

2021-22 RECOMMENDED READS YEAR 4



**Bunzl,
Peter**

Featherlight

Deryn is left in charge of the lighthouse whilst her Mum & Dad go to the mainland to have their baby. Will Deryn manage all alone? Are the legends of the Firebird true? Will Deryn and her grandmother save the fisherman whose boat hits the rock? Featherlight has been inspired by the life of Grace Darling and Ida Lewis both daughter's of Lighthouse keepers.

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Butterworth, Jess

Red Panda Rescue

Eight year old, Tilly is desperate for an adventure and to make friends. Can she convince Mum & Dad to let her enter a competition to win the chance of going to Nepal to monitor Red Pandas as part of The Adventure Club? Will she fulfil all her wildest dreams? This a fabulous read for all animal lovers and adventurers! Great for class discussions on the environment and conservation. Nice tips on how to create a Bee hotel in the back of the book.

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Carney, Jen

The Accidental Diary of B.U.G.

Welcome to Billie's world – her Mums are getting married and there is a new girl at school. However, Billie becomes suspicious of Janey's closeness to her best friend Layla and even suggests Janey is responsible for the theft of Mrs Robinson's purse. Many children will identify with the characters and themes in this book which are dealt with in a very inclusive and sensitive manner perfect for this age group. Written in a diary format full of hilarious observations, doodles and of course biscuits.

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**Creech,
Sharon**

**Saving
Winslow**

One night, an orphaned and sickly donkey arrives at Louie's door. With the help of his quirky friend Nora, the pair are determined to save the donkey, a true battle against the odds – it's hard hoping for the best when everyone is thinking the worst! A heart-warming and emotional tale with elegant language but highly accessible with very short chapters. Would read aloud well.

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**French,
Vivian**

**Lottie Luna
and the
Giant
Gargoyle**

Princess Lottie loves going to her new school, Shadow Academy, but only a few friends and the headmistress know that she is a real princess and Lottie really wants it to stay that way! However, her secret might come out if she doesn't find a way of hiding who she is when her parents are invited to present the winner's trophy at the school's talent competition! Will Lottie's closest friends save the day? Will Aggie spoil their plans? A lovely story of friendship, forgiveness and belonging.

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**Gardner,
Sally**

**Mr Tiger,
Betsy and
the Golden
Seahorse**

All is not well in the underwater world of Mermaid City. Sea Pig's prized seahorse, Pudding Pie, has gone missing and the cantankerous octopus is implicated in the disappearance. Betsy and her friend Mr Tiger must go to the rescue in their submarine and search for a happy ending for everyone. Plenty of quests, magic and jeopardy and the author's choice of language is superb, perfect for modelling higher level writing and reading aloud. It is printed in Dyslexie font to make it more accessible and fun.

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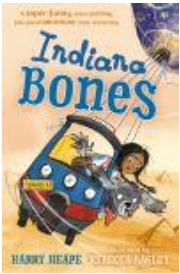


**Hardy,
Vashti**

**Harley Hitch
and the Iron
Forest**

Harley, her robot dog Sprocket and best friend Cosmo live in Inventia, a world where science rules and technology literally grows on trees. When a strange fungus starts spreading through the Iron Forest, Harley and Cosmo must find a solution to rebalance the forest ecology before it is too late. Strong STEM themes, fabulous world building and a feisty protagonist who is not afraid to make mistakes. A perfect way to introduce younger readers to this award-winning author.

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Heape, Harry Indiana Bones

Aisha is an amateur archaeologist and with her talking dog Indiana Bones they travel to Egypt determined to find the treasure trove of The Lonely Avenger, a French Knight, which has been successfully hidden for many years but of course there are baddies also on the hunt. This is the start of a funny and clever new adventure series with rich language and a clear and bold font for young readers.

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Kelly, John

Slime Crime

Unclassified creatures and various Monsters need help and treatment from the Monster Doctor. Will a new medicine designed to cure all Monster ailments do the trick and fix his patients? Lively illustrations, monster humour and readable format make this a fun read for reluctant readers.

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Lacey, Josh

Hope Jones Will Not Eat Meat

Hope Jones is a young eco-warrior and this time as a keen vegetarian she attempts to convince everyone that eating less meat is better for the planet. Written through Hope's blog entries, the short chapters and illustrations compliment the lively and pacy narrative. The book presents balanced facts for both opinions which could lead to some lively discussion – definitely food for thought!

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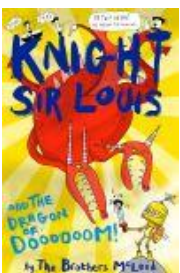


McLaughlin, Tom

Queen of King Street

The Queen's fortune has been gambled away by her brother, unlucky Bertie! How will they ever manage? Resourceful as ever the Queen forges a new career in reality TV! A series of mishaps along the way will amuse readers and teach them important lessons about being kind, tolerant and accepting of others, even if they appear different from you at first. The dyslexia style print and paper colour ensures accessibility for dyslexic or struggling readers.

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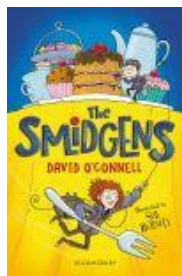
McLeod, The Brothers

Knight Sir Louis and the Dragon of Doooooom!

The double headed dragon, Borax is causing fiery mischief and can only be stopped with an ancient talisman, a Thingamabob! Can Knight Sir Louis, his flying robot horse, Clunkalot and trust sword Dave save the day? Fantastic engaging characters and expressive illustrations with an interesting interactive element for the reader to decide which route Sir Louis should take.. Absolutely bonkers brilliant!

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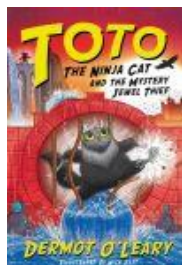


**O'Connell,
David**

**The
Smidgens**

Gafferty Sprout is a Smidgen on a mission. She believes there are others just like her but where? She wants more from the world but Dad has banned her from the Tangle! Can she outwit the evil Claudia Slymark and her three ghost helpers? An exciting an adventure that has kindness and adventure spilling from every page. A good fun read for LK2 with charming illustrations.

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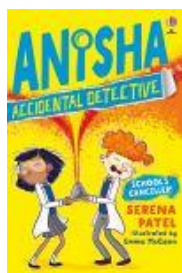


**O'Leary,
Dermot**

**Toto the
Ninja Cat
and the
Mystery
Jewel Thief**

Toto the Ninja Cat is back on assignment when she visits the Tower of London with the French Ambassador, and finds the sacred diamond cat collar is missing and it appears Toto's boss Larry is responsible, Toto and her friends embark on an action packed adventure to solve the mystery of the missing jewels. Large font and lively illustrations will appeal to young readers.

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**Patel,
Serena**

**School's
Cancelled**

Anisha and her friends have made a volcano for the science fair but when it explodes and floods the school with a foam-plosion Anisha is disqualified. Did they really get the science wrong or is someone else trying to win first prize? Sound like a case for Anisha, Accidental Detective! This is the second in this diverse and hilarious series.

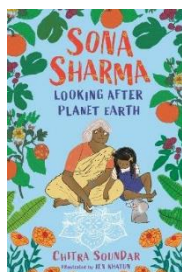
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**Quayle, Ruth Peril at the
Bake Off**

The terrible trio are back together at Granny's for the summer. They are convinced there is a thief in town and Granny's precious cake recipe has gone missing hours before the village bake off! Mayhem ensues and the local police are called in. A cautionary tale about jumping to conclusions and telling the truth!

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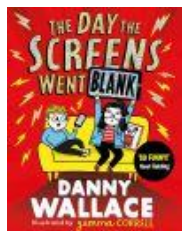


**Soundar,
Chitra**

**Sona
Sharma,
Looking
After Planet
Earth**

After learning about climate change in school, Sona Sharma is determined to involve all her family to make some changes. However, when Sona realises that the traditional Indian art of kolams are no longer organic she bravely sets out to involve the whole community to make changes for the future. Lovely details of family life in India with a strong environmental theme – start small, start now!

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**Wallace,
Danny**

**The Day the
Screens
Went Blank**

Stella and her family can't believe their screens have gone blank. Then they realise it's a global problem and the world has been plunged into chaos. Can they make the trip to Scotland to save Gran and can Stella's Dad cope without his phone? A humorous but thought provoking tale about a world without the internet and the power of talking to each other.

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**Webb,
Holly**

Frost

Lonely Cassie spends her summer feeding and looking after a group of urban foxes, particularly her favourite she named Frost. One snowy night Cassie hears Frost's howls and feels compelled to follow the fox through London but is soon transported back to 1683 and the first Frost Fair on the frozen river Thames. A magical, timeslip adventure exploring themes of friendship with some endearing illustrations to break up the text for independent readers but alternatively it would make an excellent class read.

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**Wormell,
Chris**

**The Magic
Place**

Locked in a cellar and treated as a slave by her wicked Aunt and Uncle, Clementine dreams of a magic place beyond the cellar walls. With the help of a cat called Gilbert, Clementine escapes across the rooftops but will she find what she is looking for? A moving yet often comical story with superb characterisation. The generous illustrations and fast paced narrative are cleverly integrated to help tell this magical story about hope.

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M = Beginner Readers / N = Developing Readers
CF = Children's Fiction
T = Younger Teen Reads/T+ = Older Teen Reads



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