

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!

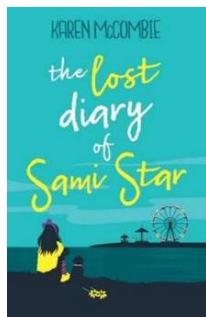
Listed below are the books that are recommended for the age-range of *your* child. However, should you wish to see the full list of 100 books (if you have children or nieces/nephews in other age ranges for instance) then it is available at <https://www.booktrust.org.uk>

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,

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Assistant Head Teacher

Books recommended for children aged 8-9



The Lost Diary of Sami Star

Author: Karen McCombie

Publisher: Barrington Stoke

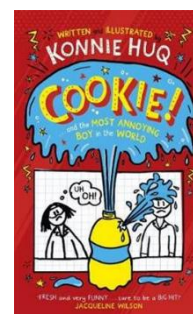
Hannah's parents seem to have forgotten her, preoccupied by current quarrels with her older sister. School isn't much better – Hannah's noticing a rift with her two so-called best friends, who seem wholly concerned with boys and whether other people are wearing the 'right' jeans. Then she finds a journal in the park. Hannah is fascinated by its creator, Sami...

Cookie (and the Most Annoying Boy in the World)

Author: Konnie Huq

Publisher: Piccadilly Press (Bonnier)

Funny, ambitious Cookie wants to go on Brainbusters and get a pet, but the most annoying boy in the world keeps upsetting her plans. Can they ever be friends? Funny, loud, opinionated and sometimes thoughtless, Cookie is a relatable character!





Mega Robo Bros 3: Mega Robo Revenge

Author: Neill Cameron

Publisher: David Fickling Books

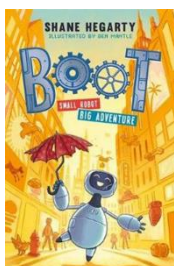
Third instalment of the graphic novel series about sentient robot brothers Alex and Freddy, in which we learn more about the boys' origins and a monster from the past returns to get revenge on their mother. Funny and full of fabulous artwork.

Everest

Author: Sangma Francis & Lisk Feng

Publisher: Flying Eye Books

Children will love this beautiful and fascinating introduction to Mount Everest, and it's a particularly useful resource for primary schools who are looking at international features such as mountains in Key Stage 1 and 2.



BOOT Small Robot Big Adventure

Author: Shane Hegarty **Illustrator:** Ben Mantle

Publisher: Hodder Children's Books

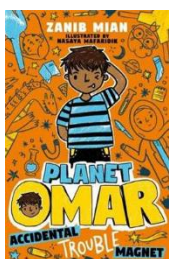
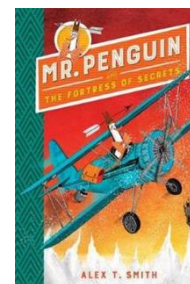
The heartwarming story of Boot, a junkyard toy, will hook readers from page one. Shane Hegarty has a magic touch with words and has crafted a story that is a true delight to read and will linger long after the book finishes.

Mr Penguin and the Fortress of Secrets

Author: Alex T Smith

Publisher: Hodder Children's Books

Alex T Smith's second book in the hilarious Mr Penguin series is a plunging plane-ride of action and excitement with a very British sensibility that will delight fans of funny illustrated books. A cross between Poirot and Indiana Jones for younger ones!

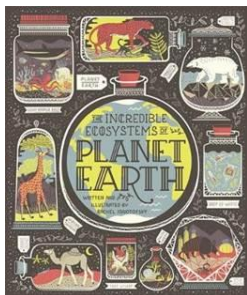


Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet

Author: Zanib Mian **Illustrator:** Nasaya Mafaridik

Publisher: Hodder

Planet Omar has all of the everyday life family drama and silly humour of Tom Gates and Sam Wu, and it's wonderful to read a funny book for kids featuring a Muslim family.



The Incredible Ecosystems of Planet Earth

Author: Rachel Ignotofsky

Publisher: Wren & Rook

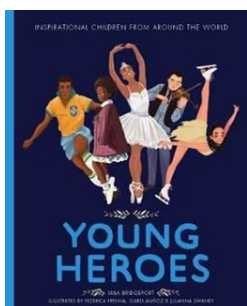
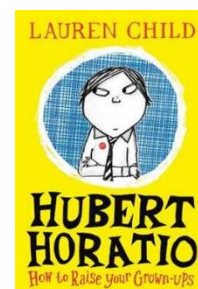
This huge world we live in, with its infinitely varied regions, countries and communities, is – so we learn in Rachel Ignotofsky's amazing new book – actually an interconnected series ecosystems, working together to make the best of our planet's limited resources.

Hubert Horatio How to Raise Your Grown-Ups

Author: Lauren Child

Publisher: HarperCollins

This is the fabulous story of the millionaire family The Bobton-Trents, and how their only child Hubert becomes a responsible and sensible child due to his woefully irresponsible and senseless parents! A great first chapter book that's a fun and witty read.



Young Heroes: Inspirational Children from Around the World

Author: Lula Bridgeport **Illustrator:** Federica Frenna / Isabel Munoz /

Julianna Swaney **Publisher:** Stripes

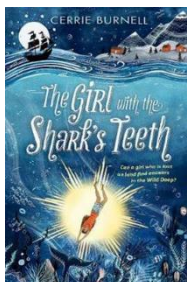
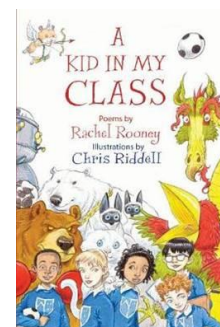
This collection of remarkable young people's achievements is truly inspirational. With a gentle guide to being a hero yourself at the back of the book, and a look back at great children of the past, these amazing young people give us all hope for the future.

A Kid in my Class

Author: Rachel Rooney **Illustrator:** Chris Riddell

Publisher: Otter-Barry Books

This brilliant and imaginatively illustrated book is the perfect addition to any book collection; a book of clever poems picking out some of the many personalities that children will find sitting next to them in assemblies, lunch queues and in playgrounds!

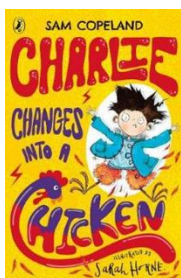


The Girl with the Shark's Teeth

Author: Cerrie Burnell

Publisher: Oxford University Press

When mysterious men kidnap her mother, Minnow has to set sail alone for the magical, dangerous and beautiful Wild Deep. This book is full of lyrical, breathless prose and Burnell's imagination is marvellous.



Charlie Changes into a Chicken

Author: Sam Copeland Illustrator: Sarah Horne

Publisher: Puffin

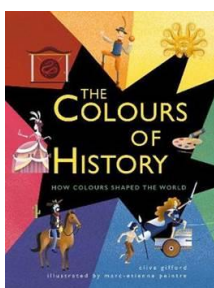
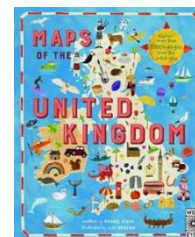
Something strange happens to Charlie at random times for no apparent reason: he changes into animals. This book cleverly portrays ways of dealing with stress and anxiety, and provides some sound advice throughout. Brilliant and positive.

Maps of the United Kingdom

Author: Rachel Dixon Illustrator: Livi Gosling

Publisher: Wide Eyed Editions

This comprehensive hardback guide to the UK is full of illustrated maps, facts and historical tidbits. A great way to get children excited about exploring – or perhaps increase their interest about any planned holidays or day trips!



The Colours of History

Author: Clive Gifford Illustrator: Marc-Etienne Peintre

Publisher: QED Publishing

Full of fascinating facts about colour, this book focuses on a topic that is not often covered in children's books. It offers a wide range of opportunities and new ideas for parents, working across the curriculum through art, history and beyond. It's a perfect gift for any budding artists or art historians who want to

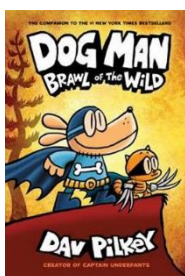
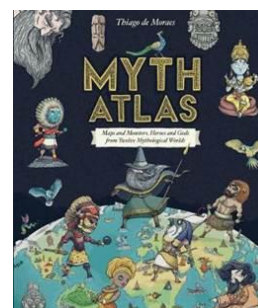
learn more about colours!

Myth Atlas: Maps and Monsters, Heroes and Gods from Twelve Mythological Worlds

Author: Thiago de Moraes

Publisher: Alison Green Books

The mythological worlds of 12 cultures from Ireland to Japan, Polynesia to the mythos of the Hindu world are explored here in a beautiful collection, which helps children to celebrate and respect the wonderful differences in the way people see the world.

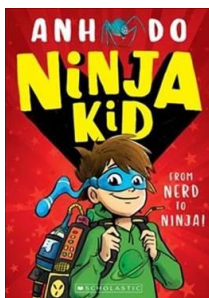


Dog Man 6: Brawl of the Wild

Author: Dav Pilkey

Publisher: Scholastic

In the sixth of the phenomenally successful Dog Man series, three rather naughty characters use a shrink ray gun to miniaturise an abandoned robot belonging to evil genius and Dog Man nemesis, Petey the cat!



Ninja Kid

Author: Anh Do **Illustrator:** Jeremy Ley

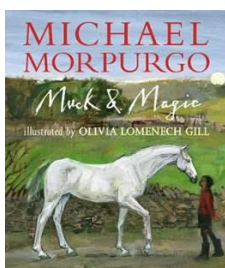
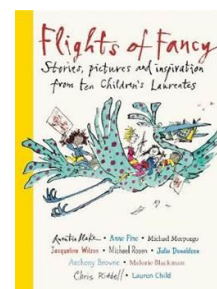
Publisher: Scholastic Children's Books

Nelson Kane wakes up on his tenth birthday to discover that he has developed ninja powers. He puts his newfound skills to the test when a cluster of gigantic spiders attack the town. A light-hearted chapter book that's fast paced and funny!

Flights of Fancy: Stories, Pictures and Inspiration from Ten Children's Laureates

Author: Quentin Blake Anne Fine Michael Morpurgo Jacqueline Wilson Michael Rosen Julia Donaldson Anthony Browne Malorie Blackman Chris Riddell and Lauren Child **Publisher:** Walker Books

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Waterstones Children's Laureate, the incredible authors and illustrators who have held the title have come together to make one magical anthology, full of inspiration to help children's imaginations soar...



Muck and Magic

Author: Michael Morpurgo **Illustrator:** Olivia Lomenech Gill

Publisher: Walker Books

Bonny sees three magnificent horses in the Dales. Mesmerised by their beauty, she is delighted when she gets a Saturday job in the stables. This touching tale about an intergenerational friendship unfolds at a gentle pace, with exquisite drawings.