Recommended Reads Year 5 2020-21





Anderson, Sophie The Girl who speaks Bear

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Yanka is unusually big and strong; feeling isolated and unhappy she flees to the forest where she discovers she can hear what animals say. Somehow her heritage is wrapped up in the Russian folk tales that she has loved since she was small. Can she unravel the facts from the fantasy and find out where she truly belongs?





Bailey, Susanna Snow Foal

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Addie is placed in a foster home which is a farm on Exmoor. Just after she reluctantly arrives an orphaned foal is discovered and the two of them form a bond and start to heal. A powerful tale about where 'home' is and beginning to trust again.





Bell, Jennifer Wonderscape

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This novel has it all: gaming, history, science, adventure, environment and time travel. Do you want a peep into the future? Then follow these brave adventurers.



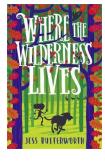


Burnell, Cerrie The Ice Bear Miracle

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A travelling carnival, a polar bear, a baby and a young boy famous for surviving a polar bear attack are all intertwined in this tale of discovering who you are. Wonderful scene setting and the story draws you in to discover what really happened out there on the ice all those years ago.





Butterworth, Jess Where the Wilderness Lives

CF

A tale of determination, courage and survival. Cara loves living on the canal, but when a safe is discovered everything starts to go wrong. With mum in hospital, Cara and her siblings make their way to Wales to find their dad. But the weather is changing and what begins as an adventure soon turns into a fight for survival.





Chisholm, Alastair Orion Lost

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A ground hog day, science fiction tale. Will the teenage crew be able to fathom out what is going on in the space craft before it is too late? Who is causing everything to go wrong and can they trust the onboard computer which is not capable of lying? Never has teamwork been so important but will Beth find the courage to rise to the challenge?



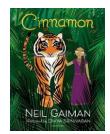


Farook, Nizrana The Girl who Stole an Elephant

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Set in a fictional Sri Lanka, Chaya is a cheeky, confident girl who is also a thief. Caught stealing the queen's jewels, how will she escape and save her village from the wrath of the King? Tempted? Try the beginning to get hooked.





Gaiman, Neil Cinnamon

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A princess with pearls for eyes is mute, her parents offer a handsome reward for anyone who can make her speak. The arrival of a magnificent talking tiger brings an unexpected outcome. A beautifully illustrated KS2 picture book that evokes the feel of traditional tales and legends.



Gosling, Sharon The House of Hidden Wonders

CF

Sinister Victorian Edinburgh, this features Arthur Conan Doyle as a young medical student. Corpses are appearing in the morgue with missing ears and so he employs Zinnie, a street urchin, to find out what is going on. Can Zinnie solve this and other mysteries whilst trying to provide for her two sisters? A well paced thriller.





Hagger-Holt, Sarah Nothing Ever Happens Here

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Izzy, Year 8, is excited about the new school production *Guys* and *Dolls* until her world is turned upside down by dad announcing he is transitioning to Danielle. Follow Izzy's emotional rollercoaster as she attempts to cope with her own emotions and the fear of her school friends discovering the news.





Harris, Robert J

The Scarlet Phantom

CF

Young Artie Conan Doyle has a nose for a mystery and together with his two trusty sidekicks investigates crime in 19th Century Edinburgh. Beautifully written with a playful 'nod' to Artie's 'future career' as the creator of Sherlock Holmes. Third in the series.





Hemming, Alice The Midnight Unicorn

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An imaginative and inventive reworking of many of the tropes and characters associated with fairy tales. A fantastic book for children who have loved fairy tales and 'Frozen' and are looking for something with more depth.



Howell, A M The House of One Hundred Clocks

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Set in Edwardian Cambridge, this is a gripping read. Helena, her father, the clockmaker, and their parrot Orbit move into a house full of clocks. The only problem is that if any of them stop they forfeit everything they own. Who was the last clockmaker and what happened to him? Who is the boy who keeps appearing in the rooms? Why have all the servants left? Helena is determined to get to the bottom of these mysteries. But will time run out first?





Humphreys, Alistair Alistair Humphreys' Great Adventurers

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Absorbing Information book written by explorer Alastair Humphreys that introduces a fascinating and diverse collection of 20 explorers. Several pages are devoted to each explorer, with info on what they did, the nature of their achievement and what it was about them that inspired the author. Great to dip into.



Hug, Konnie Cookie

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For fans of 'The Diary of a Wimpy Kid', Cookie will keep you laughing with her exploits. Find out how she copes with her best friend moving away and 'the most annoying boy in the world' moving next door!



Lapinski, L D The Strangeworlds Travel Agency CF

What if you could jump into a suitcase and it was a portal to another world - that's exactly how it is at the Strangeworlds travel agency - but what happens if one of the suitcases gets stolen? An exciting adventure set across many vividly realised, imaginary worlds.



Litchfield, Jamie Lights on Cotton Rock

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A little girl longs to travel to space and, when a spaceship arrives at her favourite sky gazing spot, it seems she has the opportunity to do so. But, when that opportunity arises, where does your heart truly lie?



Littler, Jamie Frostheart

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First in a new series and a great adventure. For fans of Cressida Cowell, this is a story of bravery and adventure, set in a snowy landscape where monsters lurk beneath the ice. Ash has never felt at home in his stronghold but will he be brave enough to leave and face the dangers beyond?



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Norry, E L Son of the Circus

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Set against the hardship of life in Victorian times and amidst the life of a travelling circus; this story is based on the life of William Darby, better known as Pablo Fanque, the first black British circus proprietor. Another in the outstanding 'Voices' series that seeks to 'reflect the authentic unsung voices of our past'.



Rivers, Holly Demelza and the Spectre Detectors

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Demelza loves science and is the antithesis of her grandmother, whom she lives with, as she believes in ghosts. Imagine her surprise and reluctance when she discovers she can see ghosts too! When her grandmother disappears all her skills are put to the test to save her.



Skinner, Nicola Bloom

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Sorrel is determined to win 'The Most Obedient Child of the School' award so her and her mum can have a holiday. When she discovers a mysterious packet of seeds things start to spiral out of control and the whole community gets involved as flowers start to spring up in the most unlikely locations and not all of them are welcome. An imaginative read.



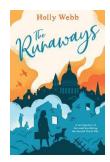
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Walker, Dan The Light Hunters

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Imagine Lux's surprise when he realises he has secret powers which have been banned! Just when his grandfather is beginning to help him with his new skills, he dies and Lux is catapulted into a new world with a monster who seems determined to kill him. Can Lux dig deep and hone his new skills in time to avert a disaster?



Webb, Holly The Runaways

Set in London during the Second World War. Molly runs away from London to escape the bombing and to protect her beloved pet dog. A story about trust and resilience, identity and

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