



WE LOVE BOOKS



Books that have been made into films or a tv series are a great way to get children excited about stories. Reading a book and then sitting and watching it together can be a fun way to inspire your child to read.



The most obvious books that have been made into films are Harry Potter and most of the Roald Dahl books, but there are so many more. Here are just a few to give you some ideas, but please do Google this as there are a host of others.

Whilst some children are happy to read, it may take the suggestion of a family movie night complete with snacks once the book is finished to tempt some of the more reluctant readers. Or you could read it together, which is great for a discussion of what was similar in what you watched, what was changed and whether screen or book was better. I like to read a book before watching the film, but perhaps your child will like the idea of watching it first - this can take away the fear of reading a book and not understanding the story, that some less confident readers may have.

Holes by Louis Sachar and Wonder by RJ Palacio are both books on our reading spines lists, and have great film adaptations. Other titles include Nim's Island, The Bad Guys, Captain Underpants, Coraline, How to Train your Dragon, Hugo, Jumanji, Percy Jackson, A Series of Unfortunate Events, Hilda (a graphic novel made into a Netflix series), The One and Only Ivan, Enola Holmes, The Mysterious Benedict Society, Howl's Moving Castle, Winnie the Pooh and a wonderful collection of classics.

PICTURE BOOKS

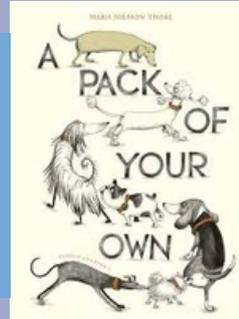


Also an Octopus by Maggie Tokuda-Hall & Benji Davies

A rocket ship, a ukulele playing octopus and waffles make up this fun and inspirational book about how to create your own stories. All stories start with “just a little bit of nothing” - a storyline that may need changing and an ending that's up to you.

A Pack of Your Own by Maria Nilsson Thore & Annie Prime

A lonely dachshund is searching for a friend, but finds that he is very different from all the other dogs he meets. Until one day, there is a knock on his door. This is such a wonderful book with beautiful illustrations about finding your pack and being true to yourself.

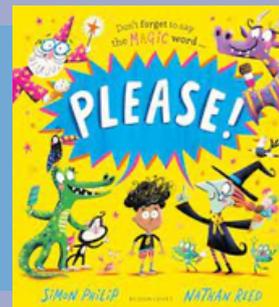


Meet the Dinosaurs by Caryl Hart & Bethan Woollen

A fun rhyming book about dinosaurs, teamed with bold, bright pictures to make storytime lots of fun, with plenty of well researched, interesting facts. This is a great addition to the “Meet the” series - keep an eye out for Oceans, Planets and Weather.

Please by Simon Philip & Nathan Reed

Bill is a boy who just can't remember to say please. This leads to a hilarious adventure in a spaceship, a jungle and a fairytale land, filled with aliens, surprisingly helpful crocodiles and bold knights. Lots to spot and talk about in the great artwork.

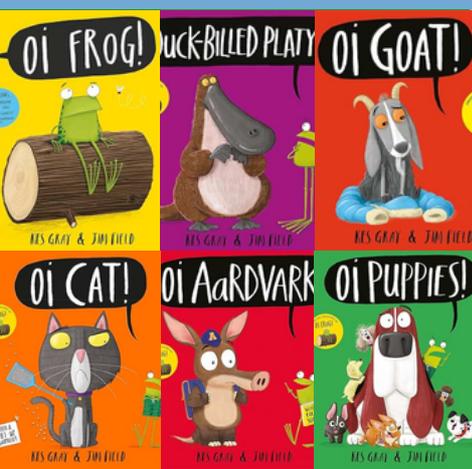


The Viking Who Liked Icing by Lu Fraser & Mark McKinley

Nut struggles with all the usual Viking things that his sister, Leaf, is good at. But the one thing he does best of all is bake cakes. But how is he going to manage on Viking Sports Day? Will the day he dreads the most be his worst day of the year, or will this year be a little different?

Whirly Twirly Me by Manjeet Mann & Amanda Quartet

Some days can make you feel like everything is too much. A lovely book to reassure children that it's ok to have difficult feelings about things, and to help them untangle their emotions.



Mrs Levin recommends...

This month, I would like to recommend one of my favourite picture book series - the Oi Frog series. The books are jam-packed with animals and silliness, with lots of fun rhyming throughout. My children and I laugh out loud every time we read these books at the entertaining play with words - my favourite line being “clack-filled hattie bus” as an attempt to rhyme with “duck-billed platypus”!

CHAPTER BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

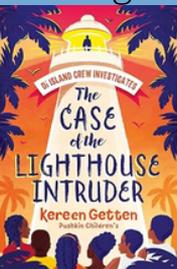
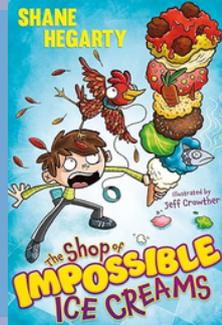


Michael the Amazing Mind-Reading Sausage Dog by Terrie Childers

Michael has always dreamed of being famous and is excited to discover, one day, that he can read minds. His search for fame and fortune takes him from Snuffles-by-sea to Hollywoof, in this fun filled book about friendship and perseverance.

The Shop of Impossible Ice Creams by Shane Hegarty

Limpet's mum is opening a very unusual ice cream shop, but finds herself coming up against the evil Mr Fluffy - the current ice cream man. Whilst Limpet isn't so sure that the town is ready for mushroom flavour ice cream, he is also sure there is something odd about Mr Fluffy's ice creams. Lots of laughs throughout, as Limpet and his friends search for the truth.

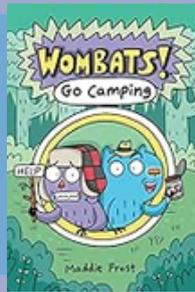


The Case of the Lighthouse Intruder by Kereen Getten

When Fayson goes to stay with her cousins for the summer, she is invited to join "The Greatest Gang of All Time". The gang isn't doing very well in solving the mystery of the strange shadow in the lighthouse and is hoping she can help. Can our determined hero bring the group together and solve the case?

Wombats! - Go Camping by Maddie Frost

This graphic novel is lots of fun and unexpectedly heartwarming. Albert and Pickles have very different plans for their camping trip. When they find a baby koala and learn about the Woolly Moon Beast, things don't go quite to plan for either of them. But will they both end up enjoying their holiday?

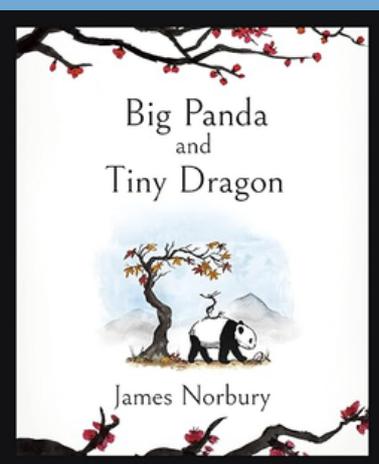
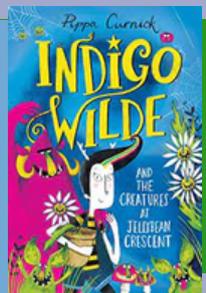


Harriet Hound by Kate Foster

Harriet is 8 years old, loves dogs and is autistic. In each of the 3 mysteries in this book, Harriet uses her secret, magical superpowers to call on the different dogs in her family's rescue centre to help her solve the case. A joyful book by an autistic author makes this a wonderfully relatable read for autistic readers, and one that everyone will enjoy.

Indigo Wilde & the Creatures at Jellybean Crescent by Pippa Curnick

A hilarious story about Indigo Wilde and the group of unusual, magical animals she shares a home with. When a recent arrival escapes from its crate, it's up to Indigo and her brother to locate the creature, stop the house from descending into (further) chaos, and avoid the evil Madam Grey's awkward questions.



The children of 3CF recommend...

This amazingly illustrated book takes you on a journey through the seasons. We learn a lot about friendship and hope from two unlikely friends. We've had some lovely discussions about this book.

CHAPTER BOOKS FOR OLDER READERS



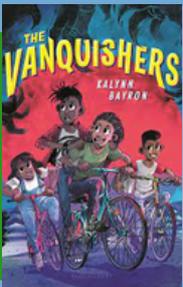
Spellstone by Ross Montgomery

Evie is going unnoticed by everyone around her and is starting to wonder where she fits in the world. And then, one day, she meets Wainright and learns that she has an important role to play in a battle between good and evil. A fast paced, spellbinding and exciting story filled with magic and suspense.



Meesh the Bad Demon by Michelle Lam

Meesh is supposed to be a scary fire-breathing demon, but would rather watch princess cartoons. When disaster strikes her world, she discovers that her fairy princess hero is not all that she expected. Can they put their differences aside to work for the good of both their worlds? [graphic novel]



The Vanquishers by Kalynn Bayron

Boog and her friends live in a world where vampires used to roam, until they were wiped out by vampire hunters in The Reaping. When a new friend goes missing, the group discovers that maybe vampires are not extinct after all, in this wonderfully spooky and fun tale of friendship, family and secrets. (We think this is a wonderful book - some parents may want to know that one of the children is referred to as "they" throughout.)



The Midnight Switch by Samuel J Halpin

Moving to a new town isn't easy, especially when things just feel a bit strange. And when Lewis's friend Moira turns up and is also acting oddly, things really don't seem right. Could the local stories of witches, floods and a curse be true?



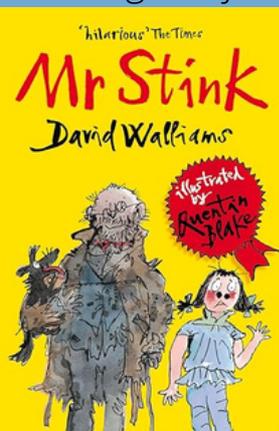
Beyond the Frozen Horizon by Nicola Penfold

Set in the Arctic, in the near future, this is a world that has taken note of what we are doing to the environment and has acted to protect the land and wildlife. Rory and her mum travel to Svalbard on a scientific expedition, and Rory soon discovers things there are not as expected. Part adventure, part ghost story, this is a perfect winter read.



Wished by Lisa Evans

Ed and Roo are not looking forward to spending half term with their elderly neighbour. Little do they know that finding a set of long forgotten birthday candles will be the start of a host of adventures and new friendships. A funny and exciting story of three children, their neighbour and a sarcastic, talking cat.



Mrs Bachmann recommends...

Ellie and I are really enjoying reading Mr Stink together. It's funny, current and leaves you on a hook at the end of every chapter - to make us want to read more and more! It's about a shy girl who invites a tramp to live in her shed at the bottom of her garden. We haven't got to the end yet, but it's a brilliant read.