

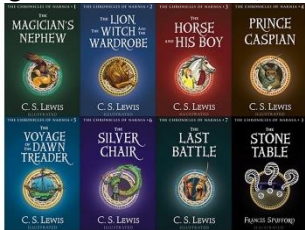
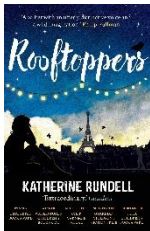

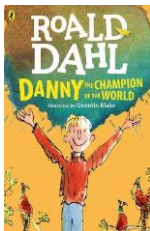
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Mrs Bowles	<p>I would recommend <b>Boy</b> by Roald Dahl. When my son was young he struggled with reading due to being dyslexic. Every night, we read this book and would take it in turns - he got totally engrossed in this book and can still remember today reading every night.</p> 
Mrs Osborn	<p>My daughter lent me <b>Danny the Champion of the World</b> by Roald Dahl to read last year and I really enjoyed it. This is one of the books that she reads to her class.</p> 
Mrs White	<p>I would recommend the <b>Harry Potter</b> series by J.K Rowling because they are wonderful fantasy stories that follow the lives of children growing up. They are extremely well written and popular. Don't be put off by the size of the books - they are amazing!</p> 
Miss Young	<p>I would recommend <b>The Boy who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair</b> by Lara Williamson because it's a beautiful and sometimes funny story about friendship and goodbyes. It also features a snail called Brian. Who doesn't want a snail called Brian?</p> 
Miss Perring	<p>I would recommend <b>His Dark Materials</b> by Phillip Pullman. I read these books when I was 11-years-old and wanted a series to challenge me after reading the <b>Harry Potter</b> series by J.K Rowling. The series is full of action, adventure and magic with some underlying messages that really make you think.</p>

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	<p>Another book I would recommend is <b>The Book Thief</b> by Markus Zusak. Set in Nazi Germany, it is a beautifully written book which is told from the perspective of Death himself. It is a very thought-provoking and emotive story and great for students in Year 8 who enjoyed <b>The Boy in Striped Pyjamas</b> by John Boyne.</p>  
Mrs Joy	<p>I would recommend <b>The Twits</b> by Roald Dahl because it made me laugh and I loved the quirky characters. We still quote the 'shrinking scene'. Very clever, creative writing by Mr Dahl.</p> 
Mrs Sawtell	<p>I would recommend <b>Things Fall Apart</b> by Chinua Achebe because I loved learning about Nigeria (a place I have never been) and how the Europeans arrived.</p> 
Ms Day	<p>I would recommend <b>'The Thief of Always'</b> by Clive Barker. It is a book for children written by a well-known writer of adult fiction. The main character, Harvey, is bored; bored of school and his life. He soon discovers that getting everything you wish for isn't always for the best! I love how the author twists the plot and keeps you guessing about whether the characters are 'goodies' or 'baddies'! It begins with one of my favourite metaphors in a book: 'The great, grey beast February had eaten Harvey Swick alive'. As an added bonus, the black and white illustrations, also by the author, are fantastic!</p> 

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Miss Watters	<p>I would recommend the <b><i>Chronicles of Narnia</i></b> by C.S Lewis because each book is a fascinating new adventure with just the right amount of each ingredient: fear, battle, magic, morality, loyalty.</p> 
Miss Savage	<p>I'd recommend <b><i>Rooftoppers</i></b> by Katherine Rundell because it tells a magical story of a girl named Sophie, who is found, on her first birthday, floating in a cello case in the middle of the ocean by an English scholar. Sophie embarks on an important adventure across rooftops to try and find her Mother before it is too late!</p> 
Miss Willis	<p>When I was in my teens, I read a book called '<b><i>I Have Lived A Thousand Years</i></b>' by Livia Bitton-Jackson, which has always stuck with me. It's a story about a teenage girl who survives Auschwitz. Even though parts of it describe the terrible conditions in Auschwitz, a lot of why I liked it is because the main character is a normal girl who is easy to relate to.</p> 
Mr Biddle	<p>I would recommend <b><i>Danny The Champion Of The World</i></b> by Roald Dahl because central to the story is the love between a boy and his father. They lead a simple yet beautiful life and in their adventures you get to learn many ways of how to poach pheasants! Who knew a raisin could be so effective?</p> 
Mrs Minhinnick	<p>I would recommend <b><i>Northern Lights</i></b> by Phillip Pullman. I don't like fantasy genre but couldn't put this down. The characters and their relationships keep it 'real' and the book really makes you think. I devoured the trilogy</p>

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	<p>and I'm now reading the sequel, <b><i>The Book of Dust: The Secret Commonwealth</i></b>.</p> 
Mrs Cradock	<p>My recommendation is <b><i>The Twits</i></b> by Roald Dahl. I loved this book as a child; I read it so many times and I have read it with both of my own children. I loved how Roald Dahl described how vile they were and the way that Mr and Mrs Twit played disgusting tricks on each other. I still think about the gruesome spaghetti made from garden worms that Mrs Twit fed to Mr Twit or how Mr Twit came up the genius idea of added a small disc to the bottom of Mrs Twit's walking stick each night to make her think that she was shrinking. Of course The Twits get what they deserve at the end of the book!</p> 
Miss Staddon	<p>I would recommend <b><i>Can You See Me?</i></b> by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott. It's about ASC and has genuine diary entries from an 11-year-old old ASC girl - I think everyone should read it.</p> 
Mrs Hancock	<p>My recommendation is <b><i>The Secret Garden</i></b> by Francis Burnett because it lets your imagination run wild. I used to pretend that I had found a secret garden and I was the only one who knew about it, I would go there to think. It's soon coming out in cinemas, I'll be interested to see if it sticks to the story!</p> 
Mrs Martin	<p>I am not a big reader! However, I did read <b><i>The Keeper of Lost Things</i></b> by Ruth Hogan and I really enjoyed that. I would recommend it because it is</p>

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	<p>an easy book to read, but has lots of little stories within it which eventually all link together. I was sad to finish it!</p> 
Mr Beet	<p>I would recommend <b><i>Born to Run</i></b> by Michael Morpurgo. It tells the story of the greyhound Best Mate. From the start of the story, when Patrick rescues a sack containing puppies from the canal, you are grabbed and really feel for the different characters - for Best Mate this is only the start of his adventures. You follow him from being a pet, to being a champion race dog and the dangers that then leads to, such as being kidnapped and living rough on the streets. Like all good books, it takes you to another world.</p> 
Mr Mitchem	<p>My recommendation is <b><i>The Silver Sword</i></b> by Ian Serraillier. It is a really good action/adventure story based on true events during World War Two. It also has really good links to history.</p> 
Mrs Pegram	<p>I would recommend <b>Malory Towers</b> by Enid Blyton. The story is set at a Clifftop boarding school in Cornwall. The main character is Darrell Rivers, who is rather hot-headed but has an exciting time at school.</p> 



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Mrs Collins

I liked ***Stig of the Dump*** by Clive King. We had just moved to a new house on the edge of a small housing estate. We had a gang called Boots because we all wore wellies as it was so muddy. We went off on our own Stig adventures and probably went further onto the common than we would have been allowed had we asked permission!



Ms Ward

I would recommend the **Adventure series** by Willard Price. Each book in the series is titled after an animal or place, like '**Gorilla Adventure**', or my favourite, '**Amazon Adventure**'. I read these over and over again when I was a child as they took the reader to exciting, far-flung places and taught so much about natural history alongside the gripping adventures of two brothers, Hal and Roger. It was kind of the next step in adventure mysteries from **Famous Five** by Enid Blyton I suppose.



Mrs McNair

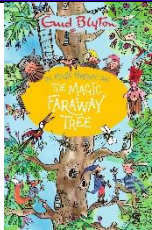

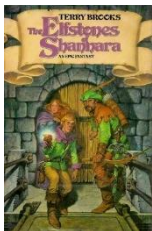
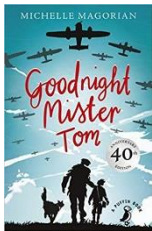
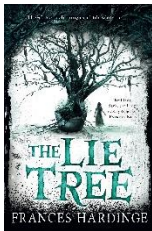
I would recommend ***Everything*** by Nicola Yoon for KS3. It's a wonderful story with a massive twist at the end!



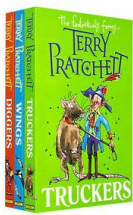
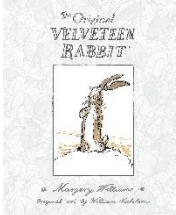
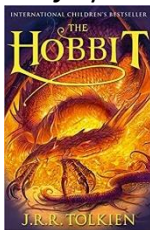

Mr Bagwell

I would recommend ***The Magic Far Away Tree*** by Enid Blyton.

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Mrs Roberts	<p>I would recommend <b><i>The Famous Five</i></b> by Enid Blyton because I loved their adventures and the fact that their characters were all so different. I also loved their picnics...hard boiled eggs and lashings of ginger beer!!!</p> 
Mr Otter	<p>I liked the <b><i>Elfstones of Shannara</i></b> by Terry Brooks. I picked it up because I liked the cover and then read the whole series.</p> 
Mrs Stripp	<p>I loved <b><i>Goodnight Mr Tom</i></b> by Michelle Magorian. Even now, when they show it on TV, I love to sit and watch it, but the book is better!</p> 
Mrs Atkinson	<p>I would recommend <b><i>The Lie Tree</i></b> by Frances Hardye. Entertaining and provocative, this book manages to do what all good fantasy and historical fiction does: shine a light on our world.</p> 
Ms Burgess	<p>I wasn't a great reader as a child but I really liked <b><i>Truckers, Diggers and Wings</i></b> by Terry Pratchett. I also really liked <b><i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i></b> by Margery Williams.</p>

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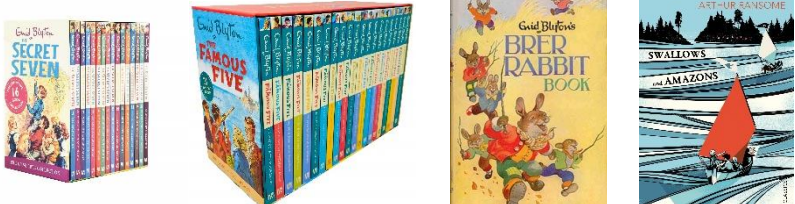

	 
Mrs Boon	<p>My favourite book as a child was <b>The Hobbit</b> by J.R.R Tolkien. I also liked all of <b>The Famous Five</b> books and <b>Mallory Towers</b> by Enid Blyton. Recently one of the best books I have read is <b>Ways To Live Forever</b> by Sally Nicholls, however, it was so sad, I cried at the end. I also loved <b>The Book Thief</b> by Markus Zusak.</p>     
Mr Giddings	<p>I would recommend any book by Roald Dahl. A couple of my favourites being: <b>Fantastic Mr Fox</b>, <b>George's Marvellous Medicine</b> and <b>The Twits</b>.</p>   
Mrs Gollidge	<p>I would recommend Enid Blyton's <b>The Famous Five</b> - just for the fun adventures they used to get up to.</p> <p>As a parent, I read <b>The Gruffalo</b> by Julia Donaldson to my younger children and in the later years the <b>Harry Potter</b> series by J.K Rowling.</p>




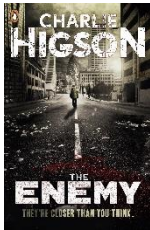
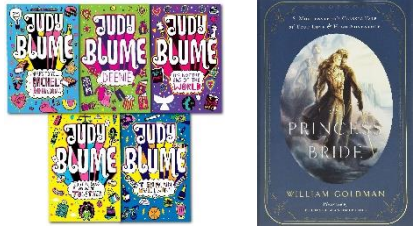
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	<p>I also enjoyed Michelle Obama's <i>Becoming</i> - the journey she and they went on was impressive!</p>    
Miss Way	<p>My favourite childhood book was <i>The Twits</i> by Roald Dahl. I found them absolutely hilarious, I love the funny names for characters and the humour through the story. Anything written by Roald Dahl is a winner in my eyes, my daughter loves the stories too!</p> 
Mrs Bunting	<p>I love <i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> by Ted O'Dell and anything by Roald Dahl including <i>The Witches</i> and <i>James and the Giant Peach</i>.</p> <p>I really was not a confident reader as a child, but I loved being read to. Any story that I could imagine myself in, so usually involving characters of my age at the time.</p>   
Mrs Deeney	<p>I would recommend anything with animals as the main characters!</p> <p>I would also recommend <i>The Secret Seven</i>, <i>The Famous Five</i> and <i>Brer Rabbit</i> by Enid Blyton and <i>Swallows and Amazons</i> by Arthur Ransome.</p>

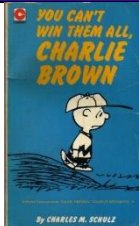
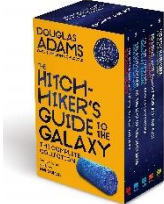


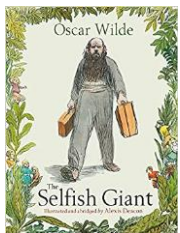

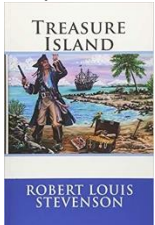
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Mr Denning	<p>I remember discovering Terry Pratchett back when I was a Year Six lad at Ozzies. Without fail, his books have made me laugh and so he has remained a firm favourite ever since. I've always loved the way he phrases things in a slightly peculiar way, just odd enough to make you think and giggle that little bit harder.</p> 
Mrs Harrington	<p>We are big on fantasy books in our house which all stemmed from <b><i>The Magic Faraway Tree</i></b> by Enid Blyton. I loved the characters, the different lands they visited and the fact that people lived in a tree!</p> <p>We have all enjoyed the humour of Frank Cottrell Boyce in his <b><i>Chitty Bang Bang</i></b> series.</p> <p>Kate Saunders' <b><i>Whizz Pop Chocolate Shop</i></b> first introduced us to talking animals and danger which has influenced our reads ever since.</p> <p><b><i>The Wild</i></b> series by Piers Torday and <b><i>There May be a Castle</i></b> is also a good one by him.</p> <p>We also love <b><i>Coraline</i></b> by Neil Gaiman.</p> <p><b><i>The Nowhere Emporium</i></b> by Ross Mackenzie has just the right amount of danger and magic and you totally invest in the characters. The fantastic description of the various worlds immerse you totally into the mystery and drama of the book.</p>

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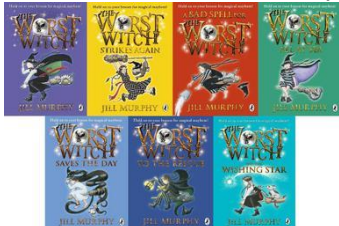
	
Mrs Adams	<p>I would recommend <b><i>The Enemy</i></b> by Charlie Higson to Year 7 and 8. It's a children's horror story and the first in a series of seven books. The story is about a virus which only affects people over the age of 14. Children are left to fend for themselves. The story is set in London where children are living in supermarkets and famous tourist attractions such as Buckingham Palace and the Natural History Museum.</p> 
Mrs Arnold	<p>When I was in middle school, my biggest go-to author was Judy Blume. Her books really spoke to the trials and tribulations of girls of that age group back in the day.</p> <p>Sometimes I read my mother's books when she was finished with them. One of those was <b><i>The Princess Bride</i></b> by William Goldman which I read when I was 11. It was (and still is) my favourite book. Romance, adventure, princess, heroes...the whole kit and caboodle. I gave it to my best friend to read and we swore that when we were older we'd make it into a film, but when we were 18, someone beat us to it. My friend Susan, however, did carry on to be a film maker and play writer.</p> 
Mr Fitzgerald	<p>The book I enjoyed the most at middle school was <b><i>You Can't Win The All, Charlie Brown</i></b> by Charles Shultz. I also loved the <b><i>Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i></b> series by Douglas Adams.</p>

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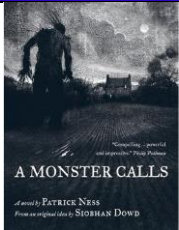
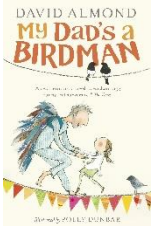
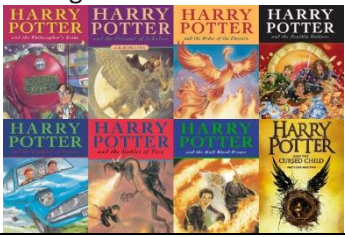
	 
Mrs Lawrence	<p>I would recommend <b><i>The Adventures of Binkle and Flip</i></b> by Enid Blyton – it was one of my favourite childhood books.</p> 
Mrs Thorpe	<p>I love <b><i>The Happy Prince</i></b> and <b><i>The Selfish Giant</i></b> by Oscar Wilde. Both are beautifully written with an excellent moral and spiritual dimension.</p>  
Mrs Hewitt	<p>I would recommend <b><i>Alanna: Song of the Lioness</i></b> by Tamora Pierce. A 10-year-old girl disguises herself as a boy to train as a knight. I like it because she is strong, tough and not afraid of bullies. I first read it as a 10-year-old girl and it remains my favourite book.</p> 
Mrs Restorick	<p>I love <b><i>Treasure Island</i></b> by Robert Louis Stevenson. It's the ultimate adventure story – mystery, greed, murder, heroism – with good ultimately triumphing! An exciting read, with great characters and a plot full of suspense.</p> 



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Mrs Slater	<p>I'd recommend <b><i>The Folk of The Faraway Tree</i></b> by Enid Blyton. Also, I love <b><i>The Animals of Farthing Wood</i></b> by Colin Dan as well as any Dick-King Smith books</p> 
Miss Pike	<p>I would recommend <b><i>Lord of the Rings</i></b> by J.R.R Tolkien because it really got my imagination working with all of the description and mythical creatures. I had the whole trilogy and couldn't put it down after I had read the first one as I needed to know how it ended.</p> 
Mrs Haysom	<p>I used to love reading the <b><i>Worst Witch</i></b> by Jill Murphy. The idea of a witches' boarding school was just awesome and it was written way before Harry Potter was on the scene! I used to get so excited when new copies came into the school library!</p> 
Mr Harland	<p>My favourite book was <b><i>101 Dalmatians</i></b> by Dodie Smith followed by the sequel <b><i>The Starlight Barking</i></b>. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes dogs and evil villains!</p> 
Mrs Christian	<p>One of my favourite books is <b><i>A Monster Calls</i></b> by Patrick Ness. I love the imagery in the book and the extended metaphor of what the monster represents. Although the book is incredibly sad, it is also beautifully written about an incredibly difficult topic. Thought provoking and emotive.</p>

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Mrs Dipple	<p>A book that children I've worked with over the last few year loved is <b><i>My Dad's a Birdman</i></b> by David Almond - brilliantly written, thought provoking, engaging and accessible.</p> 	
Mrs Finan	<p>I loved reading <b>Harry Potter</b> by J.K Rowling and still waiting for my letter to Hogwarts!</p> 	
Mrs Topp	<p>I would recommend <b><i>George's Marvellous Medicine</i></b> by Roald Dahl.</p> 