

## Recommended Reads Year 4 2017

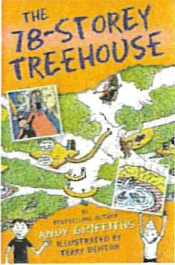

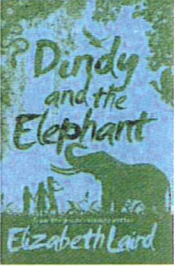
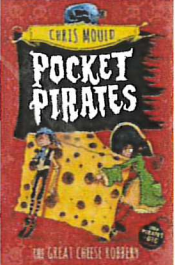
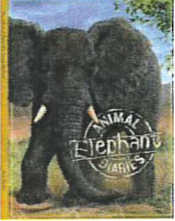
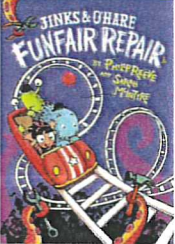
P = Picture Book for Older Readers

CF = Children's Fiction

	<p><b>Butchart, Pamela – The Spy Who Loved School Dinners</b></p> <p>The first in a series about Izzy, Jodi, Zach and Maisie. When a new French girl joins the school, the 4 friends quickly come to the conclusion she is a spy. These are great for reading aloud, very funny and absolutely how children this age think and act. Wonderful</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>
	<p><b>Butchart, Pamela – To Wee or Not To Wee</b></p> <p>When a boy in her class describes Shakespeare as boring, Izzy decides to show off her knowledge and demonstrate that Shakespeare is anything but boring. Her retellings captivate her class (lots of over dramatization) and her teacher (though Macbeth is a bit gory!). Tells the stories of MacBeth, Hamlet, Romeo &amp; Juliet and Midsummer Nights Dream</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>
	<p><b>Caldecott, Elen – Diamonds and Daggers (The Marsh Road Mysteries)</b></p> <p>The first in a series by notable writer Elen Caldecott. Introduces us to 5 children who team up to solve the mystery of a missing necklace. Piotr's father is the prime suspect and his innocence must be proved. Deals with racism (post Brexit perhaps) as well as dealing with friendship and difference.</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>
	<p><b>Clary, Julian – The Bolds</b></p> <p>A surprisingly entertaining read about a family of hyenas who come to Britain and pretend to be humans. Suspend your disbelief and just enjoy. Good read aloud story</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>

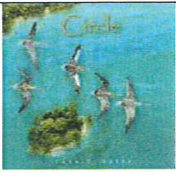
	<p><b>Davies, Nicola – I (Don't) Like Snakes</b></p> <p>Not for any snake haters out there, this is the tale of a girl who doesn't like snakes. Her family however do and try to convince her that snakes are not that bad and can be quite interesting. Combines a story with facts that could have many uses for descriptive writing.</p>	<p><b>597.9</b></p>
	<p><b>Frost, Adam – Fox Investigates: A Brush With Danger</b></p> <p>Wily Fox is an ace investigator. When he is asked to solve the mystery of a missing picture, he encounters all sorts of dastardly goings on in the art world. Lots of puns on names, great literature this isn't but it is fun and may encourage some reluctant readers.</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>
	<p><b>Gaiman, Neil – Fortunately, the Milk...</b></p> <p>With illustrations by Chris Riddell, this is a madcap, fantastical tale about how Dad explains away why he forgot the milk. Read aloud but also for engaging reluctant readers as well as inspiring some descriptive writing.</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>
	<p><b>Gray, Jennifer – Atticus Claw Hears a Roar</b></p> <p>Atticus is a cat detective and in this story he journeys to South America on the trail of some lost treasure. Perfect for developing an enjoyment of reading</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>
	<p><b>Green, Julia – The Wilderness War</b></p> <p>Noah and his friends enjoy playing on the Wilderness but that all changes when it is sold for re-development. Can the friends mount a successful campaign to save it. Useful for environmental discussion and well as inspiring some persuasive writing topics.</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>

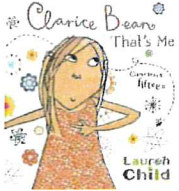
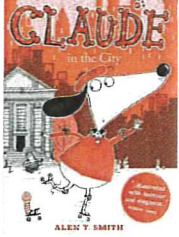


	<p><b>Griffiths, Andy – 78 Storey Treehouse</b></p> <p>A mixture of text and cartoon style illustrations make this a hugely entertaining read. Andy and Terry are building a treehouse and it is growing hugely. In this book, they describe the latest additions to their mammoth construction project</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>
	<p><b>Higgins, Chris – My Funny Family</b></p> <p>First in the best selling series about the Butterfield family and their everyday lives. A warm, funny and entertaining look at family life with all it's up and downs told by Mattie who is a perpetual worrier.</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>
	<p><b>Laird, Elizabeth – Dindy and the Elephant</b></p> <p>A lovely portrayal of an English girl living in India at the time of independence. Dindy is just old enough to compare her privileged life with that of the workers on the tea plantation where she lives. Good for multicultural and descriptive writing with some deeper issues underpinning the story.</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>
	<p><b>Mould, Chris – Pocket Pirates: The Great Cheese Robbery</b></p> <p>A group of pirates live in a ship in a bottle in a junk shop. When they venture out, they have to overcome numerous hazards such as the shop cat, a rather large spider and the mice. Great stories to read aloud, good characters and a lot of fun</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>
	<p><b>Parker, Steve – Animal Diaries: Elephant</b></p> <p>Told in a diary style format, this details the everyday life of an elephant in Africa. Lots of illustrations make this a very accessible text and it is useful for writing both in a diary style but also from another viewpoint</p>	<p><b>599</b></p>
	<p><b>Reeve, Philip – Jinks and O'Hare Funfair Repair</b></p> <p>Emily lives on Funfair Moon, a planet dedicated to fairground rides. Jinks and O'Hare are the maintenance operatives who won't let Emily assist them. But when a suspicious funfair inspector arrives, Emily suspects he has a hidden agenda and needs all her skills to foil his plot. Madcap, inventive, descriptive, brilliant</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>

	<p><b>Riddell, Chris – Ottoline and the Purple Fox</b></p> <p>The latest adventure for Ottoline and Mr Munro involves a night time walk with a purple fox. Ottoline makes notes of all the animals she meets and Mr Munro makes notes on the poems he finds around the city. Delightful to read aloud and with Chris Riddell's illustrations to enhance the story</p>	<b>CF</b>
	<p><b>Sedgwick, Marcus – Fright Forest</b></p> <p>Elf Boy and Raven Girl meet under unusual circumstances. Elf Boy's tree is felled with him still in it, on top of Raven Girl. Despite this unprepossessing start, they form a team and set off to save the world. First in the series and ideal for read aloud looking at adventure, fantasy and a bit of gothic as well</p>	<b>CF</b>
	<p><b>Swindells, Robert – The Outfit: The Secret of Weeping Wood</b></p> <p>Who needs the Famous Five when you have the Outfit instead! Jillo, Titch, Shaz, Mickey and Raider the dog are the five members of The Outfit who solve the mystery of the ghosts of Weeping Wood. Mickey is a traveller who lives in a caravan to provide some diversity to the team</p>	<b>CF</b>
	<p><b>Symes, Sally – Pet Dragon</b></p> <p>A picture book for older readers advising the reader of the perils of owing a dragon as a pet. From choosing the ideal breed of dragon to the care of it and even what to do when it is ill. Written as if it is a non-fiction guide, your readers will have a lot of fun learning about this unusual pet.</p>	<b>P</b>

## Pacy Reads

	<p><b>Baker, Jeannie – Circle</b></p> <p>A delightful picture book detailing the long migratory flight of the Godwit. Her customary mixed media illustrations along with sparse text provide an inspiring look at the world around us. Unusual but worth exploring</p>	<b>P</b>
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	<p><b>Child, Lauren – Clarice Bean, That's Me</b></p> <p>The picture book that introduced us to Clarice Bean and her endearing, manic family. The usual Lauren Child combination of fun illustrations with text that is never in a straight line. Great fun and can be used to lead readers onto Clarice in her chapter book format</p>	<p><b>P</b></p>
	<p><b>Smith, Alex T – Claude in the City</b></p> <p>For a quick read, Claude hits the bill. The rather plump dog with a red beret and his friend Sir Bobblysock have become firm favourites and can be ideal for demonstrating how to tell a story succinctly.</p>	<p><b>CF</b></p>

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