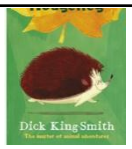
St Mark's Primary School Must Reads – Y4

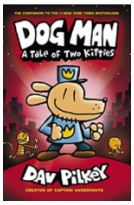
In Year 4 we expect most children to be 'free' readers and our class reads introduce new authors and text types (adventure, humorous, fantasy, modern fairy tales) which children can then pursue independently. The longer chapter reads build on previous reading and we start to explore issues that are bigger and worthy of exploration (fair-trade, pollution and environmental issues, refugees, family relationships) and we think about these from a different viewpoint. A beautifully written and illustrated picture and story book (The Lost Happy Endings) supports vocabulary development and encourages children to celebrate language. We want our Year 4 children to feel inspired and empowered as writers and to realise their power as individuals.



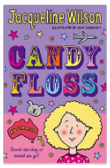
Henry absolutely, positively HATES hiking...so when his parents force him on a family hike, he'll do whatever it takes to make it miserable for everyone else too.



Max, the hedgehog
who becomes a hodgeheg, who becomes a hero! Max's family dreams of reaching the Park. But no one has ever found a safe way of crossing the very busy road. Young Max, who is brighter than the average hedgehog, is determined to solve the problem.



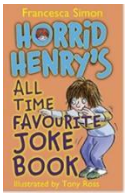
While he can muzzle miscreants, he tends to leave a slick of slobber in his wake! This time, Petey the cat dragged in a tiny bit of trouble - a double in the form of a super-cute kitten.



Floss's parents are divorced, and she divides up her week, spending five days with her mum, her new stepdad and her baby half-brother. The other two days Floss spends with her dad, helping him to run his greasy spoon cafe. But their simple arrangement is thrown into disarray when Floss's mum decides to move to Australia.



One of a seven book series which has had an exceptional impact on readers of all ages. This book describes the first year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry of orphan Harry Potter, a boy destined to have a great future, and his friends and enemies. Perhaps one of the keys to its popularity is that it draws on several genres - adventure, fantasy and school stories.



Laugh your head off with Horrid Henry, his family, friends and enemies as they present more hilarious, ridiculously rib-tickling jokes.



When a bus driver takes a break in this hilarious Caldecott Honor-winning picture book, he gives the reader just one instruction: "Don't let the pigeon drive the bus!" But, boy, that pigeon tries every trick in the book to get in that driving seat: he whines, wheedles, fibs and flatters. Will you let him drive? Told entirely in speech bubbles, this brilliantly original and funny picture book demands audience participation!



Half vampire, half fairy, totally unique! Isadora Moon is special because she is different. Her mum is a fairy and her dad is a vampire and Isadora is a bit of both. So, when they all go camping at the seaside some things might happen that are not quite normal.



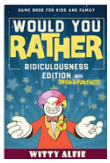
Martha is excited about her trip on the steam train up Mystic Mountain. She finds out from a kind old man how the train got its name. Legend has it there's a night unicorn who lives on the mountain. After Martha arrives at the top of the mountain peak, she has one burning question. All she wants to do is find out if the legend is true. Are unicorns real?



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 cheese mongers whose exquisite foods made a person dance with delight when they ate them.



Dog Man is down on his luck, Petey confronts his not so purr-fect past, and Grampa is up to no good. The world is spinning out of control as new villains spill into town. Everything seems dark and full of despair. But hope is <u>not</u> lost. Can the incredible **power of love** save the day?



These "Would You Rather…? - Ridiculousness Edition" questions will stimulate your kids' imagination and bring out some amazingly insightful, funny and interesting answers.

Create teams and get ready for the most fun and silly scenarios and incredible facts.



Did you hear about the creeper's birthday party? It really went off with a BANG!

Why does Alex love redstone lamps? Because they light up her life.

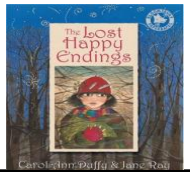
Where do tired miners sleep? On bedrock.



Mum thought Tom had nits. Tom knew different - but he never guessed that a day later he'd be on the run, trying to save an amazing new species...
TreeTops Fiction contains a wide range of quality stories enabling children to explore and develop their own reading tastes and interests. It contains stories from a variety of genres including humour, sci-fi, adventure, mystery and historical fiction



Hilarious dentists joke book.







Jub has the important job of ensuring all the Happy Endings of stories are in the right part of the forest when bedtime arrives. She scatters the golden words into the air from a sack. Then one night as Jub traverses the forest, a scary woman snatches the sack from her. How will Jub restore the Happy Endings to their rightful place?	First in a comedy series about Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III and how he becomes a Viking hero from very unlikely beginnings. First he has to catch his dragon and then train it and, of course, in order to do that he has to learn Dragonese.! Links to an engaging writing unit about Dragons.	A child describes how her life and her world were totally disrupted when war came to her country and how she had to flee alone. When she eventually reaches a place which she believes war has not reached, she finds a school. The teacher tells her that there is no room for her but in a hopeful and moving dénouement the children each bring chairs so that the refugee child and others in her situation will be able to come to school and symbolically be able to find a new home, a new place to be.