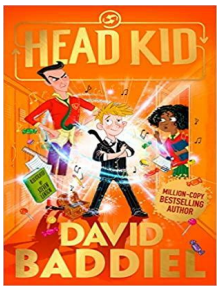
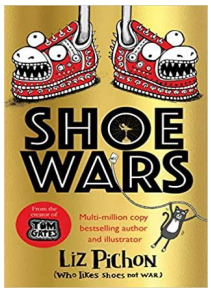
St Marks Must Reads – Y6

In Year 6 we read a range of texts chosen to stimulate debate and reflection. Among the challenging reads, we include some exciting texts too – The London Eye Mystery and Wonder grip our readers and are used to stimulate some powerful writing. We consider how some humans push themselves to achieve great things while some lead, and follow, regimes which devastate and hurt. We also include Fairy Tales – Cinderella The Real Story! because you're simply never too old to enjoy being taken to another world.



Bracket Wood is about to be visited by the school inspectors. But there's one big problem: Ryan Ward. The maestro of practical jokes, Ryan has played so many tricks that in the end the Head Teacher just walks out. And then the new Head Teacher, Mr Carter, arrives. A man so strict even the teachers are scared of him. So imagine his surprise – and Ryan's – when they swap bodies.
Now Ryan is Head Teacher – and his mortal enemy is one of his pupils. It's every naughty kid's dream! But soon Bracket Wood School is in a total mess – and only its worst ever pupil can fix it…



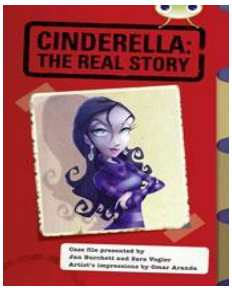
Welcome to Shoe Town - and meet brother and sister Bear and Ruby Foot.

They are **running out of time** to rescue their inventor dad from his *hideous boss*, Wendy Wedge.

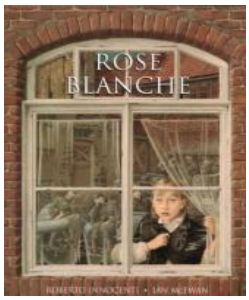
She'll do ANYTHING to win the glitzy Golden Shoe Award and knows that entering **flying shoes** is her hot ticket to the trophy.

Flying shoes that Ruby and Bear *just happen to be hiding...*

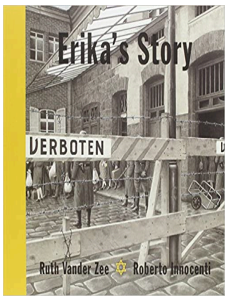
Get ready for a gadget-packed,
wedge-of-your-feet adventure like no other!



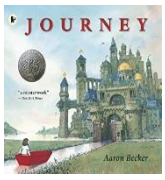
Forget all the stories you've read about good, kind Cinderella - they are just fairy tales! Onceuponatime Town has been buzzing with gossip since Cinderella's imprisonment for unspeakable crimes. What has she done? Here, D.I. Whiskers and P.C. Scratch present you with their extraordinary case files...



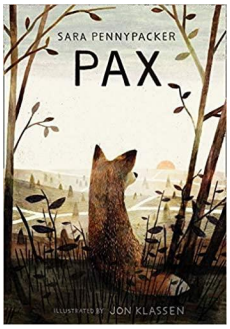
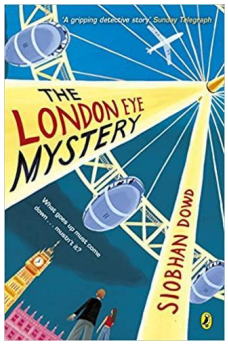
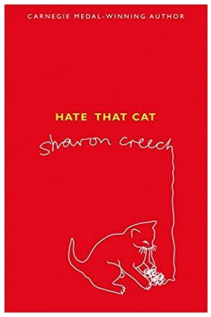
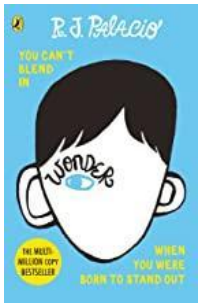
An exceptionally moving picture book in which the reader views the sorrow of war through a young girl's eyes. Rose Blanche discovers a concentration camp full of children in the forest near her home town and silently takes food to them for the remainder of the war. Roberto Innocenti's illustrations create a powerful and eloquent text.



It is the winter of 1944. In Nazi-occupied Europe, a Jewish couple realise their fate is sealed and make a heart-rending decision so that their infant daughter might live. Ruth Vander Zee's elegant narration and Roberto Innocenti's searing and beautiful illustrations combine to capture the fear, love, and sadness of a Holocaust survivor's story.



Aaron Becker's stunning, wordless picture book debut about self-determination and unexpected friendship follows a little girl who draws a magic door on her bedroom wall. Through it she escapes into a world where wonder, adventure and danger abound. Red marker pen in hand, she creates a boat, a balloon and a flying carpet which carry her on a spectacular journey ... who knows where? When she is captured by a sinister emperor, only an act of tremendous courage and kindness can set her free. Can it also guide her home and to happiness? In this exquisitely illustrated book, an ordinary child is launched on an extraordinary, magical

		journey towards her greatest and most rewarding adventure of all...
 Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when letters start dropping on the doormat at number four, Privet Drive. Addressed in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news - Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The magic starts here .	 Pax was only a kit when his family was killed and he was rescued by 'his boy', Peter. Now the country is at war and when his father enlists, Peter has no choice but to move in with his grandfather. Far worse than leaving home is the fact that he has to leave Pax behind. But before Peter spends even one night under his grandfather's roof he sneaks out into the night, determined to find his beloved friend. This is the story of Peter, Pax, and their journeys back to each other as war rampages throughout the country.	 **11.32am.** Ted and his sister Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. The pod rises from the ground, high above the city. **12.02am.** The pod lands and the doors open. Everyone exits - everyone but Salim.
 Slowly Jack learns the pleasures of writing poetry as Miss Stretchberry encourages him to tell his own story through verse. What emerges is a moving and memorable story about a boy and his dog and his growing passion for poetry.	 Jack is back at school and still enjoying lessons with Miss Stretchberry. But he doesn't agree with her about everything. For example, Miss Stretchberry likes cats, and Jack hates them. Or does he? A delicious book perfect for reading alone, or aloud, that displays once again Sharon Creech's incredible skill as a writer of fiction for young readers.	 Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He *feels* ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?