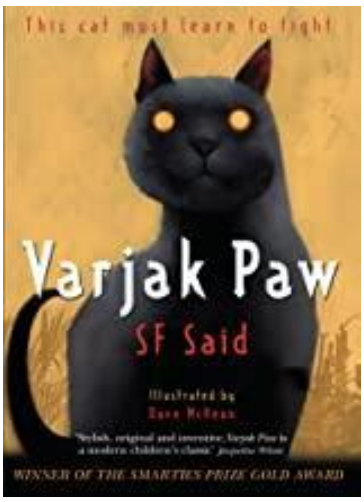
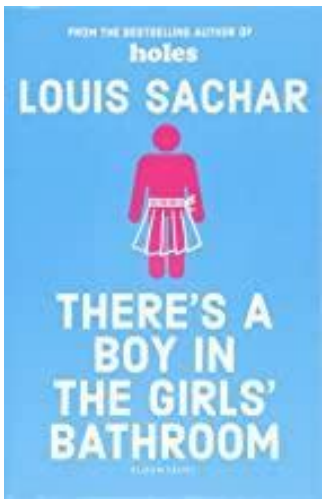
St Marks Five Must Reads – Y5

Children in Year 5 are progressing all the time into longer reads. Their passion for reading has grown and they are beginning to explore the wide world of reading, choosing books that create interest and challenge them. Although some of these books are part of their Literacy reads, *Varjak Paw, There's a boy in the Girls Bathroom and Kensuke Kingdom* amongst others, these are their favourite school reads and relish the activities associated with these fictional books. Cosmic Disco offers a range of Poetry from different cultures and encourages children to take part in performance poetry, create their own using the author as a stimulus. '*Cosmic take a giant leap for boy kind' and The Nowhere Emporium'* link with topics in our Science Curriculum. The remaining books are what the children have requested as 'Must Reads'. We discussed the importance of reading in class and the children voted on their 'Must Reads' and the result is what you see below.

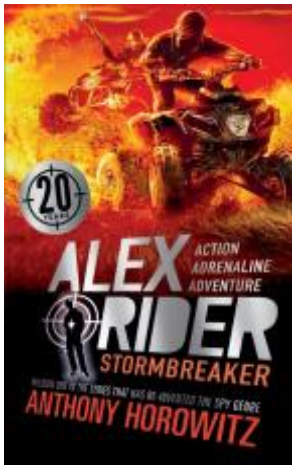


Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats.

Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings.



Meet Bradley Chalkers. He's the oldest child in the class. He tells ENORMOUS lies. He picks fights with girls. The teachers say he has 'serious behaviour problems'. And no one likes him ... Except Carla, the new school counsellor. She thinks Bradley is kind and generous, and she even enjoys his far-fetched stories.

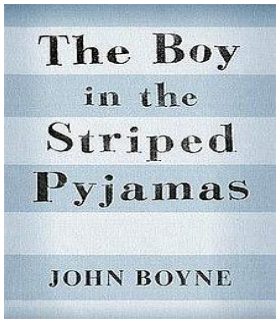


In the first book in the Alex Rider series, fourteen-year-old Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle, a man who is offering state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers to every school in the country. But the teenage spy soon finds himself in mortal danger.

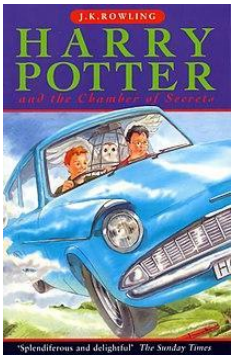


The Ickabog is coming… A mythical monster, a kingdom in peril, an adventure that will test two children's bravery to the limit. Discover a brilliantly original fairy tale about the power of hope and friendship to triumph against all odds, from one of the world's best storytellers.

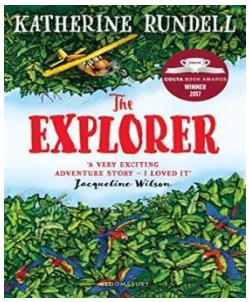
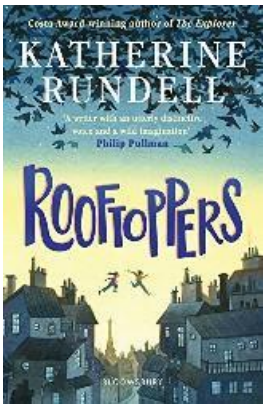
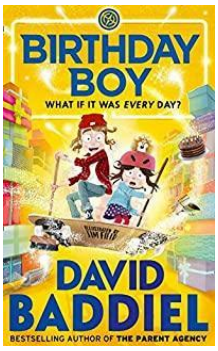
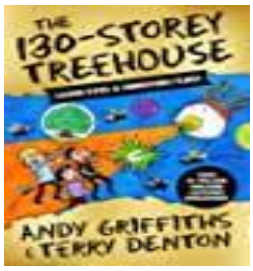
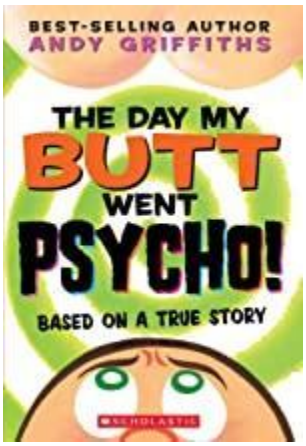
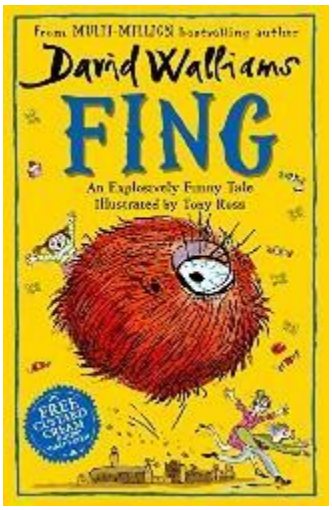
The kingdom of Cornucopia was once the happiest in the world. It had plenty of gold, a king with the finest moustaches you could possibly imagine, and butchers, bakers and cheesemongers whose exquisite foods made a person dance with delight when they ate



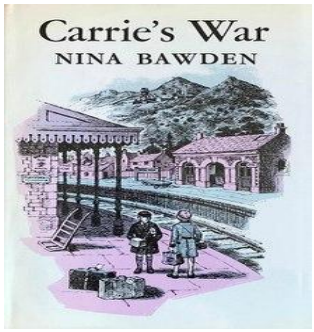
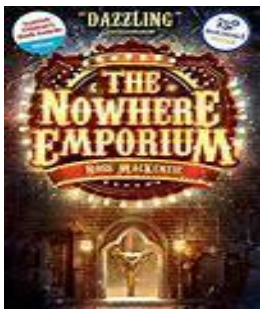
The Boy in the Striped Pyjama's" is a fictional story that offers a unique perspective on how prejudice, hatred and violence affect innocent people, particularly children, during wartime. Through the lens of an eight-year-old boy largely shielded from the reality of World War II, we witness a forbidden friendship that forms between Bruno, the son of Nazi commandant, and Shmuel, a Jewish boy held captive in a concentration camp. Though the two are separated physically by a barbed wire fence, their lives become



Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets is a fantasy novel written by British author J. K. Rowling and the second novel in the *Harry Potter* series. The plot follows Harry's second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, during which a series of messages on the walls of the school's corridors warn

them. Everything was perfect – except for the misty Marshlands to the north which, according to legend, were home to the monstrous Ickabog. Anyone sensible knew that the Ickabog was just a myth, to scare children into	inescapably intertwined. The imagined story of Bruno and Shmuel sheds light on the brutality, senselessness and devastating consequences of war from an unusual point of view. Together, their tragic journey helps recall the millions of innocent victims of the Holocaust.	that the "Chamber of Secrets" has been opened and that the "heir of Slytherin" would kill all pupils who do not come from all-magical families. These threats are found after attacks that leave residents of the school petrified. Throughout the year, Harry and his friends Ron and Hermione investigate the attacks.
 From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. If only he could land and look about him. As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small. Except, it seems, someone has been there before them ...	 My mother is still alive, and she is going to come for me one day. Everyone thinks that Sophie is an orphan. True, there were no other recorded female survivors from the shipwreck which left baby Sophie floating in the English Channel in a cello case, but Sophie remembers seeing her mother wave for help. Her guardian tells her it is almost impossible that her mother is still alive, but that means still possible. You should never ignore a possible. So when the Welfare Agency writes to her guardian threatening to send Sophie to an orphanage, she takes matters into her own hands and flees to Paris to look for her mother, starting with the only clue she has - the address of the cello maker. Evading the French authorities, she meets Matteo and his network of rooftoppers - urchins who live in the sky. Together they scour the city for Sophie's mother before she is caught and sent back to London, and most importantly before she loses hope.	 'A perfect combination of humour, magic and a happy ending.' - **Charlotte Norman, Waterstones Bookseller** 'A real page turner... a compelling story with relatable characters and meaningful life lessons.' - **Huffington Post** **Reviews for The Parent Agency:** 'Funny, sometimes moving, always engaging' - **Guardian** 'I love this book because it really made me laugh! The best book I've read since I was born!' - **Tom, 11, LoveReading4Kids** 'Exciting and funny - I didn't want to put it down!' -
 There are lots of laughs at every level in The 130-Storey Treehouse, the tenth book in the number one bestselling Treehouse series from Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton, out in hardback. This is our Treehouse, come on up! We've added 13 news levels to our Treehouse, including a soap bubble blaster, a GRABINATOR (it can grab anything from anywhere at any time), a time-wasting level, a toilet paper factory (because you	 Zack Freeman is ready to tell his story—the story of a brave young boy and his crazy runaway butt. The story of a crack butt-fighting unit called the B-team, a legendary Butt Hunter's formidable daughter, and some of the ugliest and meanest butts ever to roam the face of the Earth. A story of endurance that takes Zack on an epic journey across the Great Windy Desert, through the Brown Forest, and over the Sea of	 Myrtle Meek has everything she could possibly want. But everything isn't enough. She wants more, **more**, **MORE!** When Myrtle declares she wants a FING, there's only one problem… What *is* a FING?

can never have too much toilet paper) and an extraterrestrial observation centre . . . Which will come in handy when giant flying eyeballs from outer space come to grabinate US	Butts before descending into the heart of an explosive butt-cano to confront the biggest, ugliest, and meanest butt of them all!	Mr and Mrs Meek will do anything to keep their darling daughter happy, even visit the spooky library vaults to delve into the dusty pages of the mysterious *Monsterpedia*. Their desperate quest leads to the depths of the jungliest jungle where the rarest creatures can be found. But will they ever find a FING?

 The novel begins in the early 1970s. Carrie, having recently lost her husband, visits the Welsh village where she was once a child refugee. There, she tells her three children the story of her flight from London. At the beginning of World War II, she and her little brother, Nick, are sent to Wales, where they settle in an impoverished town whose main industry is mining. Their parents find them a home with a shop owner named Mr. Evans and his younger sister, Auntie Lou. Mr. Evans is harsh and controlling, while Auntie Lou is kind and gentle. Carrie becomes friends with another refugee from London, Albert Sandwich. Albert lives in a derelict house in the country called Druid's Bottom, owned by Mr. Evans's dying elder sister, Mrs. Dilys Gotobed. The house is also occupied by Dilys' cousin Johnny Gotobed, and wise housekeeper Hepzibah Green. Carrie and Nick spend much of their free time with Johnny and Albert. One day, Hepzibah tells them that Druid's Bottom has been cursed, and that bad luck will befall them if a magical skull is taken from the property. .	 Arthur Hobhouse tells the story of his life. His earliest memory was that he was an orphan from Bermondsey, in London, and that, at the age of five, in 1947, he was transported to Australia to find a new home. He is parted from his sister, Kitty upon being there. He later gets separated from his sister. He distinctly remembers the time of their parting, which was at their orphanage, when she gave him a key to hold onto and told him to never lose it. He treasures the key from then on, despite not knowing what it is for. He boards the ship and leaves with other orphans for Australia.	 Michael's family decide to travel around the world in a boat. Twelve-year-old Michael is washed up on an island in the Pacific and struggles to survive on his own. Whilst there, he meets somebody. But will the stranger help Michael?
 Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force-defying Cosmic rollercoaster – or to be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job? Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up.	 Winner of the Blue Peter Best Story Award 2016 and the Scottish Children's Book Award 2016, and the North East Book Award 2015. When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms -- rooms that contain wonders beyond anything Daniel has ever imagined. But when Mr Silver disappears,	 London. 1588. England is in danger. In his second perilous mission, Jack Christie travels back to an Elizabethan England riddled with treacherous plots. Following encounters with Mary Queens of Scots, Williams Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe, Jack must save Queen Elizabeth 1st from assassination and help defeat the Spanish Armada. At the same time, Jack must solve the riddle at the heart of his own family. Day of Deliverance is the second of the Jack Christie Adventures and continues Jack's thrilling ride through history.

	and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble. Can Daniel save his home, and his new friends, before the Nowhere Emporium is destroyed forever?	