of this experience.
Monday 7 December		**Christmas cards** can be brought in from today	Please ensure that Christmas cards are clearly labelled with first name, surname and class to ensure safe delivery to the correct recipient.
Tuesday 8 December	9:30am	**Nativity** Dress Rehearsal	All children involved need their costumes ready before today.
Wednesday 9 December	9:30am 2:15pm	**Nativity Performance 1** **Nativity Performance 2**	Book your tickets! Information to follow.
Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 December	Mornings	**Reading around the Christmas Tree** community event	If you have any good children's Christmas stories that you would be happy for us to borrow for this event we would be grateful!
Tuesday 15 December	From 12pm	**Christmas Lunch**	If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like Christmas Lunch please contact Mrs Bacon on admin@ In the event of dietary requirements, a form will require completion prior to the event.
Tuesday 15 December	pm	**Christmas Party** afternoon	Come to school wearing party outfits.
Wednesday 16 December	1:30pm	**Christmas Carol Service** at St Cuthbert's Church	Parents and carers are welcome to join us at church for the service.
Friday 18 December		**Christmas Jumper Day** **Reindeer Rush** afternoon	Children are welcome to wear non-uniform and Christmas jumpers. Please ensure appropriate footwear for running outside. Sponsorship information sent separately.

ORDER HERE

https://crayke-home-and-school-association.sumupstore.com/product/book-in-childs-name-the-cosy-christmas-cinema-club-thursday-3rd-december



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Extra Curricular Clubs

JIGSAWS
AT CRAYKE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB







Outside in Jigsaws we have been practising our hockey, football and tennis skills.

We have also enjoyed French skipping and parachute games.

We have explored a range of activities which the children have loved such as making origami animals and shurikens, clay pots, poppies, shadow puppets and writing secret messages with invisible ink.

Some of the older children have also been following instructions from a construction kit to make a solar powered hydraulic robot.











YEAR OF READING



CMASA

Updates to Amazon wish lists

📚 HELP INSPIRE A LOVE OF READING! 📚

OUR CLASS TEACHERS HAVE UPDATED THEIR AMAZON WISH LISTS WITH CAREFULLY SELECTED BOOKS THAT WOULD MAKE WONDERFUL ADDITIONS TO THEIR CLASSROOMS.

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO, PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING A BOOK TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S CLASS. THESE ALSO MAKE A LOVELY ALTERNATIVE TO TRADITIONAL BIRTHDAY BOOKS! 🎁

EVERY CONTRIBUTION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED! ❤️



APPLE https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2JIM7AOJH1MPM?ref_=wl_share

BEECH https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/233HGWJRGFF6J?ref_=wl_share

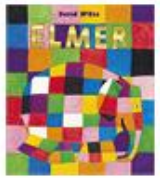
HOLLY https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/37MYCCU6568SP?ref_=wl_share

OAK https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/IPSVXXJBTE13?ref_=wl_share

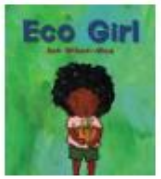
Reception (ages 4-5)

50 Recommended Reads



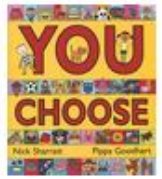














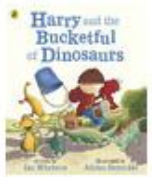








































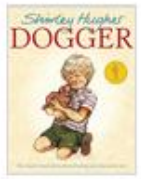






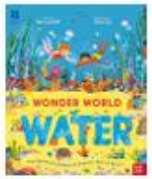














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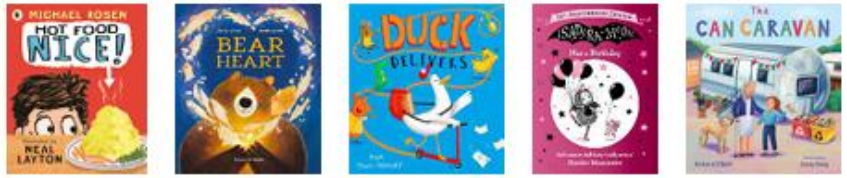
Or visit www.booksfortopics.com/reception
to find the online booklist, book pack, reviews and resources

Year 1 (ages 5-6)

50 Recommended Reads





















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Year 2 (ages 6-7)

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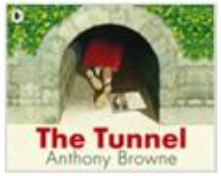

























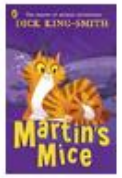



















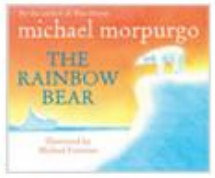


























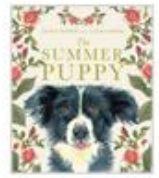



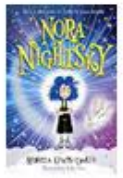

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Year 3 (ages 7-8)

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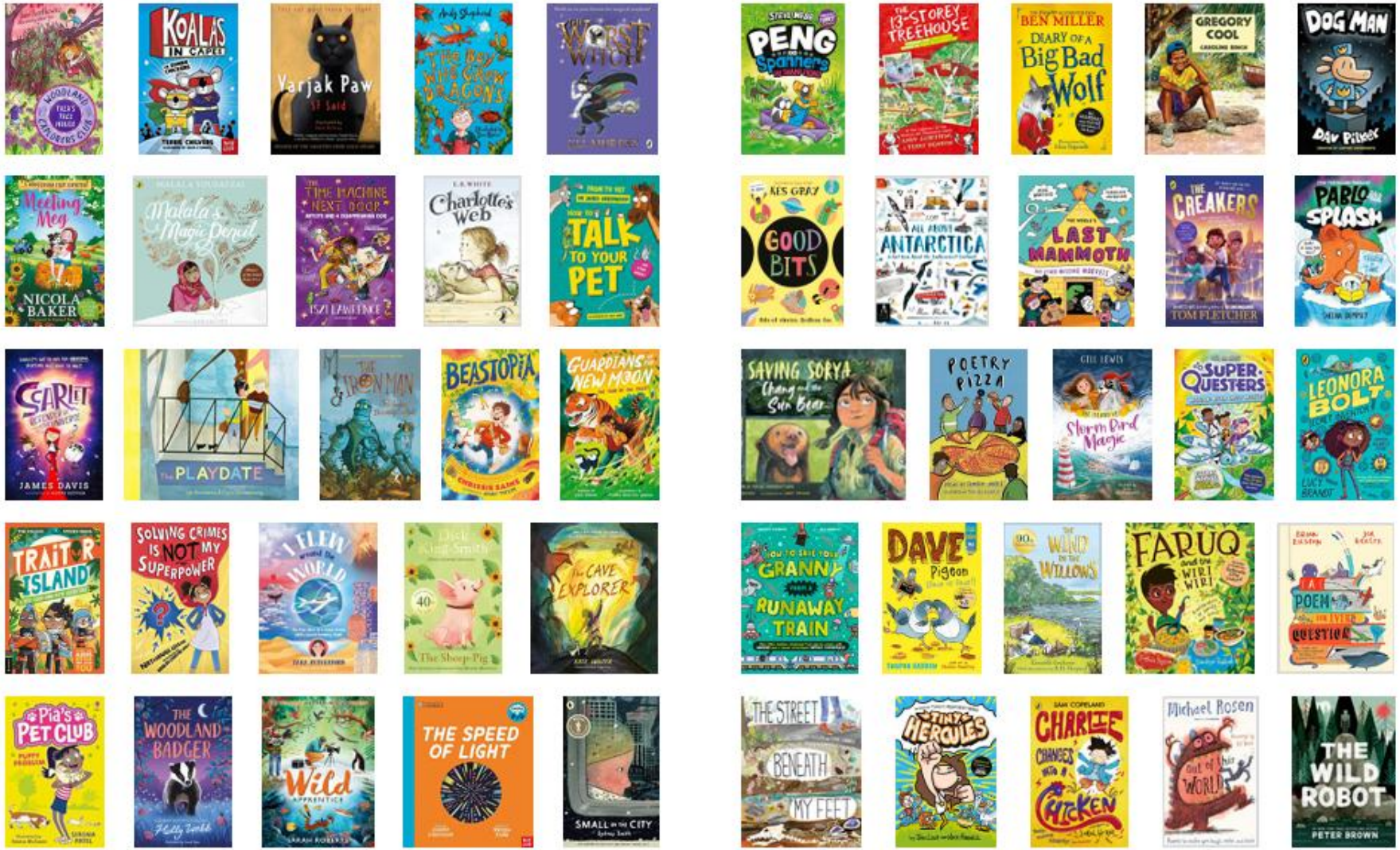

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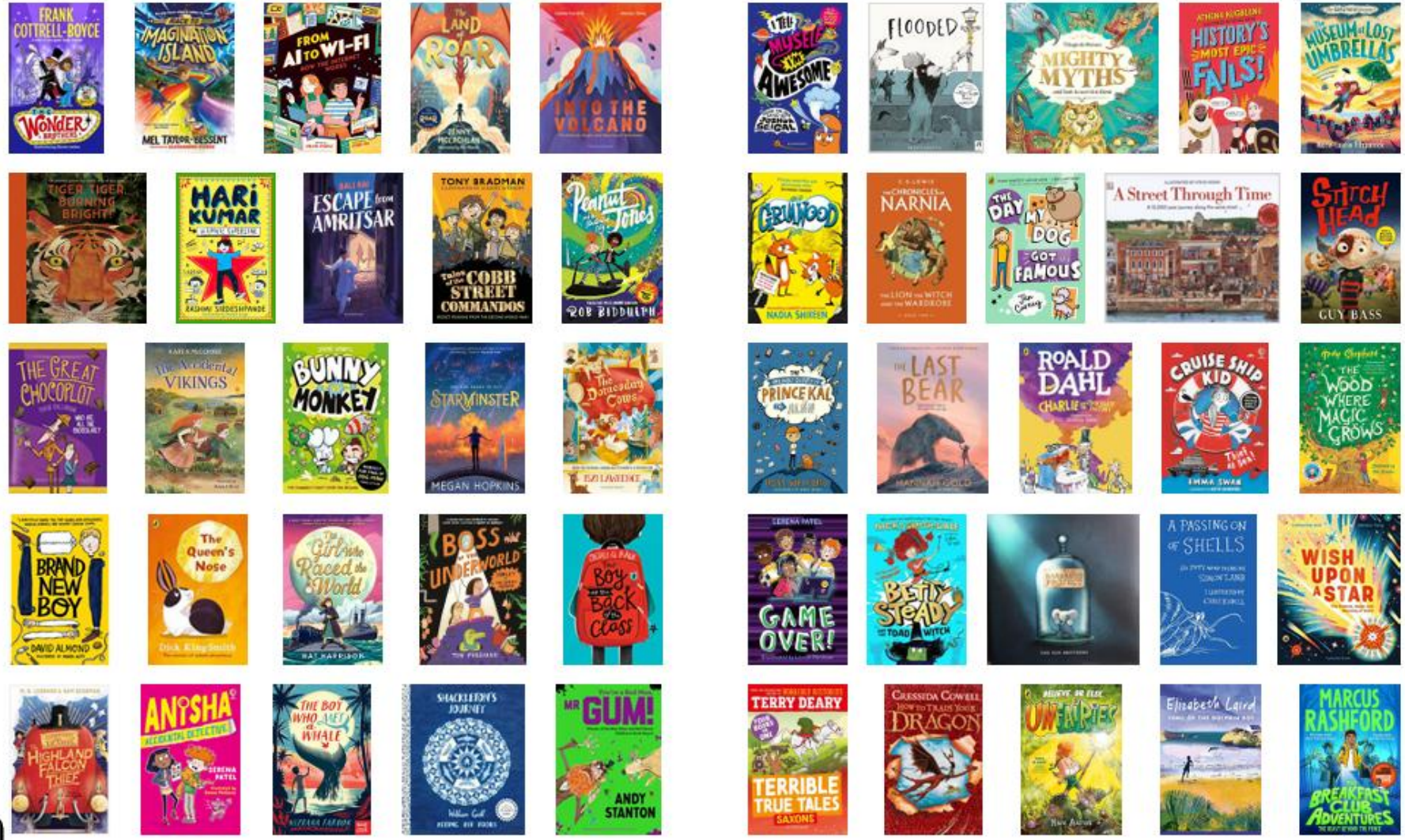
Books for Topics

Year 4 (ages 8-9)

50 Recommended Reads



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Books for Topics

Year 5 (ages 9-10)

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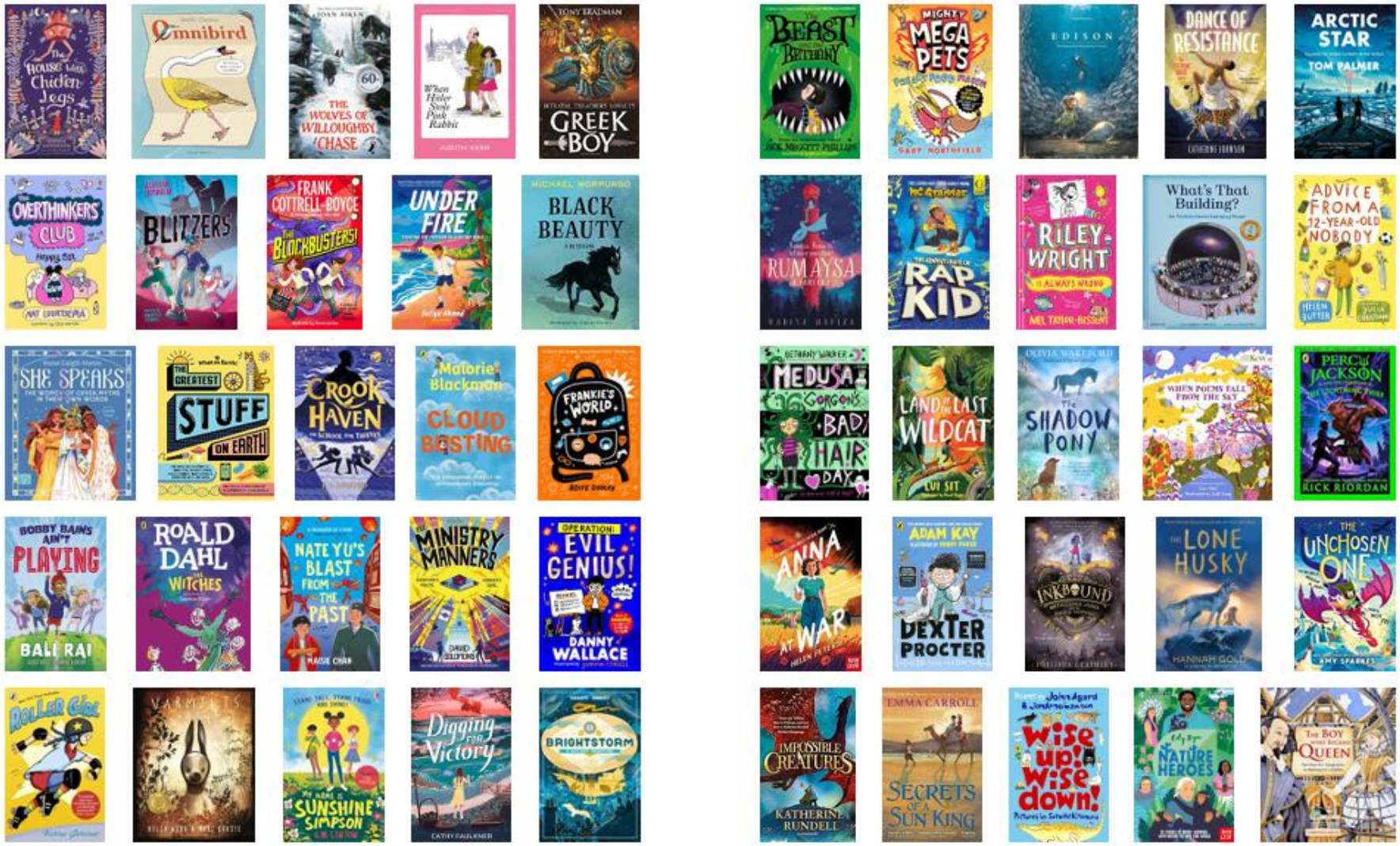

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Year 6 (ages 10-11)

50 Recommended Reads













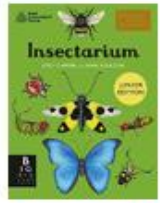

















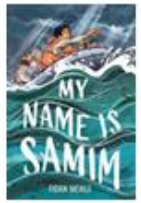

































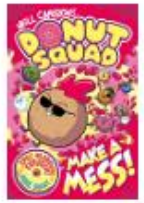















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OTHER NEWS



Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Maisie K	Violet	Edmund	Eva
		Rosie Wt	Louie	Sean
Gold Awards for Sport	Harlie	Alina	Jackson	Lucia
Headteacher Awards - Reading focus	William		Elijah	
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Beech			

PE Kits w/c 23 November 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple		Bring Forest School Kit Moved from Weds			Bring PE Kit
Beech				X	X
Holly		X			X
Oak		SWIM			X

Please ensure that on PE days, the children come to school wearing their hoodies, school jumpers or cardigans alongside white or blue t-shirts and black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms.

On all other days, full uniform should be worn. Hoodies should only be worn on PE days.

Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 2 November2026): 92.3% School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	91.1%	0 lates
Beech	96.3%	0 lates
Holly	83.5%	0 lates
Oak	97.7%	0 lates

If you are unsure whether or not to send your child to school, have a look at this website: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Please note we are now reporting attendance data one week behind




Every day in school counts...
95% attendance
9 schools days missed
1 week & 4 days
90% attendance
24 schools days missed
4 weeks & 4 days
85% attendance
28 schools days missed
5 weeks and 3 days
80% attendance
38 schools days missed
7 weeks & 3 days HALF A TERM MISSED
70% attendance
57 schools days missed
11 weeks & 2 days 1 WHOLE TERM MISSED
and every minute counts...
5 minutes late per day
3 school days lost per year
10 minutes late per day
6.5 school days lost per year
15 minutes late per day
10 school days lost per year
20 minutes late per day
13 school days lost per year
25 minutes late per day
19 school days lost per year

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in

A cough, cold or sore throat

Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Threadworms

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Should go in (let the school know)

Cold sores

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice & nits

You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Hand, foot & mouth disease

If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Slapped cheek syndrome

Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Seek treatment before returning to school

Impetigo

They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Chickenpox

Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Keep them off (at first)

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Measles

They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Vomiting & diarrhoea

Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

After school chaos?



Difficulties coping after school are becoming common

Find out the secrets to supporting your child...

Dr Hannah Rowark (Educational Psychologist)

In-person presentation: **26th November, 2.45-3.15pm**
Easingwold Community Primary School
Limited places – Please book via your school admin

On-line presentation: **28th January, 5.30-6pm**
Please book via your school admin to receive the access link

Sessions are free to access

Please contact Mrs Bacon should you require booking information for this event.