

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Book Trust have again published their 'Great Books Guide' for 2019. They have put this guide together to encourage children to read books from a whole range of genres written by a variety of exciting authors. As a school, we feel it may provide a useful resource for you when choosing a new, exciting and age-appropriate book for your child as the winter months draw in!

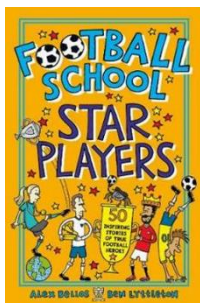
Listed below are the books that are recommended for the age-range of *your* child. However, should you wish to see the full list of 100 books (if you have children or nieces/nephews in other age ranges for instance) then it is available at <https://www.booktrust.org.uk>

We hope you find the list useful; if you do happen to purchase one of the books listed below and your child enjoys it, let us know in school!

Kindest regards,

Mr. T. Roddison
Assistant Head Teacher

Books recommended for children aged 10-11



Football School: Star Players

Author: Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton **Illustrator:** Spike Gerrell

Publisher: Walker Books

Featuring 50 outstanding football players, this is a who's who guide to the footballing world, from Eniola Aluko to Zinédine Zidane. Players included come from all around the world and from across the last century. Organised alphabetically and written in an approachable, conversational style, each mini biography highlights the footballer's super skills and special achievements, and their important deeds off the pitch as well as on it.

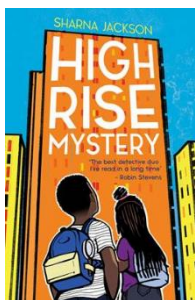
When Good Geeks Go Bad

Author: Catherine Wilkins

Publisher: Nosy Crow

Everyone thinks Ella is such a goody two-shoes, but Ella's had enough of toeing the line. Yet will she really break the bigger rules, just to be in with the "in crowd"? A heartwarming and humorous story that deals wittily with everyday teenage angst.





High Rise Mystery

Author: Sharna Jackson

Publisher: Knights Of

High-Rise Mystery is the perfect 'whodunnit'. As the two girls sift through red herrings and reveal a series of tower block secrets, short snappy sentences and sparkling dialogue will keep readers turning the pages. A mystery as hot as the summer heatwave in which it's set!

Call Me Alastair

Author: Cory Leonardo

Publisher: Scholastic

Alastair the parrot poet dreams of freedom, blue skies and palm trees. His sister Aggie yearns to go home with animal-loving Fritz. Can their different wishes be reconciled? Heartwarming, heartbreaking, eccentric, original and stunningly good.



Doctor Who, The Secret in Vault 13

Author: David Solomons **Illustrator:** Laura Ellen Anderson and George Ermos

Publisher: Penguin/BBC

A dark secret locked inside an ancient vault; three long-lost keys; an evil alien intent on destroying the universe. Oh, and a talking plant. This talking begonia's cry for help reveals that the galaxy is in dire peril, and naturally only Doctor Who (Jodie Whittaker's incarnation specifically), along with her friends Yaz, Ryan and Graham, can save the day.

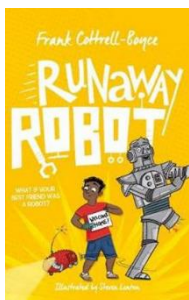
Secrets of a Sun King

Author: Emma Carroll

Publisher: Faber

This is a glorious historical adventure with a nimble, thrilling 1920s tale, as well as a wonderful subplot set back in Ancient Egyptian times. Somehow that all works perfectly, due to artful weaving by Emma Carroll. A totally thrilling read!





Runaway Robot

Author: Frank Cottrell-Boyce **Illustrator:** Steven Lenton

Publisher: Macmillan

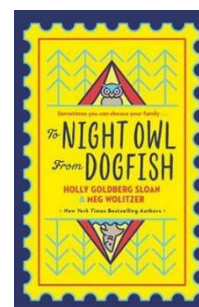
Alfie has one hand; Eric has one leg. Can a small boy and a giant, police car-crushing robot ever be friends? And do bad things in your past have to destroy your future? Hilarious, complex and hugely satisfying!

To Night Owl From Dogfish

Author: Meg Wolitzer and Holly Goldberg Sloan

Publisher: Egmont

Told entirely in emails and letters, this sensitive, often funny book examines what it means to be a family, and what happens when families change. Strong and vivid characterisation makes us feel we really know the characters.



Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties

Author: Humza Ashad and Henry White **Illustrator:** Aleksei Bitskoff

Publisher: Puffin Books

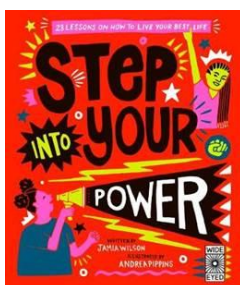
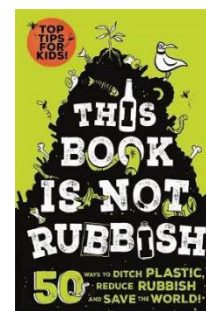
Humza Khan is an 11-year-old who devotes most of his energy into trying to be a cool rapper, AKA Little Badman. A perfect read for Tom Cates fans: prepare for big belly laughs and great advice on how to be yourself.

This Book is Not Rubbish: 50 Ways to Ditch Plastic, Reduce Rubbish and Save the World

Author: Isabel Thomas **Illustrator:** Alex Paterson

Publisher: Wren & Rook

There are some worrying realities in the world at the moment when it comes to the environment. Luckily, this readable gem is full of ideas for kids to take charge of their home's impact on the environment.

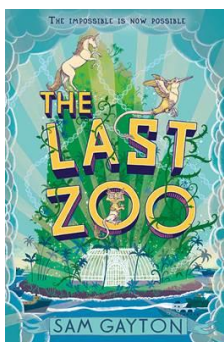


Step Into Your Power: 23 Lessons on How To Live Your Best Life

Author: Jamia Wilson **Illustrator:** Andrea Pippins

Publisher: Wide Eyed Editions

In this wonderful and timely book, aimed at older primary or younger secondary school children, author Jamia Wilson and Andrea Pippins give a series of practical tips and explanations about ways that we can live our best lives.



The Last Zoo

Author: Sam Gayton

Publisher: Andersen Press

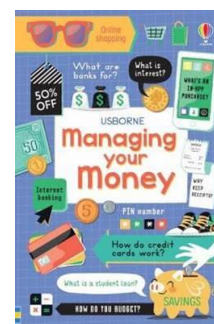
Pia lives on the last zoo: a floating armada that houses the strangest collection of creatures the world's ever seen, from genies to mirror-orangutans to hummingdragons. Collectively called 'voilas', they each have a special ability, and everyone hopes these will help save the world from environmental catastrophe.

Managing Your Money

Author: Jane Bingham and Holly Bathie **Illustrator:** Nancy Leschnikoff and Freya Harrison

Publisher: Usborne

This clear, concise non-fiction guide to managing money for young people explores a range of topics, including setting a budget, opening a bank account and managing debt. Well-designed and easy to navigate!



Asha and the Spirit Bird

Author: Jasbinder Bilan

Publisher: Chicken House

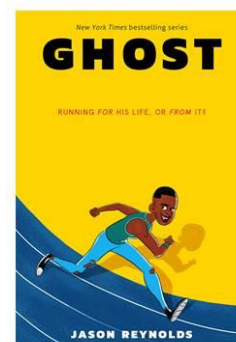
Asha's quest across India to find her father brings her into danger before love, faith and friendship finally provide a happy ending. A warm, comforting story that tackles some dark subjects with a constantly reassuring tone.

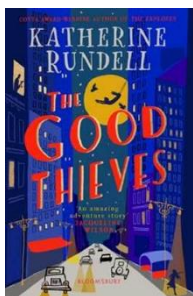
Ghost

Author: Jason Reynolds **Illustrator:** Selom Sunu

Publisher: Knights Of

Three years ago Ghost's dad chased him and his mum down the road with a gun. His dad got ten years in prison, and Ghost learned how to run. Ghost has never thought of athletics as a sporting option – basketball is his thing. But now, after challenging a sprinter to a race at the local track, he's won himself a place on an elite running team.





The Good Thieves

Author: Katherine Rundell

Publisher: Bloomsbury

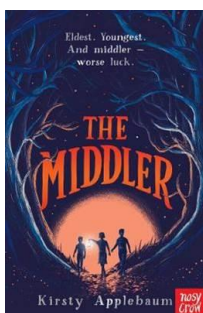
If you try to steal back something that has been taken from your family by trickery, is that a crime or is it justice? A thrilling adventure, set in 1920s New York, rich in period detail and tensely dramatic moments.

The Clockwork Crow

Author: Catherine Fisher

Publisher: Firefly

Orphan Seren Rhys has been sent to live with her mysterious Godfather after living for 12 years in an orphanage. The possibility of her first happy family Christmas seems like it might finally be within her reach. On her solo journey to Wales, Seren is given a mysterious package to look after by a stranger and ends up feeling obliged to take it with her. But...



The Middler

Author: Kirsty Applebaum

Publisher: Nosy Crow

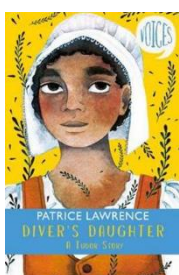
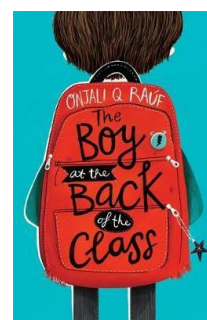
In the town of Fennis Wick, there are two rules: eldests go to military camp when they turn 14, and you don't talk to wanderers, like Maggie. This dystopian novel, set in a seemingly idyllic town, will send a shiver down the spine.

The Boy at the Back of the Class

Author: Onjali Q Raúf

Publisher: Orion Children's Books

This is the story about how four classmates have a massive impact on the life of Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refugee from Syria. An inspiring and sweet tale that should help children be the best they can be and realise the power of kindness.



Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story

Author: Patrice Lawrence

Publisher: Scholastic

This is a thrilling tale, with the expertly described Tudor world brought to hideous, harsh life with the same verve as Patrice Lawrence's award winning teen books Indigo Donut and Orangeboy.