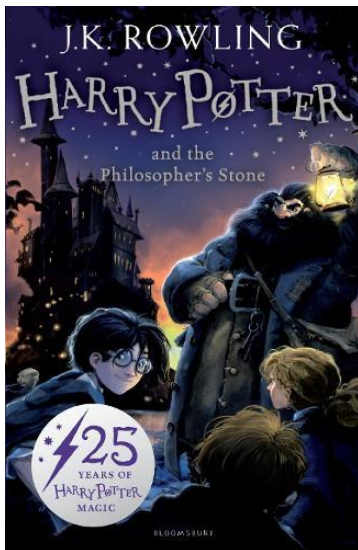
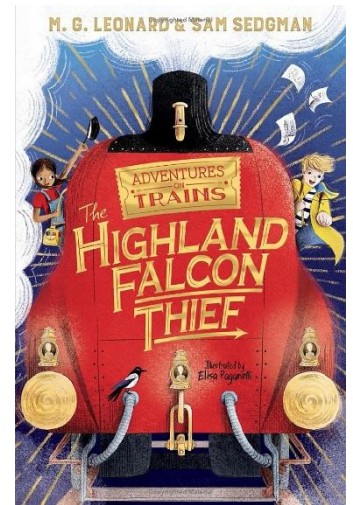


## Recommended Reads for Y4!

### **Adventures on Trains: The Highland Falcon Thief – MG Leonard & S Sedgman**

When Hal reluctantly accompanies his Uncle Nat on the final journey of the Highland Falcon, an iconic royal steam train, he is anticipating a dull, uneventful trip - but Lenny, the train driver's daughter, is a huge rail enthusiast and has stowed away, determined not to miss the experience of a lifetime. The two new friends have great fun exploring the train and observing the passengers, including an eccentric Countess with her five boisterous dogs, a glamorous film star and guests of honour, the royal prince and his wife.

As the train wends its way from London to Scotland, some priceless jewellery goes missing. Realising the thief must be on the train, Hal and Lenny decide to investigate, piecing together clues to try to identify the culprit.



### **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - JK Rowling**

After the misery of life with his ghastly aunt and uncle, Harry Potter is delighted to have the chance to embark on an exciting new life at the Hogwart's School of Wizardry and Witchcraft. Learning about magic and making new friends, he has the chance to use his new-found wizarding skills to unravel some of the mysteries of his own past - and to uncover some shocking secrets about his teachers.

### **Matilda - Roald Dahl**

Matilda is not yet five years old, and already she is a very unusual child. Teaching herself to read, she works her way through all the books in the children's library and then gets started on the adult section, to the amazement of the librarian. Her narrow-minded parents don't notice that they have a genius in their midst - but is soon becomes clear that underestimating Matilda is a big mistake.

When she starts school at Crunchem Hall, Matilda meets the frightening and bullying headmistress, Agatha Trunchbull, and witnesses her terrible temper. Soon, she puts her very special talents to work to get the better of Miss Trunchbull and the other unpleasant grown-ups around her - as well as to help warm-hearted class teacher Miss Honey.

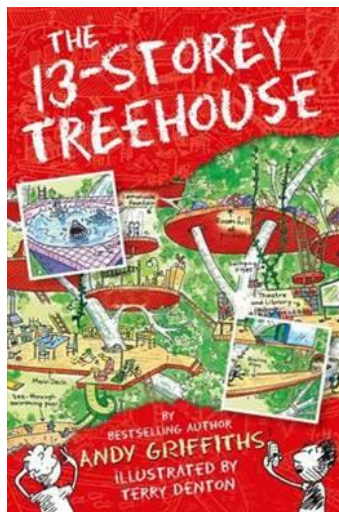
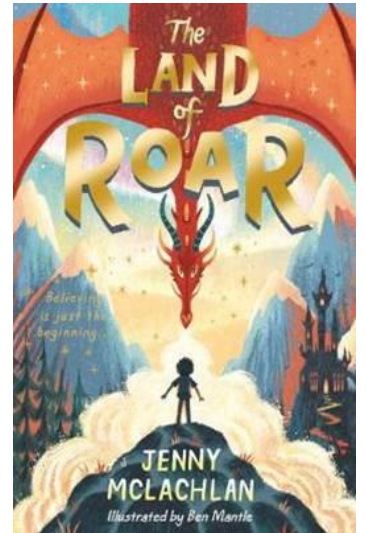


### **The Land of Roar by Jenny Mclachlan**

Twins Arthur and Rose loved staying with Grandad and would spend days in the Land of Roar where dragons, mermaids and ninja wizards kept them safe from the sinister scarecrow, Crowky.

Now they are 11, Rose spends hours on her phone and worries about fitting in and Arthur, despite the scar on his wrist where he was bitten by a dragon, has almost forgotten about Roar. But then a mysterious figure appears at the attic window, an old map turns up, and Grandad vanishes...

It seems ridiculous but could Roar be real after all? And can Rose and Arthur find Grandad before he is lost forever?



### **The 13-Storey Treehouse – Andy Griffiths**

A rip-roaringly funny book about writing (or actually not writing) a book. The author and illustrator realise that they are due to present their latest book to their publisher within 24 hours. Unfortunately they have absolutely no idea what to write, and all sorts of bizarre things keep happening which prevent them from writing anything! Living in a 13-story treehouse is hard enough, but that's the least of their problems.

### **The Nothing to see Here Hotel – Steven Butler**

Frankie Banister and his family run the Nothing to See Here Hotel, which is cunningly hidden from human view by magic and lots of really, really bad TripAdvisor reviews. It's not for humans, you see, and instead is the perfect getaway for magical creatures of all kinds – mermaids are welcomed through the sea door and stairs are rented to ghosts looking for a holiday from their usual haunts.

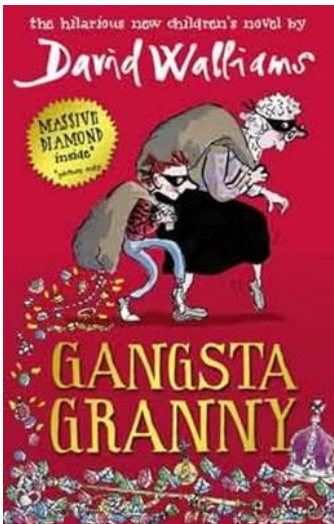
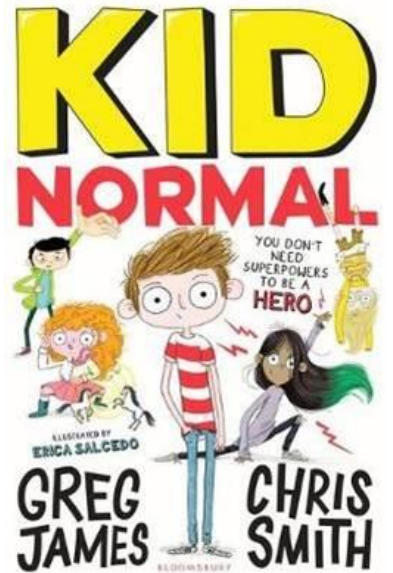
However, one day, a messenger arrives through the sky door and announces that the family have 24 hours to prepare for the arrival of the Goblin prince Grogbah, who is definitely not hiding out at the hotel for nefarious purposes. Mum, Dad, Frankie, Ooof the ogre and all the hotel guests prepare a huge and lavish party for his arrival, but when the offensively rude Grogbah arrives, he brings with him more chaos than anyone could have expected.



**Kid Normal – Greg James and Chris Smith**

Starting a new school is always stressful, but Murph suspects his new school is stressful for extremely odd reasons. He realises his mum has accidentally enrolled him in a Super Hero school for kids with Superpowers: fellow pupils can fly, control the weather, and conjure tiny horses. Sadly, Murph can't do anything.

Humiliatingly nicknamed Kid Normal, demoted to helping the Caretaker, Murph is despondent. Meanwhile, across town at Ribbon Robotics, evil wasp-man Nektar plans world domination. Can Super Zero underdogs Murph, Carl the Caretaker, Flora the secretary and some of his classmates save the day?



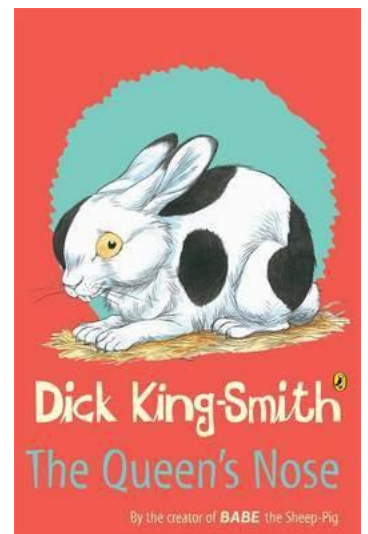
**Gangsta Granny – David Walliams**

Ben is 11, an only child and a poor reader, whose ambition is to be a plumber. Every Friday he visits his Granny, while his parents go to watch ballroom dancing, and he hates those dull, smelly, cabbage-dominated evenings. Then he discovers that his Granny isn't quite what she seems, and life takes a dramatic turn for the better.

**The Queen's Nose – Dick King-Smith**

Harmony's Uncle Ginger sends her on a treasure trail - which ends in finding a 50p piece.

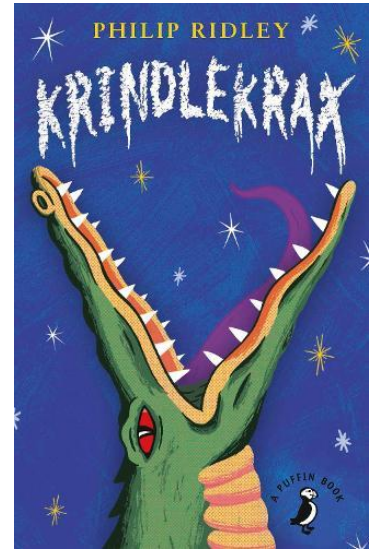
But this is no ordinary coin - in fact, when you rub the queen's nose, your wishes will be answered.



### **Krindlekrax – Philip Ridley Malorie Blackman**

There are plenty of weird and wonderful characters who live on Lizard Street. The hero of our story is Ruskin Splinter. But to be honest, Ruskin is a very unlikely hero. Small and thin, with knock-knees, thick glasses, a squeaky voice, no one at Ruskin's school believes he's capable of anything - all except for Ruskin's only friend Corky, the school caretaker.

Ruskin is therefore delighted when Corky tells him the terrifying story of Krindlekrax: the giant crocodile who lives beneath their town's streets. Finally, a chance to prove himself! But can Ruskin really save the day?



### **The Big Book of the UK – Imogen Russell-Williams**

Introduce children to the wonders, history, culture and customs of the United Kingdom with The Big Book of the UK. Learn about the sport of "dwile flonking", find out where black diamonds come from, meet the supernatural animal that haunts the Scottish Highlands and discover the British sweets that helped Hillary and Tenzing scale Everest.

Filled with facts about wildlife, food, sports, geography, language and some very silly place names, this book will help you uncover national secrets and unearth local legends from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

### **Apes to Zebra an A-Z of Shape Poems – Liz Brownlee, Sue Hardy-Dawson and Roger Stevens**

This gorgeous collection of animal poems from Roger Stevens, Liz Brownlee and Sue Hardy-Dawson will entrance and delight in equal measure.

Featuring a full alphabet of animals, birds, and insects, with the odd extinct or imaginary creature thrown in, these beautiful shape poems are a perfect way to introduce children to poetry. Some funny, some serious, there is something here for everyone.

