Recommended Read

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A L.E.A.D. Academy

Chosen by Mrs Jones



How to Be Cooler Than Cool
By Sean Taylor

We recommend this book for Reception because.....

This book had me smiling from start to finish. Cat's adventure shows that things do not always go as planned!

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Chosen by Mr Medley



Look Inside Football
by Rob Lloyd Jones

We recommend this book for KS1 because...

As someone who enjoys football myself, I was impressed by how much information is packed into this book in such a fun and interactive way. The flaps make it really engaging for kids, and the illustrations are bright and appealing. It covers everything from how the game is played to stadiums, famous players, and even how footballs are made. It's perfect for curious young fans and a great way to introduce children to the sport. Highly recommend for any budding football enthusiast!

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Chosen by Mr Durkan



When the Sky Falls
by Phil Earle

We recommend this book for Year 5 and 6 because...

It is a powerful and emotional story about friendship, courage and kindness during World War II that stays with you long after you have finished it.

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Chosen by Mrs Whincup



Dead Good Detectives by Jenny McLachlan

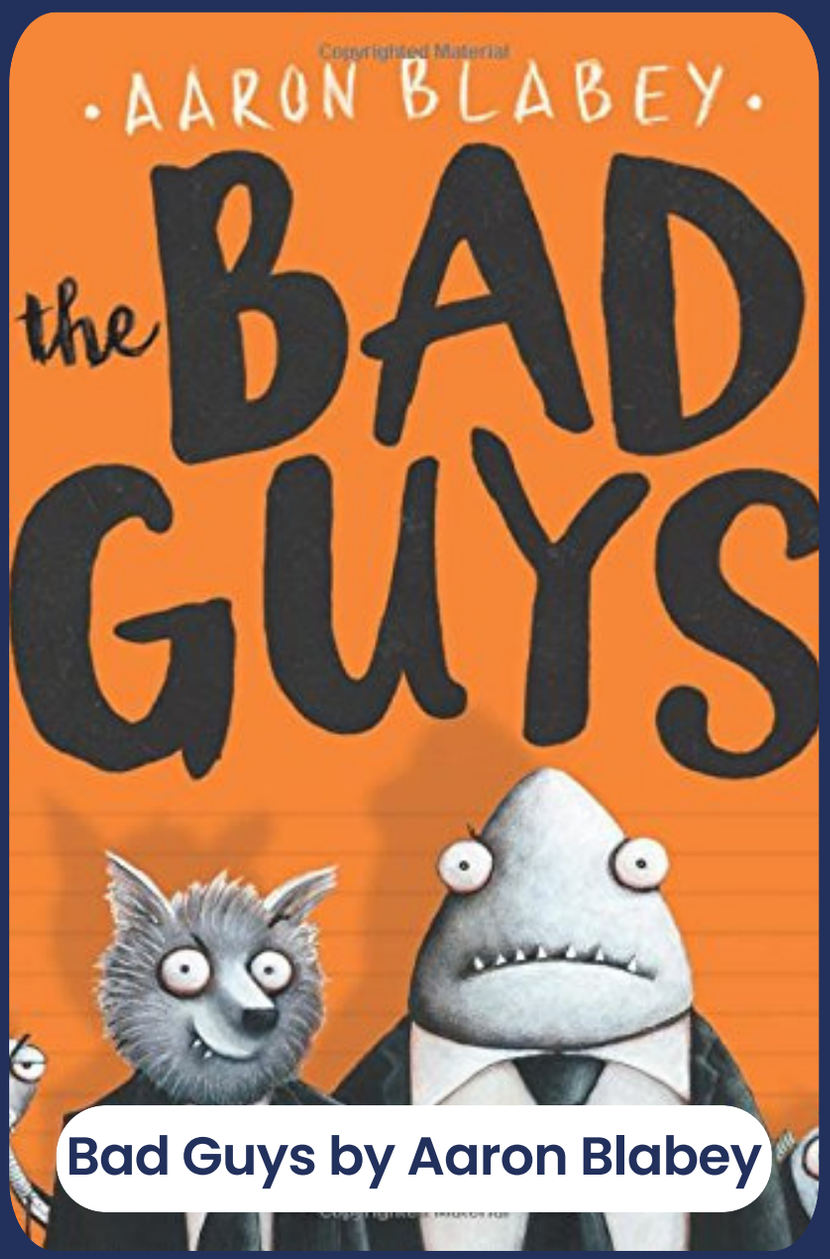
We recommend this book for Year 5 because...

It is a fantastic adventure story with characters you will love and wonderful illustrations throughout. If you like reading about ghosts, graveyards, haunted houses and pirates then this book will have you gripped from the very first page!

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Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey

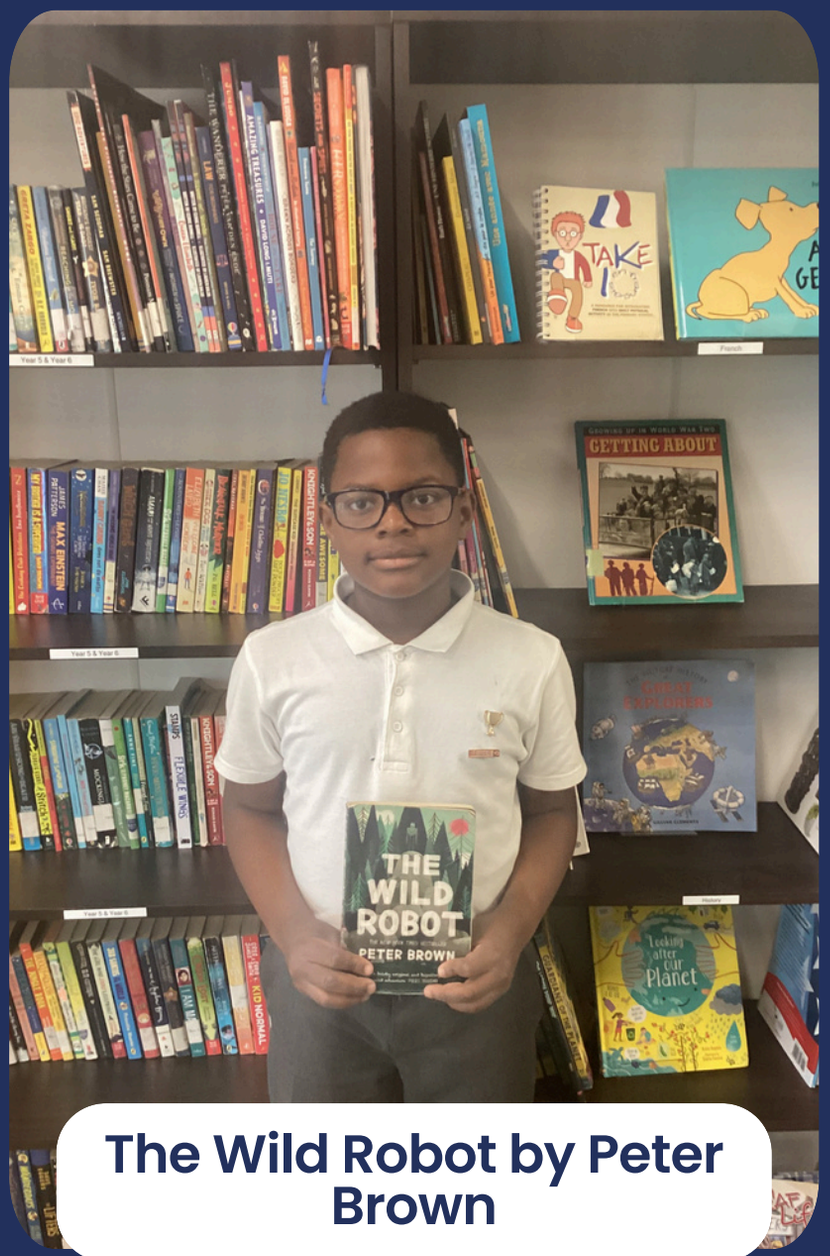
We recommend this book for Year 3 because...

It is a fantastic and gripping graphic novel that tells the story of a group of villainous-looking animals who are perceived negatively, when in fact they are simply misunderstood. The wonderful illustrations play an integral role in bringing this engaging and heartwarming story to life.

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The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

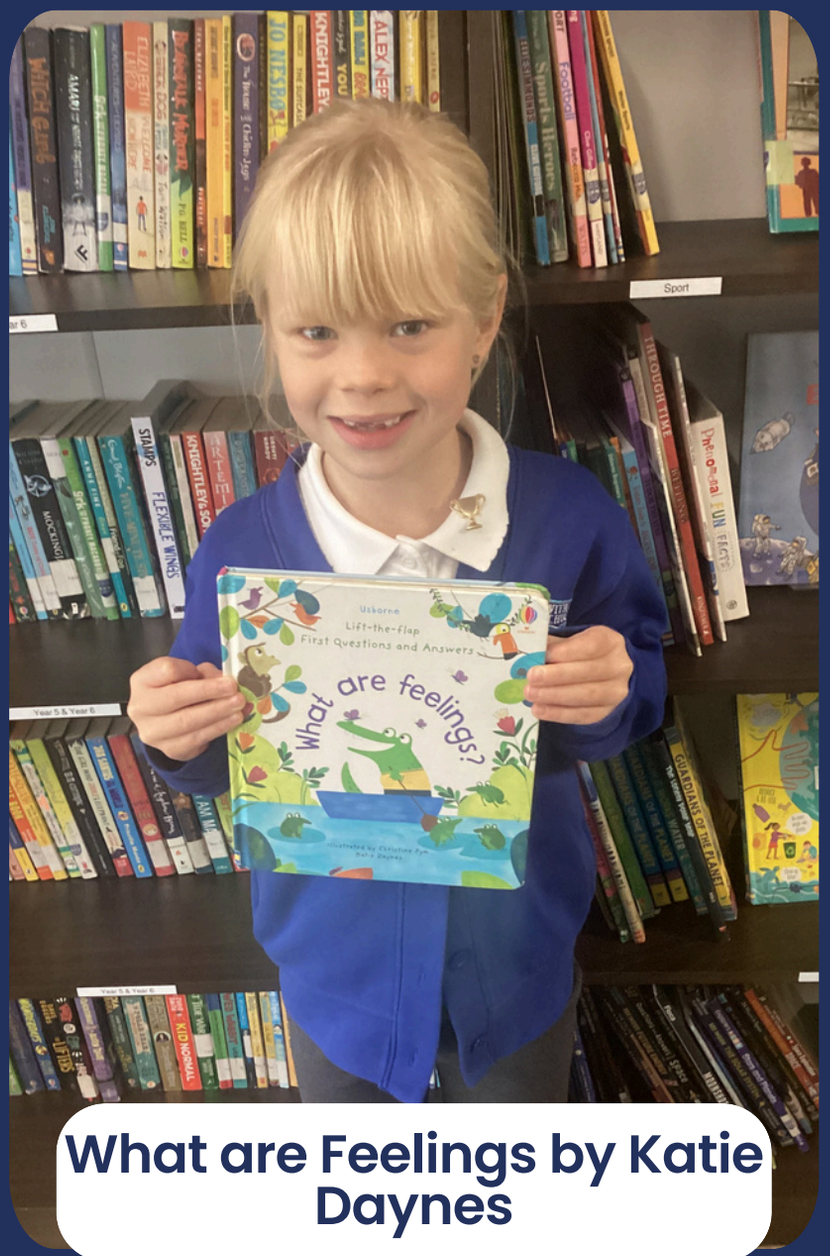
“We recommend this book for KS2 because...

it is full of adventure and excitement. There are lots of interesting characters, and I always wanted to find out what happened next. I also learned lots of new vocabulary while reading the book. I think other children would enjoy it because it is an exciting story and teaches us about friendship, survival and helping others.”

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Chosen by our Year 3 L.E.A.D. Learner



What are Feelings by Katie Daynes

“We recommend this book for KS1 because...

It helps children understand their emotions and reminds us that it is okay to feel sad, worried or upset sometimes. The book explains that crying is normal and gives ideas to help children manage their feelings in a positive way. It can help younger children talk about their emotions and understand how they are feeling.”

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Bugs by Lucy Bowman

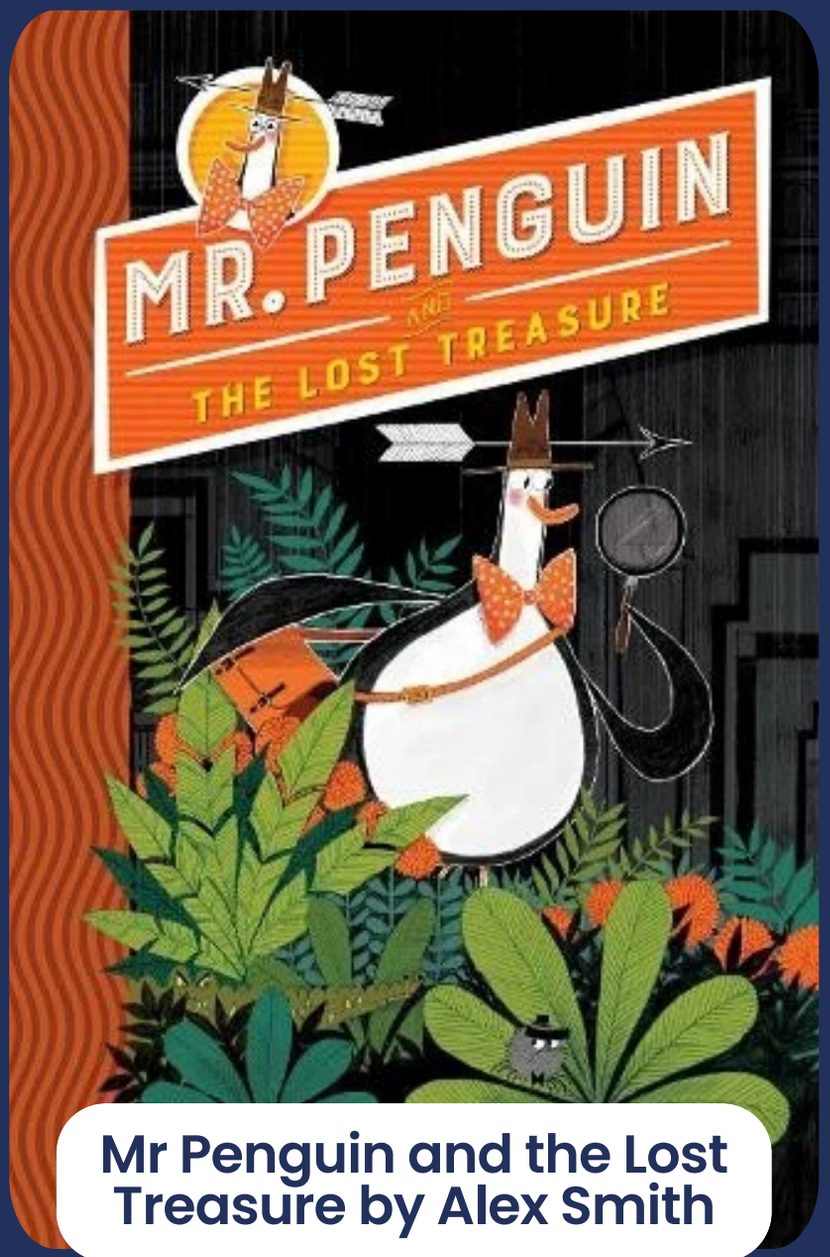
“I recommend this book for KS1 because...

It teaches you lots of interesting facts about different bugs and insects. It links to our Science learning about habitats, life cycles and how bugs survive. I also think it is a good book because some younger children might not know that non-fiction books can help us learn about the world. If you like discovering new facts, this is a great book to read.”

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Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex Smith

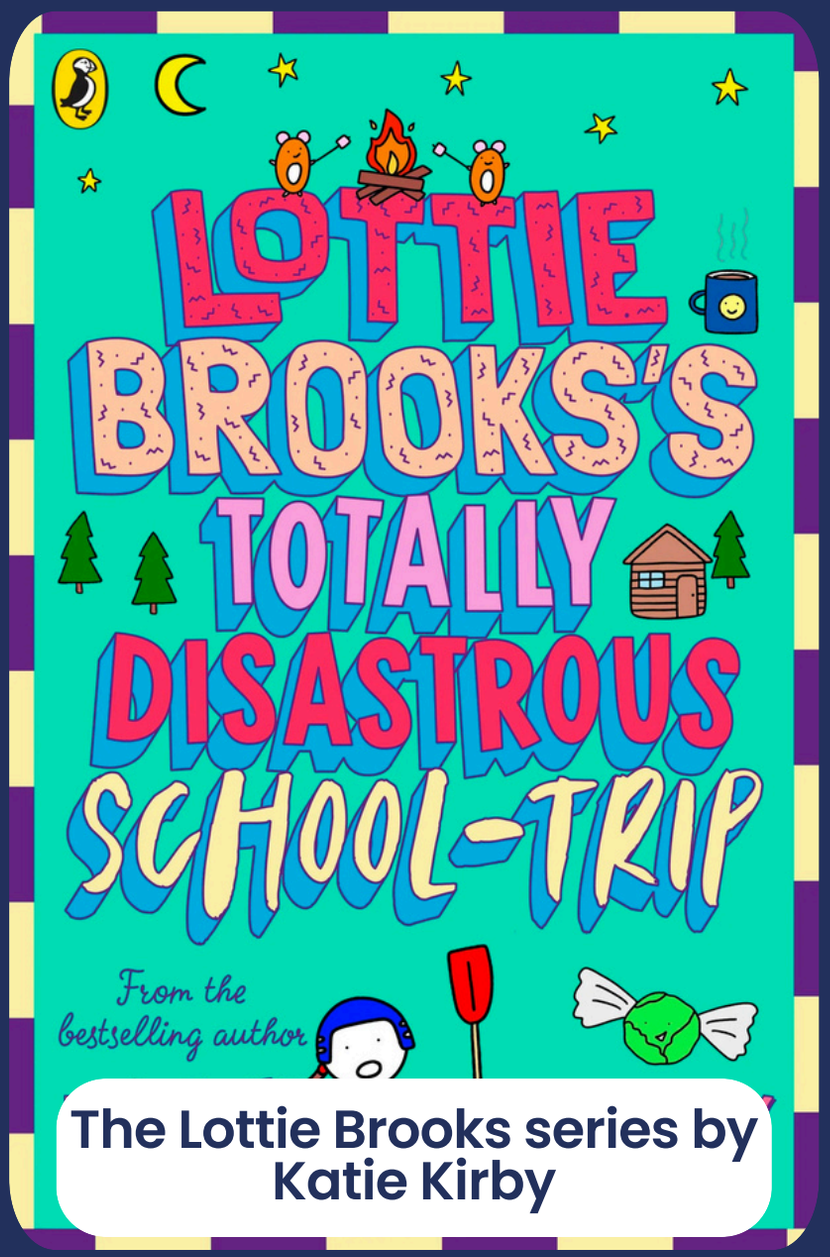
“I recommend this book for Year 3 and 4 because...

It is an exciting adventure story with lots of thrilling things happening. I enjoyed following the penguin's journey to find the lost treasure, and it made me want to keep reading to discover what happened next. The book also has some ambitious vocabulary and teaches you about friendship and teamwork.”

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Chosen by Olive, Evie and Shay, three of our Year 4 L.E.A.D. Learners



The Lottie Brooks series by Katie Kirby

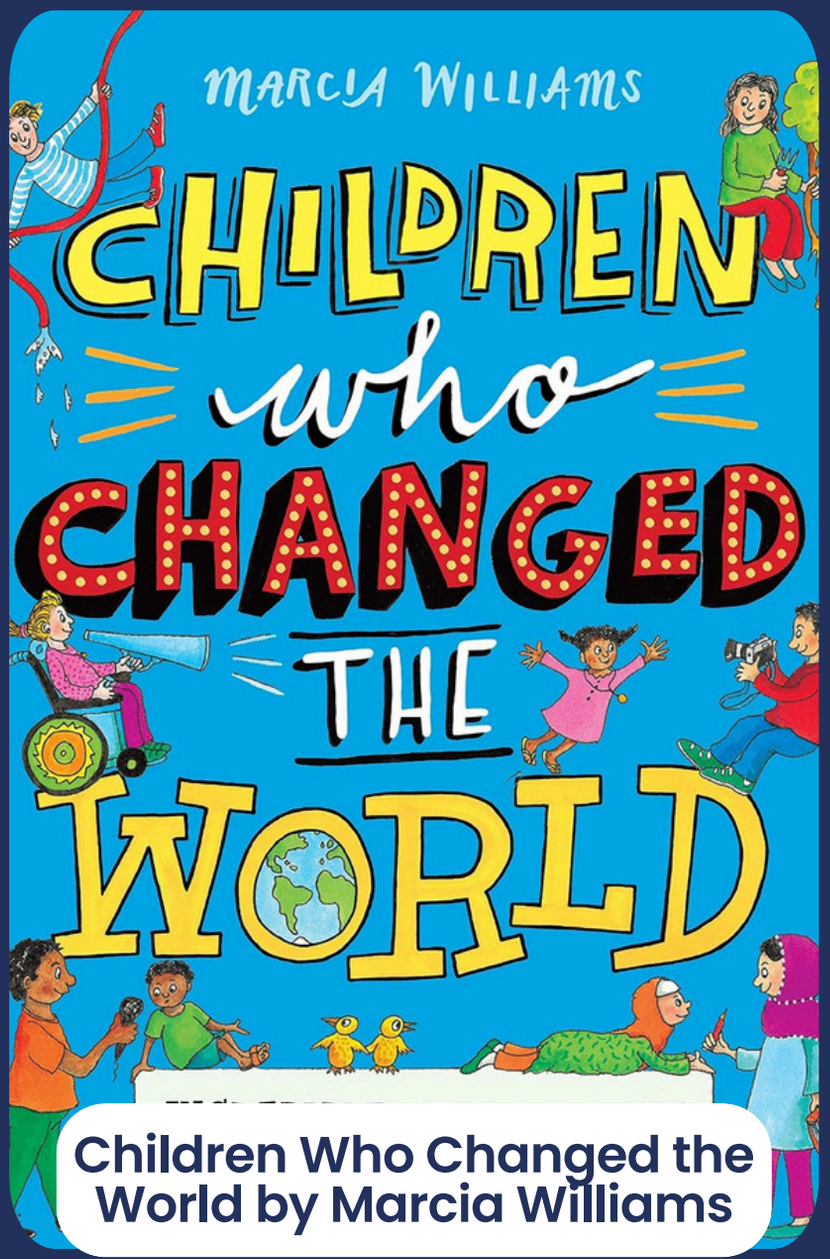
“I recommend this book for Year 4 to 6 because...

I would recommend this book because it is really funny and full of silly photos. I like the diary-style writing, and it made me laugh a lot. The stories are easy to relate to and are all about friendships, family life and the ups and downs of growing up. It also shows unity because the friends support each other and work together through different challenges, even when things do not go to plan.”

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Chosen by Cosy, one of our Year 4 L.E.A.D. Learners



Children Who Changed the World by Marcia Williams

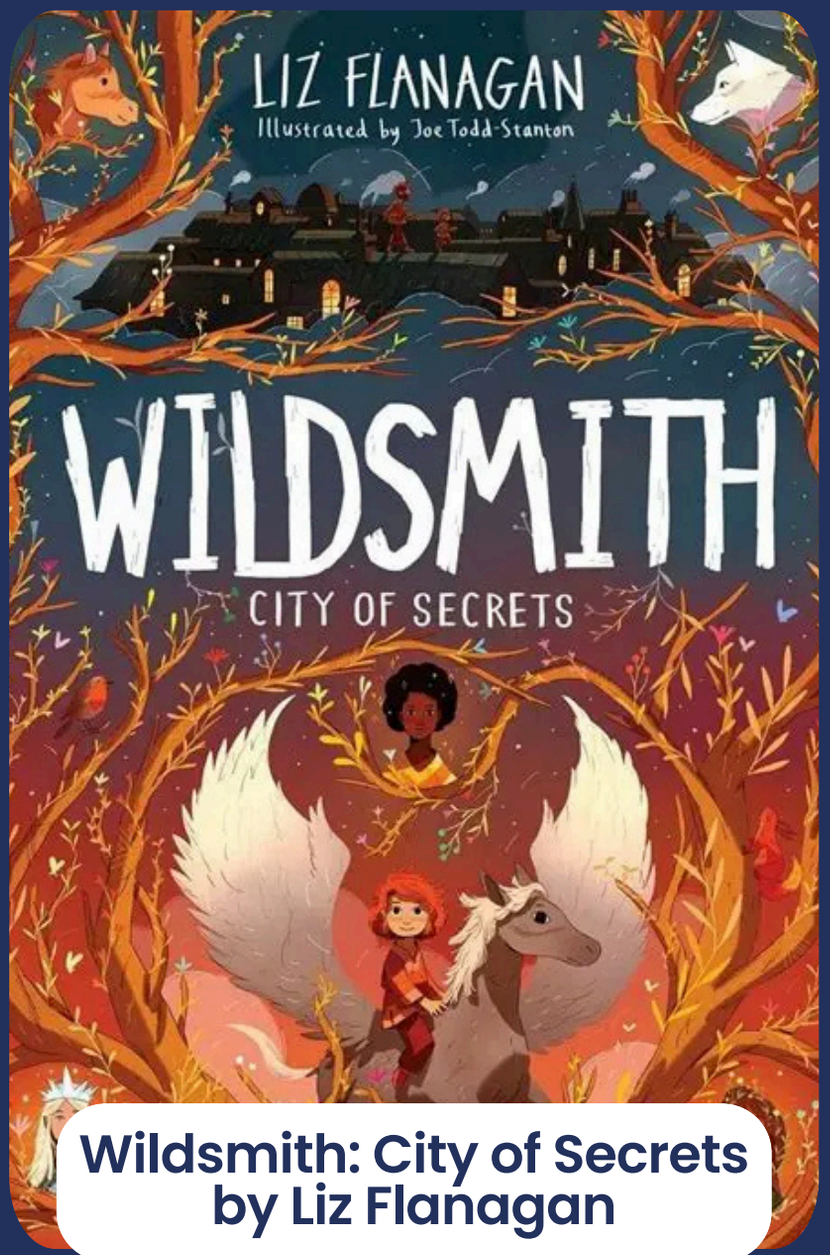
“I recommend this book for Year 4 to 6 because...

This non-fiction book is so inspiring. The children in the story kept pushing through challenges even when other people did not believe in them. It shows great resilience and teaches us that we should never give up.”

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Chosen by Ella, one of our Year 4 L.E.A.D. Learners



Wildsmith: City of Secrets by Liz Flanagan

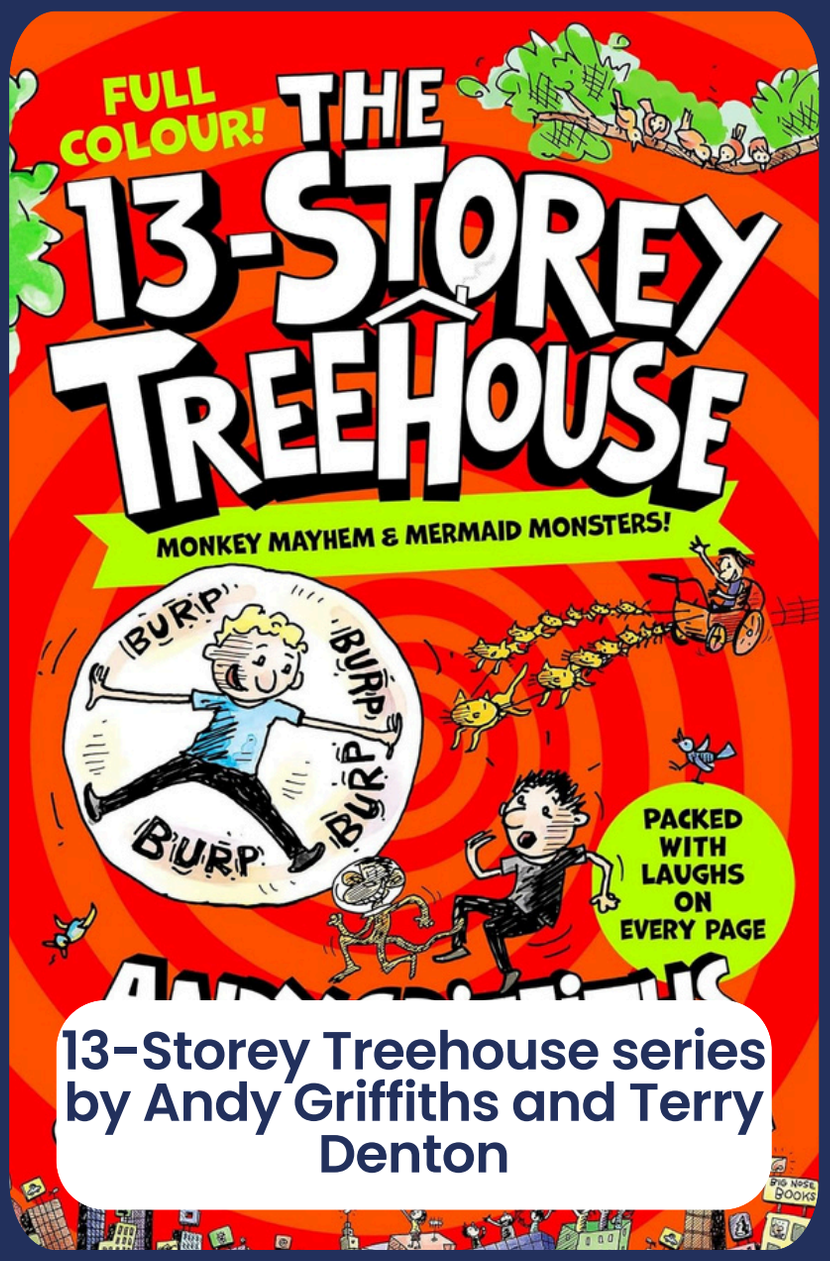
“I recommend this book for Year 4 to 6 because...

I would recommend this book because it takes you to a magical world full of amazing creatures and adventure. I especially liked reading about the Dark Forest because it felt mysterious and exciting. The story made me feel like I was there with the characters.”

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Chosen by Millie, one of our Year 4 L.E.A.D. Learners



13-Storey Treehouse series by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

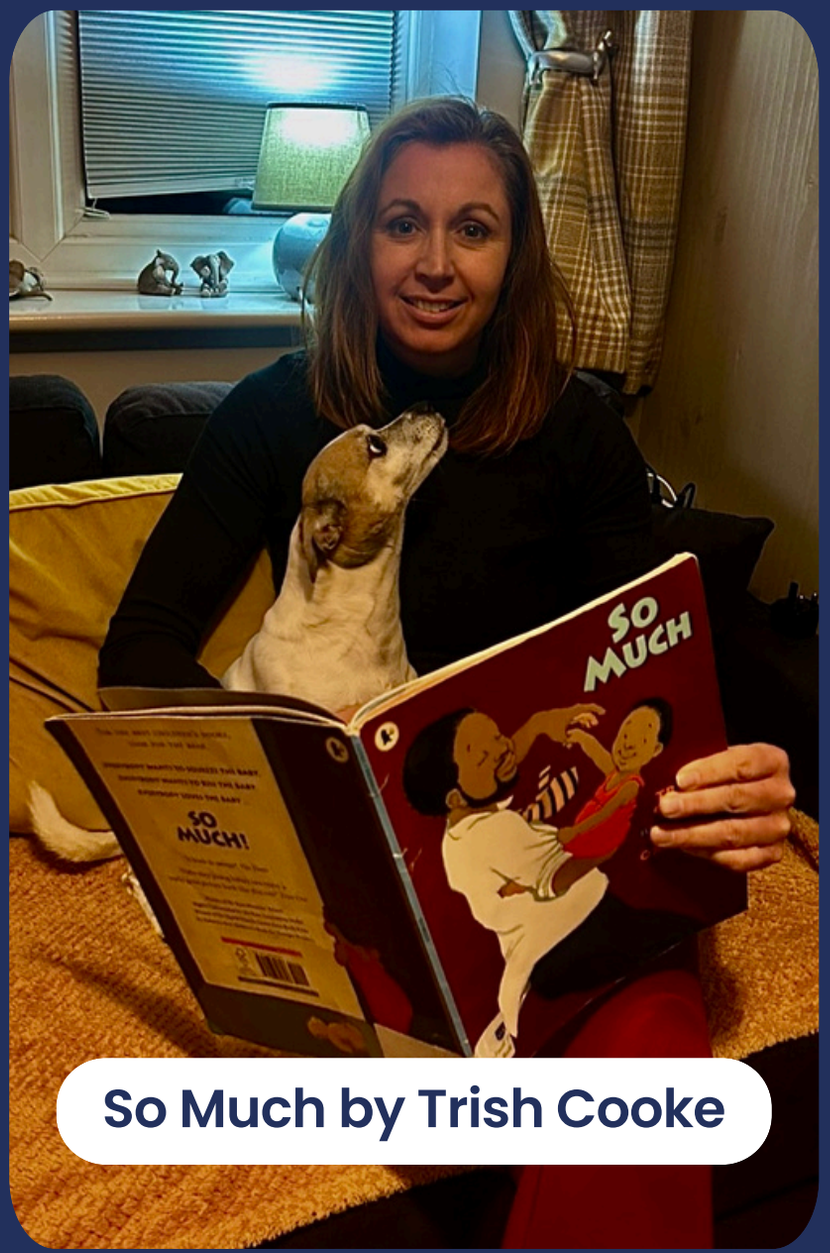
“I recommend this book for Year 4 because...

it is really funny and always cheers me up. The treehouse has lots of crazy inventions and silly surprises that made me laugh. It is a great book for children who enjoy humour, adventures and lots of pictures. If you like books that are full of fun and imagination, this is the book for you!”

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Chosen by Mrs Postles



So Much by Trish Cooke

“I recommend this book for Years 1 and 2 because...

This book is so much fun! Repetition and reiteration drive the family values in this lively book. The themes of love and togetherness will help you feel warm and cherished when reading this cozy book.”