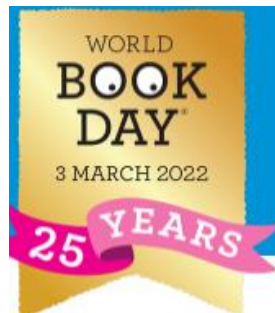


# Reading for Pleasure Newsletter

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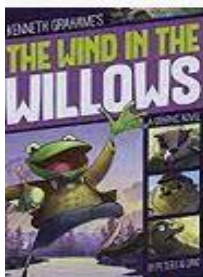
This is the first edition of the Reading for Pleasure Newsletter for parents, carers and children.

Please check out the books recommended by both staff and children and see if you agree with us.

You will also find the books that you can buy for £1 as part of the World Book Day celebrations.

## Children's Recommendations

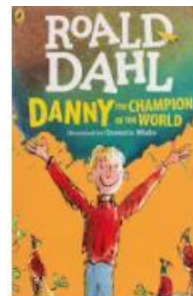
This space is for you! Have you read a good book lately? Do you want to tell everybody about it? Well now you can! Ask your teacher for a book recommendation form and share your book with the rest of the school.



### **Bryony in Longfellow Class**

**Wind in the Willows, a graphic novel by Peters & Cano**

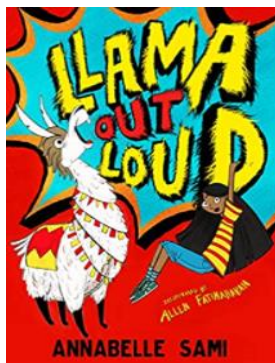
Bryony's comment: "In the beginning Mr. Toad is naughty but in the end he becomes good."



### **Bruno in Eliot Class**

**Danny, Champion of the World by Roald Dahl**

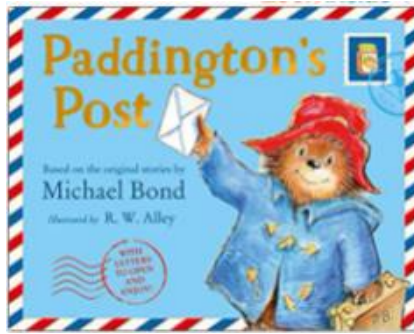
Bruno's comment: "I like this book because of the dad."



### **Harrison in Blake Class**

**Llama Out Loud by Annabelle Sami**

Harrison's comment: "It's very funny how an annoying llama helps Yasmin."



**Megan in Milne Class**

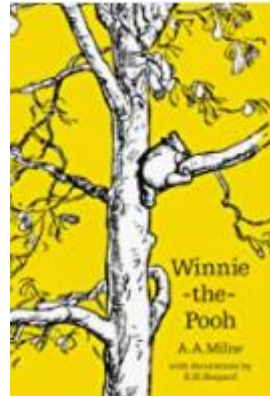
**Charlotte in Donaldson Class**

**Paddington's Post by Michael Bond**

**Winnie the Pooh by AA Milne**

Megan's comment: "I love the letters in the book."

Charlotte's comment: "I like the character of Piglet because he helps the other animals."

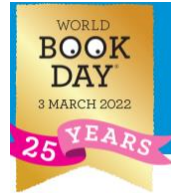


**Zoe in Longfellow Class**

**The World's Worst Children 2 by David Walliams,**

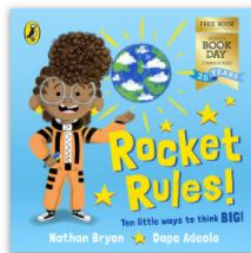
Zoe's comment: "I like it because you can see how lucky you are in this world."

# World Book Day Books for £1



You can buy these books for £1 at many book sellers or use your £1 World Book Day token. The token can also be used against the purchase of other books.

Beginning



**Rocket Rules: Ten Little Ways to Think Big!**

Nathan Bryon  
Dapo Adeola

Puffin (Penguin Random House Children's)

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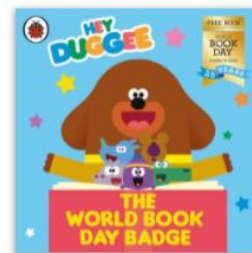


**Dinosaur Roar and Friends!**

Peter Curtis  
Jeanne Willis

Macmillan Children's Books

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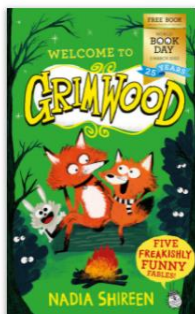


**Hey Duggee: The World Book Day Badge**

Studio AKA

Ladybird (Penguin Random House Children's)

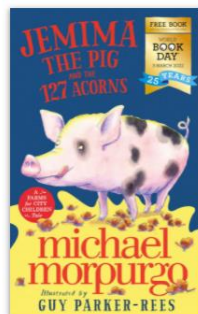
Early



**Grimwood: Five Freakishly Funny Fables**

Nadia Shireen  
Simon & Schuster

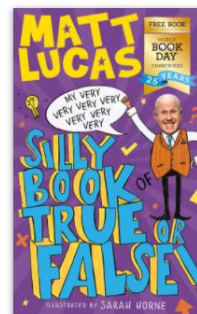
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**Jemima the Pig and the 127 Acorns**

Michael Morpurgo  
Guy Parker-Rees  
HarperCollins Children's Books

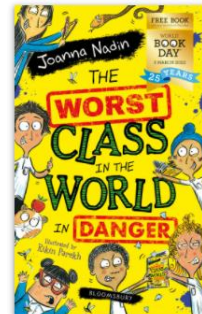
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**My Very Very Very Very Very Silly Book of True or False**

Matt Lucas  
Sarah Horne  
Eyre & Spottiswoode

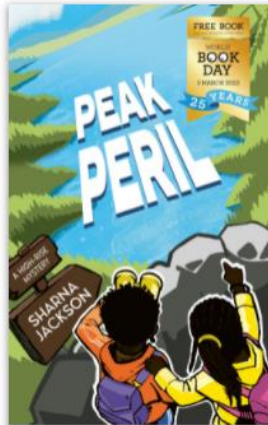
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**The Worst Class in the World in Danger!**

Joanna Nadin  
Rikin Parekh  
Bloomsbury

Fluent



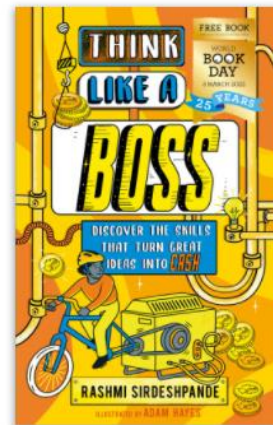
**PEAK PERIL: A High-rise Mystery**  
Sharna Jackson  
Knights Of

Fluent



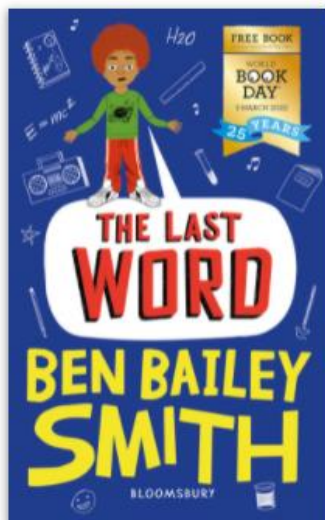
**The Wizard and Me: More Misadventures of Bubbles the Guinea Pig**  
Simon Farnaby  
Claire Powell  
Hachette Children's Group

Fluent



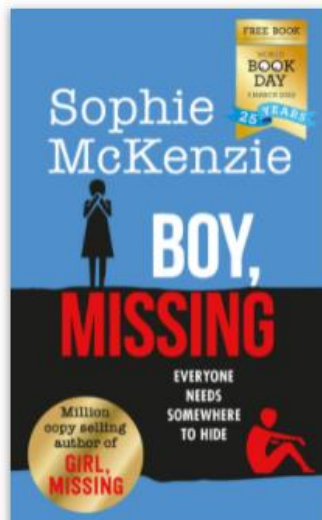
**Think Like a Boss: Discover the skills that turn great ideas into CASH**  
Rashmi Sirdeshpande  
Adam Hayes  
Hachette Children's Group

Independent



**The Last Word**  
Ben Bailey Smith  
Bloomsbury

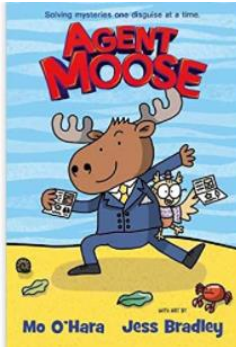
Independent



**Boy, Missing**  
Sophie McKenzie  
Simon & Schuster

## Other Recommended Books

### For EYFS and Key Stage 1



#### **Agent Moose by Mo O'Hara and Jess Bradley**

Agent Moose, the best (worst) secret agent in the Big Forest, and his slightly-more-intelligent sidekick Owlfred are on the case in this full colour graphic novel series.

Something fishy is going on at the South Shore. Folks just disappear and are never seen again. But when Agent Moose learns that a key witness has gone missing, he and Owlfred ride to the rescue. Will they find the missing turtle before time runs out?



#### **The Last Garden by Rachel Ip**

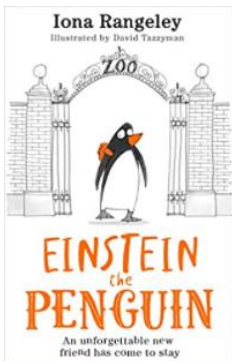
In a war-torn city, a little girl tends to the last garden. But everyone is leaving and soon the girl has to leave too. The garden is all alone now but soon the seeds scatter throughout and the roots take hold.

#### **Violet's Tempest by Ian Eagleton**



Violet's world has changed. Her voice has gone from a giggle to a whisper. So when her teacher casts her in the school play, she is filled with worry. How will she ever stand in front of a crowd and overcome her shyness? With the love and support of her family, Violet must find her inner confidence and turn that whisper into a roar!

## For Lower Key Stage 2



### **Einstein the Penguin by Iona Rangeley**

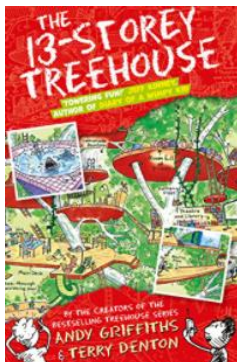
When the Stewarts spend a sunny, frosty December day at London Zoo, they're enchanted by one small penguin. At the delight of young Imogen and Arthur, Mrs Stewart insists the penguin "must come and stay with them whenever he likes." But not one Stewart expects the penguin to turn up at their door that evening, rucksack labelled "Einstein" on his back...



### **Frostheart by Jamie Littler**

Way out in the furthest part of the known world, a tiny stronghold exists all on its own, cut off from the rest of human-kin by monsters that lurk beneath the Snow Sea. There, a boy called Ash waits for the return of his parents, and doing his best to avoid his very, VERY grumpy yeti guardian, Tobu. But life is about to get a whole lot more crazy-adventurous for Ash.

When a brave rescue attempt reveals he has amazing magical powers, he's whisked aboard the Frostheart, a sleigh packed full of daring explorers who could use his help. But can they help him find his family?



### **The 13-Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton**

This is the first book in the treehouse adventures, where the story is told through a combination of text and fantastic cartoon-style illustrations.

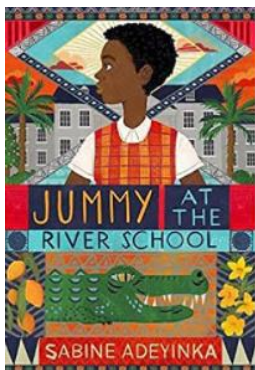
Andy and Terry live in the WORLD'S BEST treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry! Just watch out for the flying cats, or the mermaids, or the sea monsters pretending to be mermaids, or the giant mutant mermaid sea monster . . . Oh, and, whatever you do, don't get trapped in a burp-gas-filled bubble!

## For Upper Key Stage 2



### **The Last Bear by Hannah Gold**

There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life...



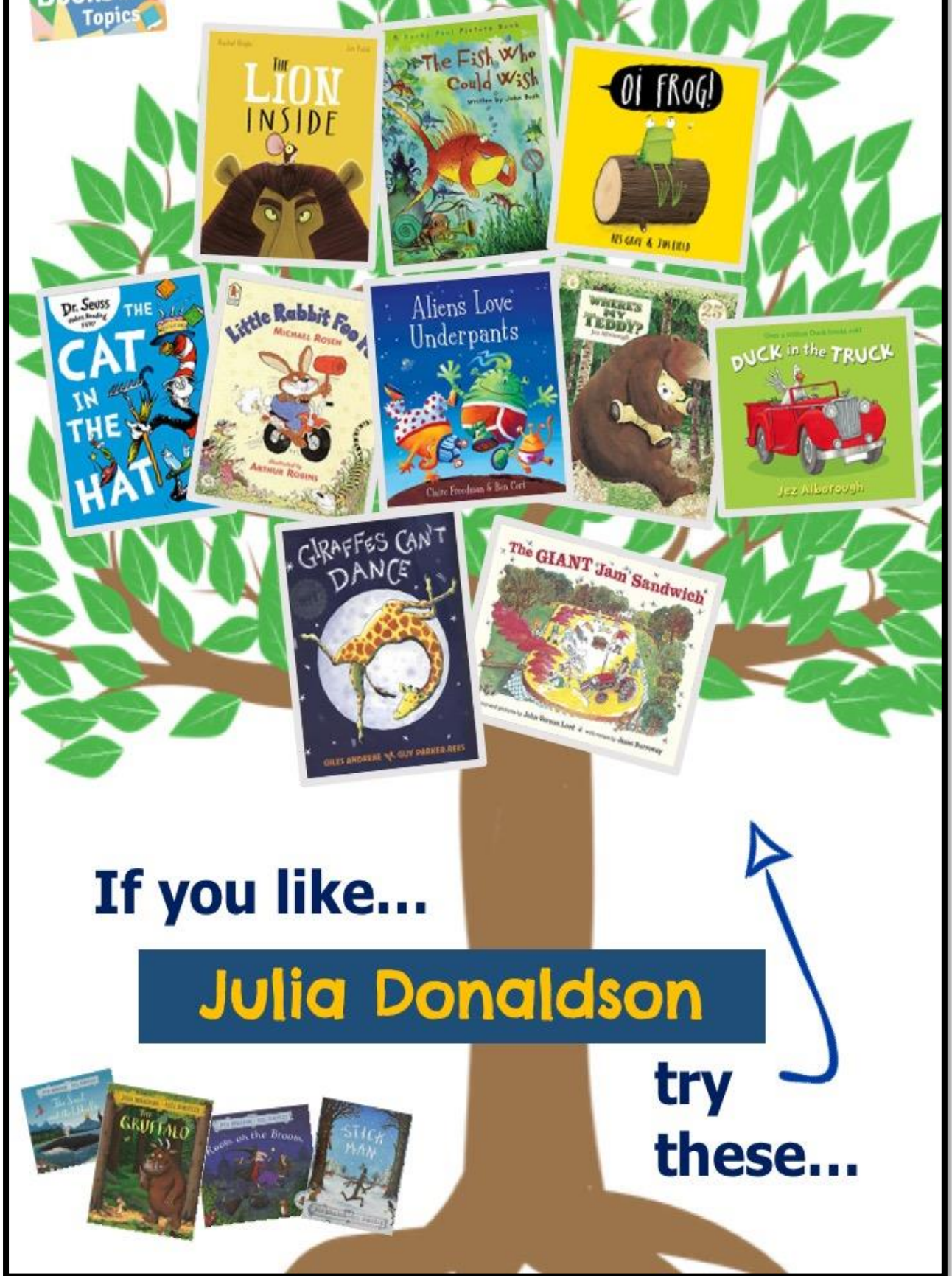
### **Jummy At the River School by Sabine Adeginka**

Jummy has won a place at the River School, the finest girls' boarding school in Nigeria. Nothing can dampen her spirits, not even when she learns that her best friend Caro won't be joining her. By the Shine-Shine River, school is everything Jummy dreamt of, with friendly new girls, midnight feasts and sporting prizes - but when Caro suddenly arrives at the school to work, not to learn, Jummy must bring all her friends together to help.



### **Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City by Rob Biddulph**

Drawing feels like magic to Peanut Jones. But art can't fix her problems. Her dad has gone missing, and she's stuck in a boring new school. Until the day she finds a unique pencil turbo-charged with special powers. Suddenly she's pulled into a world packed with more colour, creativity, excitement and danger than she could ever have imagined. And maybe, just maybe, she might find out what happened to her dad.



If you like...

Julia Donaldson

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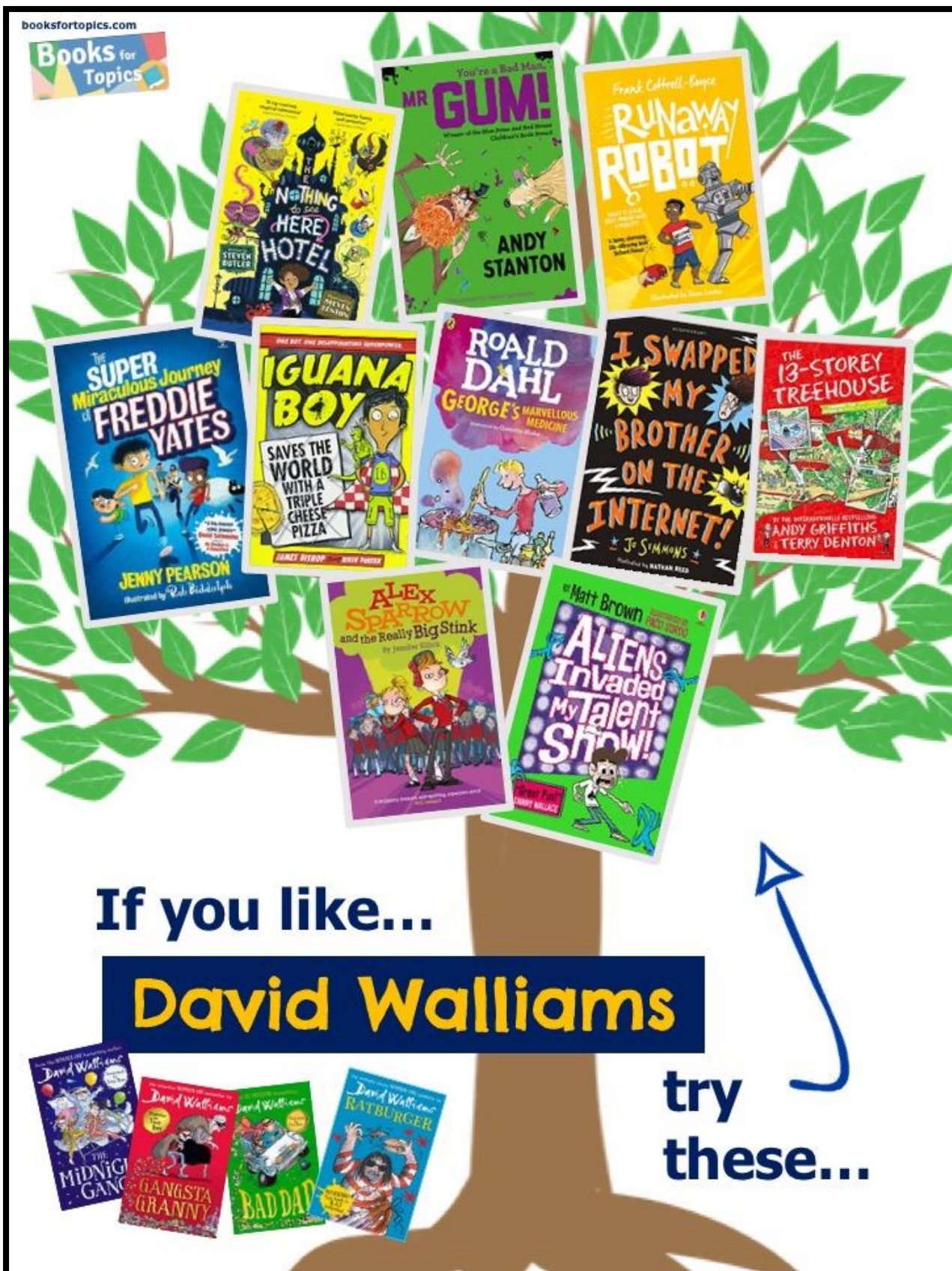


If you like...

**Rainbow Magic**

try  
these...





If you like...

**David Walliams**

try  
these...

## Why is reading for pleasure important?

Reading for pleasure is by far the greatest influence in a child's academic achievement: more so than wealth or social status. Reading for pleasure sparks growing imaginations, stimulates critical thinking and helps to develop empathy, meaning that it gives children the very skills they need to succeed at school, at work and in life. In addition, it enables children to develop their vocabulary banks; the infographic shows the impact of reading for just 20 minutes a day!

It is important to remember that reading for pleasure is different to being able to read!

### HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**1.8 MILLION**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**90th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**282,000**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**50th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to  
**8,000**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**10th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987

**SCHOLASTIC**

## Why should you get lost in a good book?

Increases  
knowledge and  
vocabulary by

**50%**

Lowers  
stress by

**68%**

Can lengthen  
your life by

**2**  
years

Reading can help you to relax

Your heartbeat slows. Your muscles relax. One minute you're reading, the next you're in bed... zzzzzzzz.

Reading can boost your mood.

Studies have shown that people who read for fun are more likely to be happy and confident.



**Reading is a workout for your . . .**



#### Memory

Reading exercises the brain, improving your memory. (Maybe you'll stop forgetting your lunch at home!)



#### Imagination

Books help you see vivid pictures in your mind. So you feel like you're actually at Hogwarts, riding a Nimbus 2000.



#### Heart

Research shows that reading about a character's thoughts and feelings can make you kinder.