

Reading Newsletter - Summer 2025

Welcome to our Summer term Reading Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading it!

Outdoor Reading area

We are very excited that our outdoor reading area is now complete. We are looking forward to using it with the children and are planning some opening activities to launch it with the children in September. There will be a selection of books kept in the sheds for the children to read and the children can also bring in their own books from home to read.



Horsham Library

Horsham library launched their summer reading challenge on Saturday 12th July. The Summer Reading Challenge runs in libraries across the country to encourage children to keep reading over the holidays. This year's theme is **Story Garden**, inspiring a love of reading, nature and exploring the outdoors.

It has been launched in all 36 libraries across West Sussex on **Saturday 12 July** and **running until Saturday 13 September**. Children aged 4-11 will be asked to read books and complete reading challenges to collect stickers and will receive a special medal and certificate for completing their challenge.

You can register now in your local library. From this date you can start borrowing library books and work your way through the challenge.



School Summer Reading Challenge

Children in Early Years, Year 1, 2 and 3 are given a summer reading challenge to complete during the three longer school holidays to encourage them to read at home when they are off school. These will be sent home during the last week of term. They are also available on our school website.

Summer Reading Challenge for year 4 and 5

This summer we would like the children in year 4 and 5 to choose a book from the recommended lists below, read it and then complete a book review about it. This is attached to this email. The children who complete a book review should bring it into school in September. They will then be given a raffle ticket. A draw will happen and a winner will be chosen from year 4 and 5. The winners will be able to choose a book as a prize. The recommended lists are can also be found here:

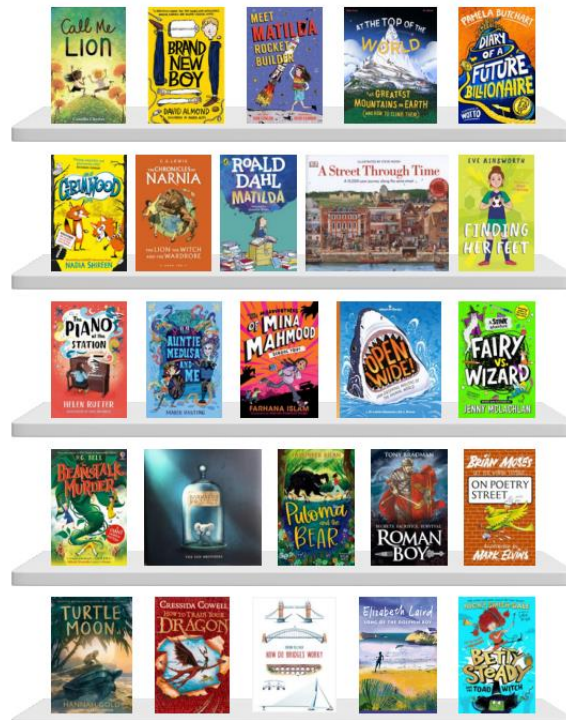
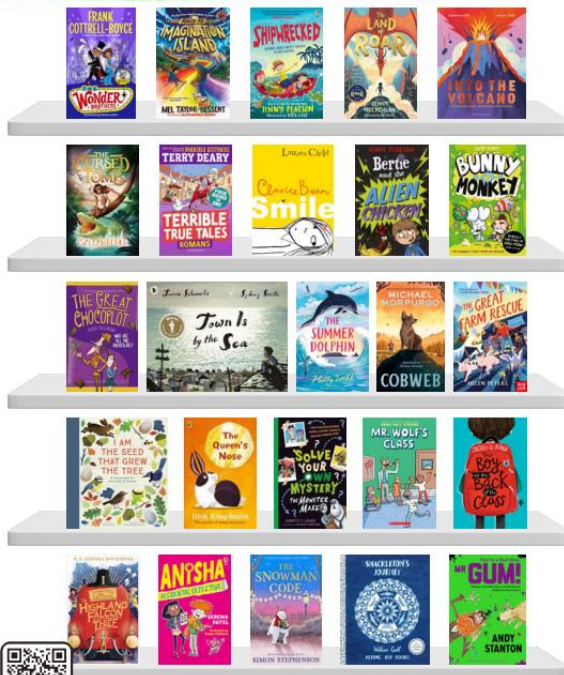
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50 Recommended Reads for...

Year 4 (ages 8-9)

2025-2026 Booklist



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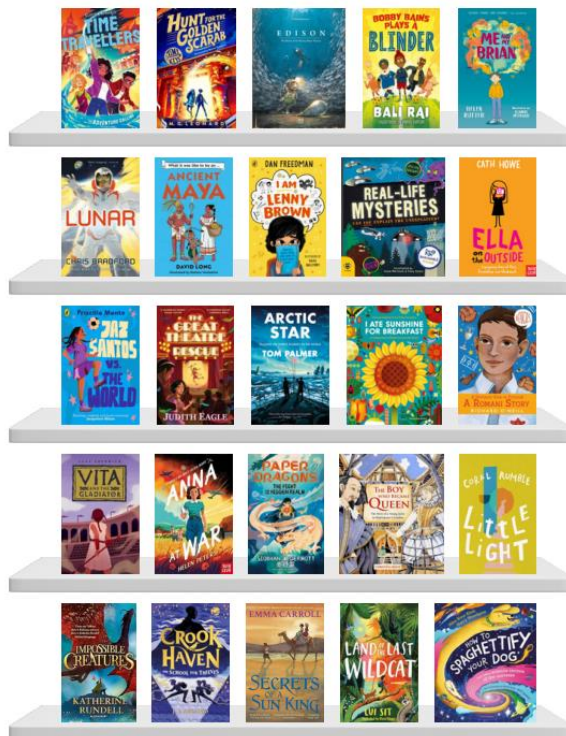
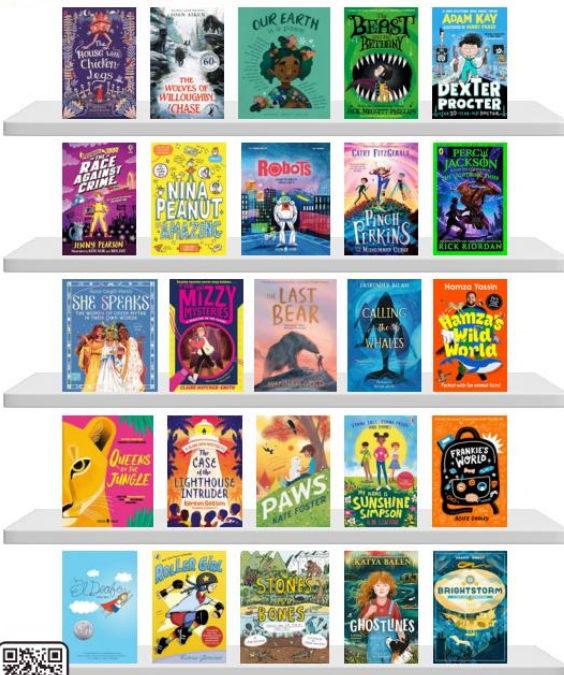
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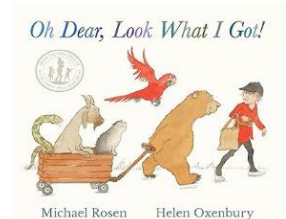


New releases

Oh Dear, Look What I Got! by Micheal Rosen and Helen Oxenbury

Release date – 11.09.25

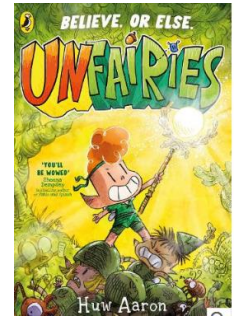
From beloved author and illustrator pairing Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury comes a brilliant new picture book that will delight a new generation of children. Each visit to the shop brings an animal surprise in this playful read-aloud, with a final twist and a joyful ending. Young readers will love joining in the rhyming text and guessing what comes next in this hilarious picture book, sure to become a timeless classic.



Unfairies by Huw Aaron

Release date – 31.07.25

Prepare to enter the world of the *Unfairies*! A hilarious new full-colour graphic novel series from breakout talent Huw Aaron, where the epic adventure of *Amulet* meets the super silly humour of *Bunny VS Monkey* and *Dog Man* . . . all on the scale of *The Borrowers*.



Cobweb by Michael Morpurgo

Release date – 05.06.25

A powerful, moving adventure inspired by the extraordinary true story of the French Drummer Boy of Waterloo, COBWEB is a stunning tale of courage and kindness – a book about humanity, animals, and the heartbreak of war, from a writer at the height of his powers.



Alice with a Why by Anna James

Release date – 05.06.25

Many years have passed since Alice's original adventures in Wonderland and her granddaughter Alyce (with a y) doesn't quite believe her curious tales of white rabbits and Cheshire cats. But when a mysterious invitation from the Mad Hatters arrives, Alyce ends up tumbling through the garden pond into her very own fantastical adventure.

