Recommended Reads Year 4 2020-21



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Bass, Guy Anna Gain and the Same Sixty Seconds Anna prides herself on being on time, ahead of time even. Then one day she gets stuck in the same minute of time, over and over again and has 'time' to consider how she spends it. An amusing Hi Lo read.



Burnett, Frances Hodgson The Secret Garden Retold by Freedman, Claire, this is a beautifully illustrated picture book adaptation of a classic story. An unhappy orphaned child finds joy and friendship as she tends a secret garden in the grounds of her Uncle's house.

Summer of the Dragons

Clarke, Ed Summer of the Dragons

Dylan and Mari are friends who live on the coast in Wales, when they discover a small colony of dragons living in the cliffs they must protect them from a greedy scientist. They also have to deal with changes in their own families' situation. A gentle magical adventure about friendships and blended families. A sequel to The Secret Dragon.



Corderoy, Tracey Mystery at Stormy Point Bryony is to take part in her first gymkhana. She also wants to help a new friend fulfil a long held dream. Can the friendship and teamwork of the Seaview Stables Riders win the race and save the day?



Cottrell-Boyce, Frank Runaway Robot

Alfie finds a giant robot in the airport lost property and takes him home in this humorous adventure. Eric is a robot from nearly one hundred years ago. Before Eric destroys everything around him, Alfie needs to find out who he is, as well as retrieving his own memories.



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Cousins, Dave Is My Teacher a Robot

Jake and Jess's Grandmother has created a robot babysitter for them. Chaos ensues when he accidentally gets mistaken for a supply teacher at school and his class enter a science competition. Great fun.

Haig, Matt Evie and the Animals

Evie discovers she can talk to animals! How exciting but her dad tells her to keep it a secret. She soon discovers just how powerful this is and in the wrong hands the destruction it can cause. Great for empathy, packed with animal facts and beautifully illustrated by Emily Gravett.

Hawthorne, Lara Alba the Hundred Year Old Fish Alba the fish has seen a lot of things during her life on the coral reef. She doesn't understand what the mysterious objects cluttering up the Ocean are until she gets stuck in one. Her plight is discovered by a young girl who is determined to rescue Alba.

Hegarty, Shane **Boot the Rusty Rescue**

Set in a future populated by work robots. A group of 'thinking' robots set off to find a new nose for one of their gang but end up rescuing a sad robot from his mundane and repeatative job. An action packed adventure about friendship.

John, Jory **Bad Seed**

A bad seed is all sorts of bad, but he's not really happy with being perceived as such and decides to change. This book was the very popular winner of the Hampshire Illustrated Book Award 2019, voted for by Year 5 children.

Mian, Zanib Planet Omar

When the lovely mosque that Omar and his family attend is threatened with closure, Omar and his friends come up with lots of great fundraising ideas to save it. A very funny story about everyday life peopled with warm and engaging characters.



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Patel, Serena **Anisha Accidental Detective**

Anisha likes order and calm and avoiding fuss, tricky when her lively household is preparing for her auntie's traditional hindi wedding. When Anisha discovers a 'kidnap' note suggesting they cancel the wedding she has to act quickly and stealthily to avoid a drama. Anisha conversationally explains pertinent traditions and language as part of the narrative.

Percival, Tom **Attack of the Heebie-Jeebies** Erika goes to bed in a fury, frustrated by her parents lack of time for her as they deal with her baby brother. Her dreams are enlivened by a quest and a team of superhero-like

characters who help her look at things differently. Beautifully illustrated throughout.

Parotta, Saviour The Whispering Stones

Young Wolf must seek to clear his name when his mentor the Shaman is poisoned. Second in this historic novel series, set in the stone age, full of adventure and genuine peril as well as authentic detail.

Puyssegur, Alain The Cursed Temple A 'challenge and choose' book based on the Minecraft game, with lots of choices and puzzles.

Clever Cakes Rosen, Michael Two clever children, using only their wits outsmart a hungry grizzly bear and a grumpy, arrogant king. Filled with humour, these modern fairytales with a twist are a great hi lo read.

Smith, Alex T Mr Penguin and the Catastrophic CF Cruise

Mr Penguin, his trusty spider Colin and his friend Edith Hedge set off on a cruise. All is not as it seems and soon Mr Penguin finds he has another mystery to solve. A gloriously madcap adventure full of eccentric characters, great language and stunnning illustrations. Third in this fun and fabulous series.









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Stamp, Emer Pests

Stix is a small mouse who keeps out of trouble in the house where he lives and then he discovers P.E.S.T.S. the school for Seriously Terrible Scoundrels. A truly hilarious tale, told by a mouse.



Stowell, Louie Monster in the Lake

The balance of magic is all wrong and a monster has turned up in entirely the wrong place. Trainee wizard Kit and her friends live in a positive, wizardy world where librarians are magical and libraries are powered by dragons; they work together to solve the situation. CF

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