

Horsell recommends...

At Horsell, we love reading for pleasure. Our final edition this year will feature recommendations from each class. They have chosen to write about their favourite book studied this year.

King Coo by Adam Stower

King Coo is a fictional comedic adventure story, perfect for children of any age but especially those aged 6-10. In the story, Ben Pole is a kind, normal boy who unfortunately gets chased by a mean school bully called Monty Crabbe. Luckily, he's rescued when he finds an amazing tree house hidden in the city park which is ruled by the mysterious King Coo. Can this strange character save Ben from the school bullies?

This great book is filled with fantastic pictures and labelled diagrams of incredible contraptions invented by the astonishing King Coo. Oak class was captivated from page one and the children were always curious to find out what would happen next. We urge you to read the first in a series of three exciting adventures and solve the puzzle of the enigmatic King Coo for yourself.

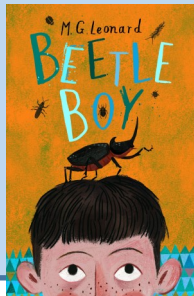
Oak Class



Beetle Boy by M. G. Leonard

Have you ever thought about choosing a beetle as a pet? Or wondered what you would do if a beetle tried to communicate with you? This is exactly what happened to Darkus, the main character of this story. Along with some new friends, both two and six legged, Darkus has an exciting and sometimes dangerous adventure, to solve the mystery of his dad's strange disappearance. I really enjoyed reading this book because it is full of suspense and I couldn't wait to find out what happened next. It has some cool scientific ideas and lots of fascinating beetle facts. I loved the characters bravery and the great teamwork between the unlikely friends. If you are looking for an exciting, bug-tastic story I highly recommend this book. Great for children in years 4-6.

Written by Mrs Butler



A Bear Called Paddington By Michael Bond

Have you ever heard of a really clumsy bear? How about a bear living in a house? If this sounds interesting, keep reading.

In this story you meet a lovely yet sticky bear who is found on Paddington station. He has no name, says he comes from Darkest Peru and keeps a marmalade sandwich underneath his precious, red hat. He is met by a welcoming family called the Browns, who decide his name should be Paddington and invite him into their home. This is where things start going wrong ...Think jam buns. Think an overflowing bath. Think getting caught by an inspector. Think about being chased by a dog. This is just the beginning!

Ash class have loved reading this exciting book and would highly recommend it to anyone from year 3 onwards. Come on and join in with the adventure!

Beware: you don't want to be given a hard stare by a bear!
Ash Class

A Bear Called Paddington



Michael Bond
Illustrated by Peggy Fortnum

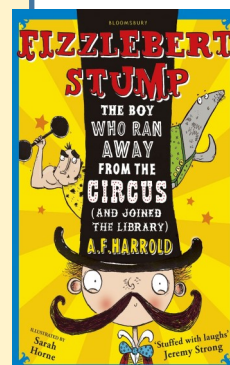
Fizzlebert Stump The Boy Who Ran Away From the Circus By A.F.Harrold

We really enjoyed reading this book because we didn't know what was going to happen to Fizzlebert until the very end of the story. We thought the book was funny and it always made us want to read on. It's a fictional book with adventure and humour as the main genres. We especially liked the part when Fizzlebert put his head inside the lion's mouth!

The book was interesting and made us think about what it would be like to be missing and how this might make us and others who care about us feel.

This book is suitable for Year 3, 4 and 5 because it's a mystery story which would interest all readers.

Written by Elm Class!



The Great Chocoplot by Chris Callaghan

This was a story which unfortunately had all of the chocolate disappearing in a Chocopocalypse. To begin with, Jelly made a science project and left a piece of chocolate which was in limited supply in her garage to see if anyone ate it.

As the investigations continued we later found out who was behind the Chocopocalypse (but we don't want to spoil it for you).

Jelly then went on tv because of her project as she liked experimenting and trying to find out why the disaster was happening.

Palm Class would rate the story 4/5 stars because we feel the story is: imaginative, a good length, keeps you mouth-wateringly hungry, interesting, funny and it has some great plots twists if you are an avid investigator!

We would thoroughly recommend the story if you like to have a sense of adventure, enjoy reading about chocolate or anything sweet like Waffle Way West and you love a book that is engaging and makes you want to read on! We hope you enjoy it as much as we did!

Happy Reading

Palm Class



Return to Roar by Jenny McLachlan

Rating: 5 / 5 Stars

Acer Class has just finished reading Return to Roar, Land of Roar's sequel. We joined Arthur, Rose and Win on another exciting, difficult adventure in the one and only Roar. Upon arriving in Roar, they think all is safe but then their arch nemesis Crowky leaves them a message. The end is near as they race against the clock to go on a mystical, magical adventure to hopefully save their beloved Roar.

Can they complete their adventure without encountering any trouble?

Don't waste anytime in picking up this much needed book, Arthur and Rose need your help to complete their adventure.

Happy Reading

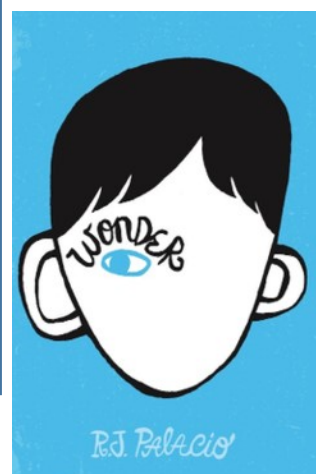
Acer Class

Wonder by R. J. Palacio

August is a tiny boy who starts school, even though he didn't want to because he was different. Auggie gets bullied by some children. Especially by a boy called Julian; him and other members of the school children make rumours about August. Along the way August meets kind pupils and make new friends at his new school. At the end, August wins awards from the principle for being kind, caring and for his courage.

Pine class thoroughly enjoyed the book because it shows bravery, kindness and forgiveness. Our favourite part is when August challenged his fears and has started at the new school, even though he didn't really want to. We would recommend the book 'Wonder' to a friend because it has so much comedy, laughter, exciting plot and interesting characters.

Pine

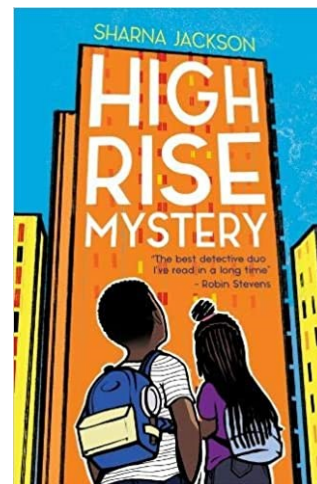


High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson

We thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. It tells the story of 2 girls, Nik & Norva, trying to solve the murder of their friend, local art dealer Hugo Knightley Webb. We were on the edge of our seats trying to crack the case and find out who the killer was. The twists and turns in the plot were very intriguing and we didn't find out who had done it until the very end.

If you like crime, mystery and adventure you will enjoy this book too!

Rowan Class



I Know What You Did Last Wednesday

by Anthony Horowitz

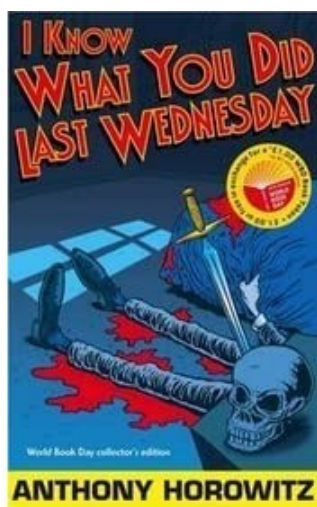
Have you read I Know What You Did Last Wednesday? If not, you're missing out!

Do you think you're smarter than Nick and his brother, Tim? Would you like to find out what actually happened last Wednesday? Do you enjoy a good case of 'who done it?' And solving a murder mystery? If your answer is yes, then this is the perfect book for you!

Tim and Nick start their day having breakfast – everything seems normal until they end up at Crocodile Island...

Eight people arrive on Crocodile Island but not all of them leave. The author throws many red herrings and twists to throw the reader off the scent of the murderer. This is a fantastic read and leaves you desperate to read the next chapter. It is like a real life Cludo and by all means a Cedar class 5-star review.

By Cedar Class



The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

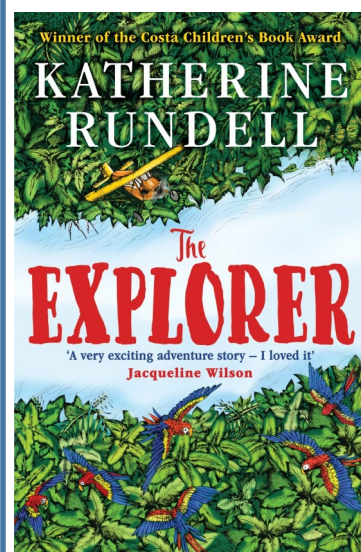
The Explorer story starts on an aeroplane; which is travelling to Manus. The four heroes; Fred, Con, Lila and Max end up stranded in the amazon jungle. They find a place to call home for now under the lush, green canopies. They are trying to survive the dangers of the jungle, they have no way of communicating with anyone and no supplies. They find a new companion – in the form of a rare animal – his name is Baca.

The adventure begins when they have to cross a treacherous river. And they end up discovering a massive secret....

We give this book 4 out of 5 stars.

If you like adventures and animals this story is for you. It's fun, interesting and exciting.

Beech Class

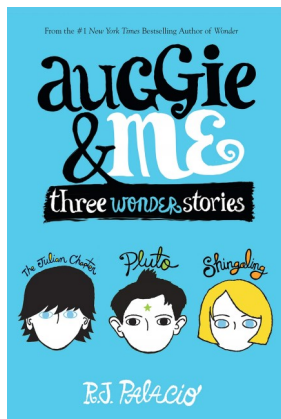
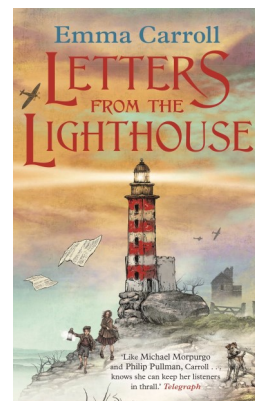


Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll

Letters from the Lighthouse is a great child-friendly book. Its exciting twists and turns leave you sitting on the edge of your seat! And, that's not all—the description makes you feel for the character; a small lonely girl gets sent away during WW2. Not persuaded yet?

What is holding you back? All of Emma Carroll's books are amazing and this one is no different. If you love her work, you'll love this! We can't wait to see how the next Year 6 enjoy it.

Spruce Class



Auggie and ME : three wonder stories by R.J Palacio

'You can't blend in when you were born to stand out.'

Have you ever felt different? Have you ever encountered new person who is a bit different? What is your favourite book? Well, now it's Auggie and me.

This book is the sequel to the award-winning story 'Wonder'. It follows the journey of Auggie's three friends: Julian, Christopher and Charlotte.

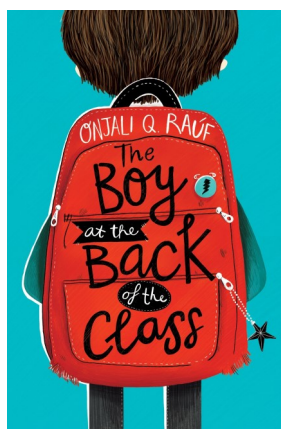
Julian hates Auggie and has always felt uncomfortable around him.

Christopher is Auggie's best and oldest friend and knows very well that being friends with Auggie comes with its challenges.

Charlotte loves dance and has always been nice to Auggie – but is being nice really enough?

This book explores the challenges of treating people how you want to be treated, not judging books (or in this case people) by their front covers and that being different is a good thing. It tells a heart-warming story from 3 different perspectives.

Cherry Class Rating: ***



The Boy at the back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf

This book is about an ordinary school boy who finds out the tragic story of the new boy at the back of the class. The new boy is a refugee from Syria. Three bold classmates are willing to help him get to the Queen's palace. Will they get there in time?

This book flooded me with empathy and shows what is happening in the real world. We think Ahmet is the bravest boy in the world!

This book is filled with humour, courage and a sense of distress. It is an extraordinary story and definitely worth a read.

Willow Class

How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

I would recommend this series to children age 7—11. The inspiration for the films by the same name and the "Riders of Berk" series; the books are quite different and—in my opinion—far better!

The "memoirs" of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III—the thoughtful, gentle, dragon-whispering son to the chief of the Hairy Hooligan tribe - these books follow him as he sets out to prove he is worthy not only of a place in this Viking tribe but as their future chief.

Along with his loyal friend, Fishlegs, and the tiny but incorrigible dragon, Toothless, these unlikely heroes take on ferocious dragons and mortal enemies. Lacking the strength and enthusiasm for violence of their fellow Vikings, they have to utilise their own unique methods and **become heroes the hard way**.

These books are full of exhilarating adventure and hilarious characters. My favourite character is Camikazi, the self-assured, sword-wielding, loyal, "never say die" heiress of the Bog-Burglar Tribe (books 3—12).

Written by Mrs Gordon

