

# Cedars Reading Newsletter



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Hello everybody!

Welcome to our first reading newsletter! Reading incredibly important to us at CEDARS: as the great Dr Seuss says,

'The more you read, the more things you will know.'

Each term we will send you a list of Book recommendations for each Year groups or some exciting news from our

'Fantastic Reading Ambassadors!'

I hope that this new newsletter will open your eyes to a range of new authors and books and encourage you all to

share even more stories at home!

Happy reading!

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## Year Group Book Recommendations



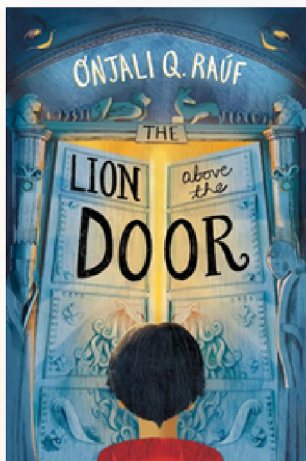
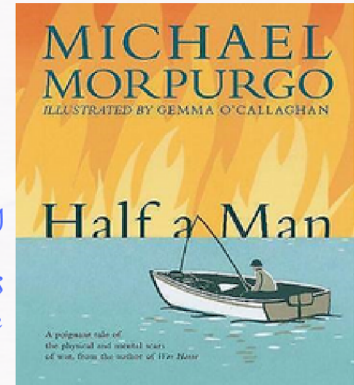
Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS at his side - they've been inseparable since Nursery. But when they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, his world turns upside-down. As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital. His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to make sense of what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough?





Class 6A  
Half a Man by Michael Morpurgo -

This is a story narrated by a young boy about his grandfather. He was a sailor in the merchant army in WW2 and suffered severe injuries that left him with burns and missing limbs! His grandfather never spoke of what happened but as the boy grows older and his relationship with his grandfather grows, he tells him the story. He chose to tell Michael as he didn't treat him like others- he didn't look away nor was he scared by what he saw, instead he was intrigued. He learnt the truth about his grandfather's life during the war and why his grandfather felt like half a man- both physically and mentally (he felt like this mentally towards his wife as the PTSD from the war meant he wasn't fully there, only half there- like half a man). As the story ended, grandpa passed away and the boy, now a man, says his ashes were released at sea- he was no longer half a man.

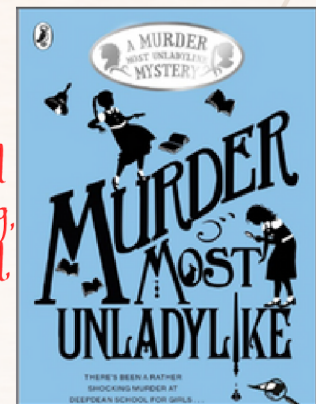


Class 6A are really enjoying listening to 'The Lion above the door' for our story time. The book links to our learning in History - World War 2.

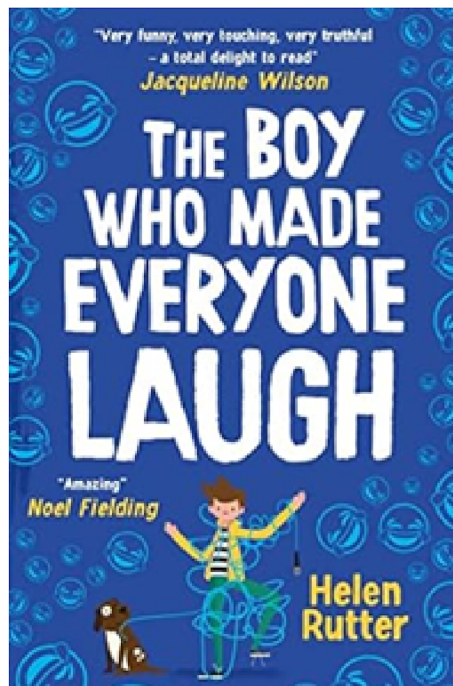
Going on a trip to a war museum, Leo envies his classmates that have stories to tell about their great-grandparents and family members who fought in the war. Yet, when he finds his own name on a war memorial, he is amazed. Who was this brave soldier, and is he related to Leo in any way?

Class 5N  
Murder Most Unladylike

Murder Most Unladylike is about schoolgirl detectives, Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong, who solve a murder at their boarding school, Deepdean, which is in the English countryside. After that, suspicious deaths seem to follow them around!



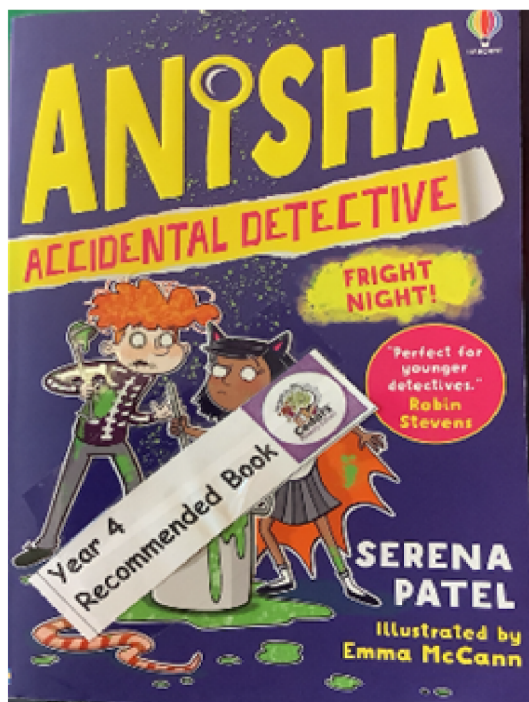
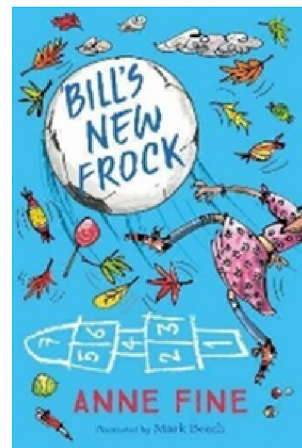




Class 5P are absolutely loving this novel! It is about a boy called Billy Plimpton, who is an eleven-year-old boy with a big dream. He wants to be a stand-up comedian when he grows up: delivering pinpoint punch-lines and having audiences hang on his every hilarious word. A tough career for anyone, but is it even possible for Billy, who has a stammer? How will he find his voice, if his voice won't let him speak? This story has initiated several discussions during story time, particularly about being kind to others, especially when they have a difference. We have talked about accepting people as they are and about embracing differences. Currently, we are on chapter 11 and the topic of bullying has come up. We have been very emotional about what Billy is experiencing and we talked about the importance of confiding in a trusted adult. What we found really interesting is that the author, Helen Rutter, has a son who has a stammer. She wanted to write the book that he would love to read, starring a child like him. Whilst it is an emotional story, we have had a many laugh out loud moments and it is clear that Billy has a great personality. We wish we could meet the character in real!

## Class 4V

One morning, almost as if in a dream, Billy wakes up to find that he has turned into a girl! His mother casually dresses him in a pink dress and sends him off to school, where he realises how differently girls are treated. How on earth is he going to survive a whole day like this? Everything just seems to be different for girls ...



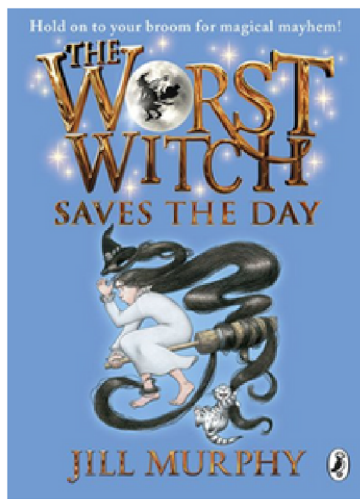
## Class 4A

Definitely, there's a spooky mystery at school, in the sixth hilarious case in the award-winning Anisha, Accidental Detective series! It's Halloween and everyone is excited about the school disco, except for Anisha! This is because Anisha can easily recall the negative experience from the past decade; they haven't had a disco for several years! It's a bit much for me – all that dressing-up and dancing. I'd rather cosy up with a good book, but Milo, Mindy and Manny are all super excited.

Or at least, they were excited, until all these strange things started happening – messages appearing on the whiteboard, lights flickering on and off, books flying off the library shelves... Some of the other kids have been whispering that the school is haunted, but Mr. Craft says that if the spooky mischief doesn't stop, then the disco will be cancelled.

Looks like an immediate mission for Anisha, accidental ghost detective!

The theme is 'mystery' which is perfect for younger detectives – so funny, clever and packed with delightful characters!



Class 3B thought this book was amazing. Mildred (the worst witch) saved the day again from Miss Cackles' evil twin sister Agatha. Agatha pretends to be Form Threes teacher called Miss Granite. She locked Mildred in a cupboard but she turned herself into an ant and crept under the cupboard door to safety.

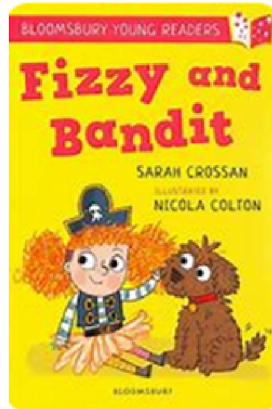
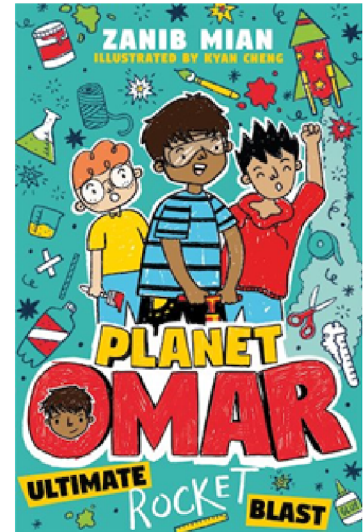
This book made me feel Happy, Excited, Curious, Amused

### Class 3C – Planet Omar – Ultimate Rocket Blast

Omar and his friends need to make the best rocket. This is how they will win a very exciting challenge – and visit a **REAL LIFE ROCKET**. However, he does not know how to make a rocket and neither do his friends.

His parents are scientists, but they're not helping him. His classmates want their rocket to win, so they're not helping him. It is Omar and his friends against the world.

As they build the rocket, support one another and watch out for sabotage. We learn the importance of sticking with your friends and showing ambition in your learning.



### Year 2

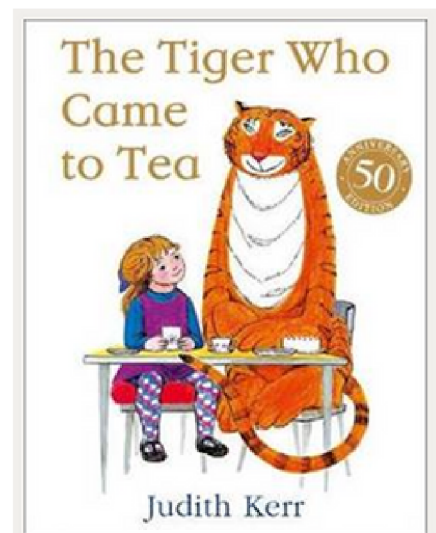
The children have really enjoyed reading the book Fizzy and the Bandit.

Fizzy wants a pet more than anything in the world but mum won't allow her to have one. One day she meets Mrs Crumbleboom and her dreams come true. The problem is she must hide the dog from her mum. She manages to hide it but not for long.

### Year 1

The Tiger who came for tea.

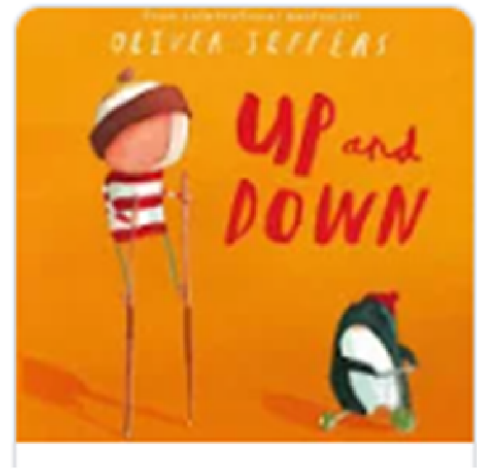
In year 1 we have been sharing a range of stories during our story time. We have shared some new stories and some classics that they already know. A favorite the children have enjoyed is The Tiger who came for tea. What would you do if a tiger knocked on your front door wanting to join you for tea? This is a wonderfully charming book that has been enjoyed for 50 years. The tiger arrived at Sophie's house and asked if he could stay for tea. Sophie's mum invited him in but it soon took a turn when the tiger devoured all the food and drink in the house. What would they do when dad came home for tea and there wasn't anything for him to eat or drink?





## Year 1 Up and Down

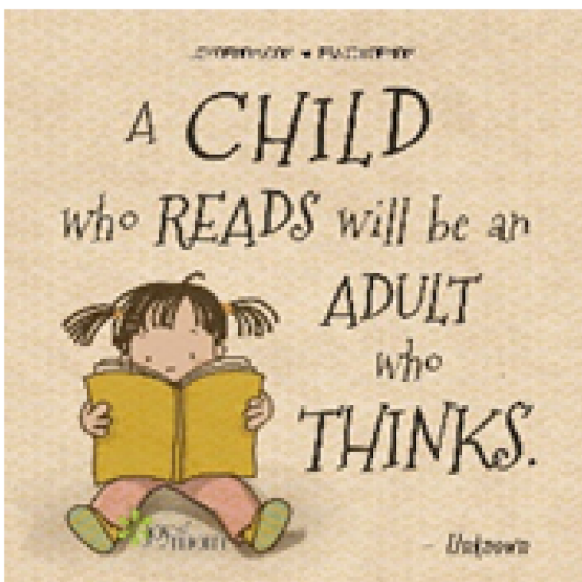
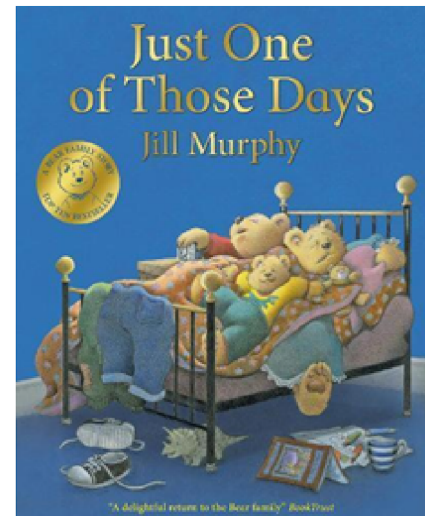
In year 1 we have been reading some stories from the author Oliver Jeffers. We have enjoyed reading about the friendship developing between the boy and the penguin. In this story the penguin wants to explore being a penguin and really wants to fly. The boy helps his friend in whatever way he can but during his quest to fly they end up losing each other and wonder if they will ever find each other again. We have loved following the friendship of the boy and penguin and glad they found each other again to go on more adventures together.



Reception Class  
Follow Gordon the Balloon on his adventures around the world; learning new things, meeting people and avoiding all the dangers which come with being a balloon. Gordon is having a great time travelling with the circus when a storm hits their ship, leaving them stranded on an island! Gordon needs to be brave in order to save his friends.

## Nursery Class

Our Nursery recommended read is Just One Of Those Days by Jill Murphy. This book shows how it is ok to have one of those days and sometimes things do not always go to plan. But at the end of the day we have our family there to speak to and spend time with



Reading for pleasure engages the imagination. Research shows it has other far-reaching benefits such as improving literacy, social skills, and health and learning outcomes.