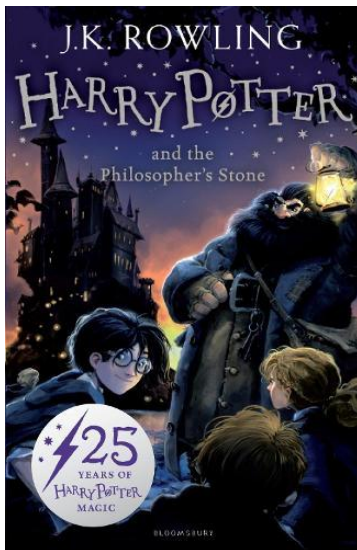
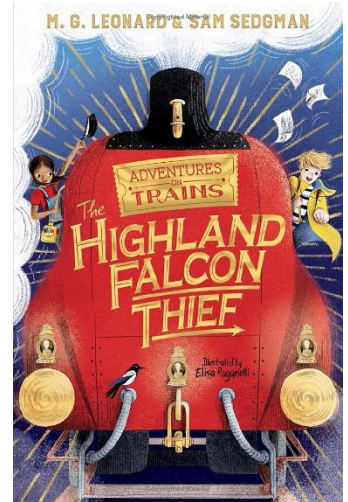


Recommended Reads for Y4!

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.

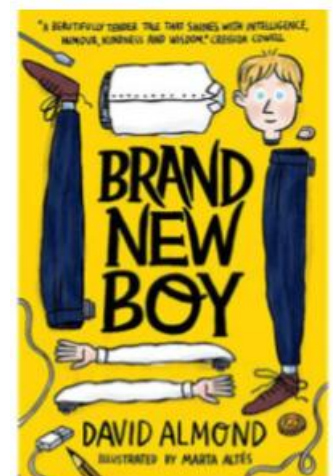


Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - JK Rowling

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.

Brand-New Boy – David Almond

When a brand new boy called George starts at school, Daniel and his best friend Maxie are looking forward to getting a chance to enjoy the company of a new classmate. Daniel agrees to keep an eye on the new boy, although he has to admit there are a few unusual things about George. A series of questions without answers begins to unravel – like why George is ushered unwillingly into a black van at the end of the play date, or why the teachers seem to have a weird response to George in class, or why there's a sudden announcement that George will leave the school. And what exactly is inside that tall box that is wheeled into assembly the following week?

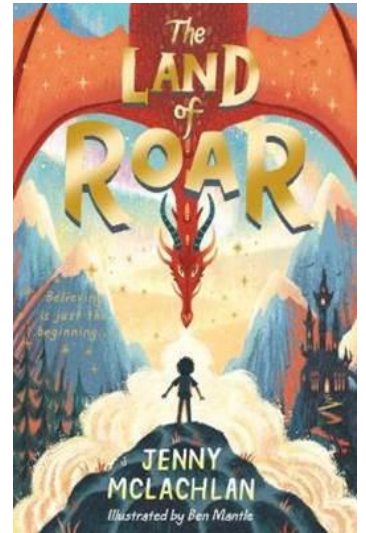


The Land of Roar by Jenny Mclachlan

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?



Starminster – Megan Hopkins

There is something about a girl being brought up in a rhubarb shed that is instantly interesting and captivating! We only find out why at the end, but it is so compelling and awful and yet at the same time the reader knows there must be a good reason. That is how the story starts and the contrast between the enclosed space and the wide-open spaces is very much in evidence as the story progresses.

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.

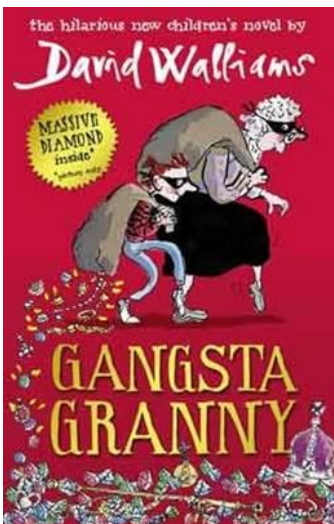
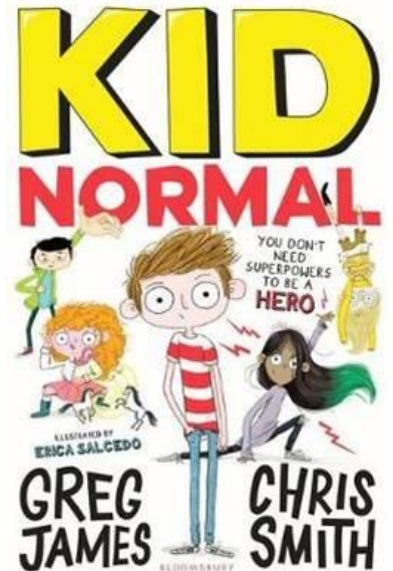
However, one day, a messenger arrives through the sky door and announces that the family have 24 hours to prepare for the arrival of the Goblin prince Grogbah, who is definitely not hiding out at the hotel for nefarious purposes. Mum, Dad, Frankie, Ooof the ogre and all the hotel guests prepare a huge 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

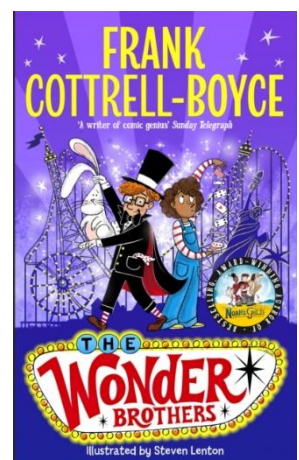
Ben is 11, an only child and a poor reader, whose ambition is to be a plumber. Every Friday he visits his Granny, while his parents go to watch ballroom dancing, and he hates those dull, smelly, cabbage-dominated evenings. Then he discovers that his Granny isn't quite what she seems, and life takes a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

The wonder Brothers – Frank Cottrell Boyce

Cousins Middy and Nathan love magic. The on-stage, cape-swirling, bunny-out-of-a-hat kind. For Middy, it's all about patience and practice. She uses magic skills to help her out of tricky situations. Nathan is a show-off and a total danger magnet, he is drawn to the sensation, spectacle and audience.

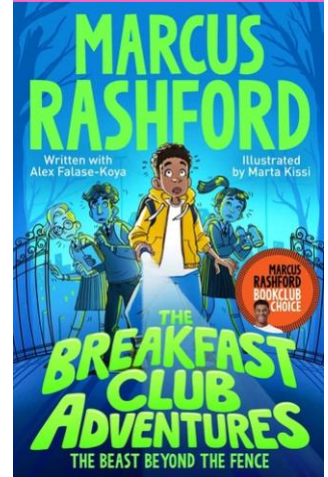
So when the famous Blackpool Tower dramatically vanishes the night of the Grand Lights Switch-On, showman Nathan announces live on TV that they will magic it back home.

With a stick of rock, a spangly cape, and a bit of misdirection, they end up lost in Las Vegas, home to the grand master of illusion, Perplexion, 'Legend of Magic'.



Rashford

When twelve-year-old Marcus kicks his favourite football over the school fence, he knows he's never getting it back. Nothing that goes over that wall ever comes back. But when Marcus gets a mysterious note inviting him to join the Breakfast Club Investigators, he is soon pulled into an exciting adventure with his new mates Stacey, Lise and Asim to find out what is lurking on the other side of the fence – and get his football back!



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.

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.

