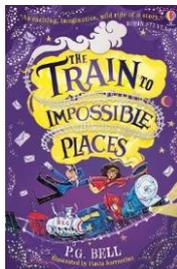


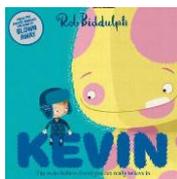
## Recommended Reads Year 5 2019-20



### **Bell, P G – The Train to Impossible Places**

Award winning title for all Harry Potter fans. Suzy wakes to find a train rushing through her house which transports her into the Union of Impossible Places. This is a journey like no other you have encountered. Will good win over evil?

**CF**



### **Biddulph, Rob – Kevin**

Sid blames his imaginary friend Kevin for everything, which is alright until he discovers that Kevin might not be imaginary. A light-hearted rhyming story exploring friendship and the importance of owning up. A very popular title from the SLS Hampshire Illustrated Book Award 2018 shortlist.

**P**



### **Bilan, Jasbinder – Asha & The Spirit Bird**

Asha and her friend travel from their small rural village in India to the city to find Asha's father. They encounter adventure and danger but also true hospitality, kindness and friendship. Story weaves Asha's spiritual beliefs and faith alongside instances of the impact of poverty in modern day India. Text is brimming with descriptions of the rich and varied landscape.

**CF**



### **Cowell, Cressida – The Wizards of Once**

An award-winning series from the current Children's Laureate. The story of two societies: one with magic and the other without. When two children meet, a warrior girl and a wizard boy, mayhem breaks out as they discover what is really going on. Great fun with plenty of twists and turns.

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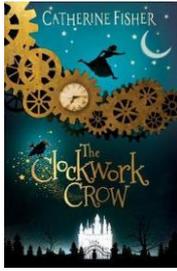


### **Davies, Nicola – King of the Sky**

Set in Wales, in the 1920's. An unlikely friendship develops between a young Italian boy and an old man who races pigeons. A beautifully illustrated book about finding your place. Shortlisted for the SLS Hampshire Book Award 2018.

**P**

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**Fisher, Catherine – The Clockwork Crow**

Fabulously spooky, 'gothic' style fantasy. Orphaned girl is sent to a house harbouring a dark mystery. Emboldened and imaginative, and with the help of an enchanted clockwork crow, she unlocks the secret and transforms her own fortunes.

CF



**Hardy, Vashti – Wildspark**

An inventive story and a must for all fans of *Cogheart*. This fantasy is a race against time as Prue desperately searches for her brother. At the same time violence threatens the world she knows, and society and its values are changing. A thought provoking read.

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**Jeffers, Oliver – An Alphabet of Stories**

A delightfully random collection of stories and characters, written and illustrated with wit and humour, encompassing sheer flights of fancy and a playful exploration of language. Winner of the SLS Hampshire Illustrated Book Award 2018.

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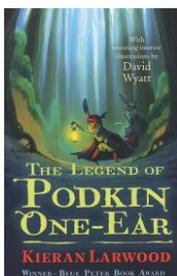
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**Jones, Rob Lloyd – Jake Atlas and the Quest for the Crystal Mountain**

A modern Indiana Jones set in Tibet. Fantastic setting with breath-taking action and suspense as this family are on the hunt for more secret treasure. Look out for the others in the series.

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**Larwood, Kieran – The Legend of Podkin One-Ear**

Podkin One-Ear is young and inexperienced (oh, and he's a rabbit) but circumstances and tradition dictate that he must lead the fight against the threat to his community's very existence. First in a trilogy, set in a well-developed fantasy kingdom inhabited by rabbits.

CF



**Lewis, Gill – The Closest Thing to Flying**

Semira, a young Eritrean refugee living in London, discovers Hen's diary. Written in 1891, it describes beginnings of dissent by women in society at that time and the foundation of the RSPB. Befriended and supported by a local 'blended' family and inspired by characters in the diary, Semira and her mother find the courage to challenge and change their own situation.

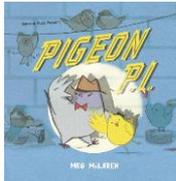
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**Mabbitt, Will – Embassy of the Dead**

**CF**

A cautionary tale about opening a box that does not belong to you. Jake's world is turned upside down as he encounters ghosts both friendly and scary. A page turner adventure which sees him driving for miles as he tries to put his mistake right.



**McLaren, Meg – Pigeon P.I.**

**P**

(Pigeon) Private Eye Murray McMurray has his patience tested by an eager young chick but is forced to get involved when she goes missing. Very amusing, lots of visual gags and witty wordplay. Shortlisted for the SLS Hampshire Illustrated Book Award 2018.

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**Nimmo, Jenny – Gabriel and the Phantom Sleepers**

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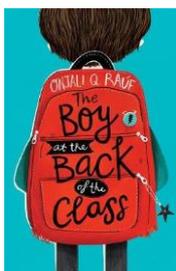
A great introduction to a new series from this award-winning author. Full of magic, action and tension this is the story of Gabriel who has been instructed to look after a magic red cloak but loses it on the train. Can he recover it in time?



**Nix, Garth – Have Sword Will Travel**

**CF**

The river running through the village is drying up so Eleanor and Odo, accompanied by an enchanted sword, set off on an adventure to discover why. Be ready for dragons, knights and villains along the way as they discover bravery, friendship and resilience.

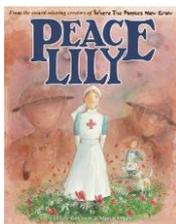


**Rauf, Onjali – The Boy at the Back of the Class**

**CF**

A group of children befriend a young refugee boy in their class. Together they learn more about his country and circumstances and hatch a plan to help him, with spectacular results. Winner of the Blue Peter Book Award 2018.

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**Robinson, Hilary – Peace Lily**

**P**

Completes a quartet of books looking at World War I from different viewpoints. This book follows the story of Flo whose childhood friends Ben and Ray go off to fight in the war; Flo joins up as a nurse and is reunited with Ben on the battlefield. Shortlisted for SLS Hampshire Book Award 2018.

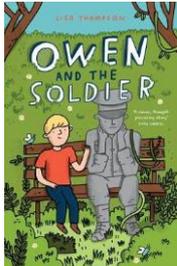
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**St John, Lauren – Kat Wolfe Investigates**

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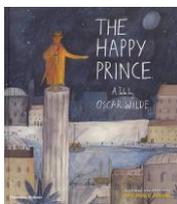
A wonderful new series set on the Dorset coast. Kat's mum is the local vet and Kat pet sits for the local residents. When one of her clients goes missing she sets out to solve the mystery. 2nd in the series is also available, both are fab reads.



**Thompson, Lisa – Owen and the Soldier**

**CF**

Owen and his mother are struggling to come to terms with the death of Owen's father, a soldier who died fighting in Syria. Owen discovers an old stone statue in a local park that becomes a point of solace for him. When he hears that the council plan to remove the statue, he is moved to take action to save it. An absorbing and topical hi-lo read.



**Wilde, Oscar adapted by Shearring, Maisie Paradise – The Happy Prince**

**P**

Oscar Wilde's classic tale about the statue of a prince who learns about life as he observes the townspeople around him from his plinth, and experiences true friendship from a gentle swallow. This adaptation, written and illustrated by Maisie Paradise Shearring, was shortlisted for the SLS Hampshire Book Award 2018.

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CF = Children's Fiction



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