

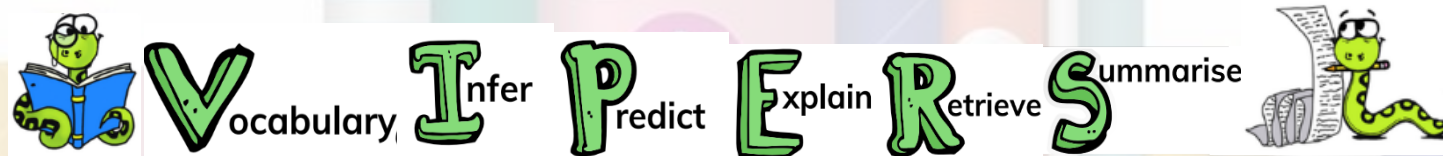
# Glendinning Academy Reading Spine

Our reading spine has been developed to encourage our students to develop a love of reading and to access high quality texts which will enrich their lives.

The texts have been chosen to support our students in developing a wider understanding of the world around them. The texts support the development of our academy values of Positivity, Empathy, Respect, Team Work, and Inclusion.



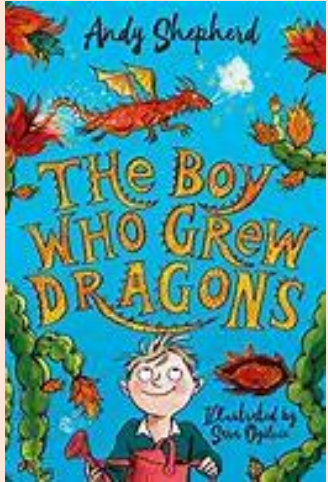
The texts are read in class time at the end of the day across the school. The use of VIPERS reading strategies support our students to develop skills in the key areas which children need to know and understand in order to improve their comprehension of texts.



## Key stage 2 Year A

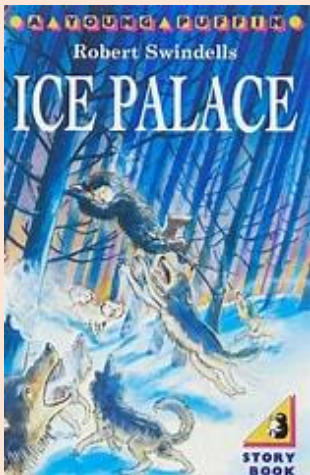
### Autumn

#### The Boy Who Grew Dragons Andy Shepherd



When Tomas finds a dragon-fruit tree in his grandad's garden and a tiny dragon bursts out of one of the fruit, he discovers just how much more trouble than cucumbers they are

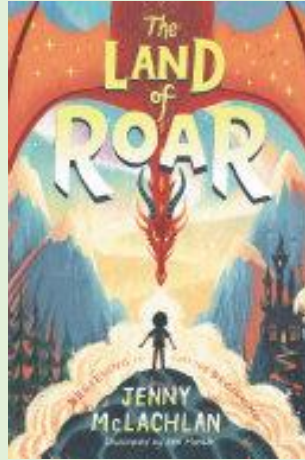
#### Ice Palace Robert Swindells



Ivan lives in a land where the winter is dark and fearful. Starjik, King of Winter, steals Ivan's little brother and Ivan braves the bitter cold to find him.

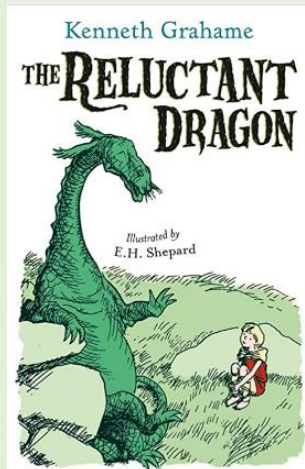
### Spring

#### The Land of Roar Jenny McLachlan



Everyone remembers their secret imaginary world...but what if you discovered that yours was real? When Arthur and Rose were little, they were the heroes of Roar, a magical world they invented where the wildest creations of their imaginations roamed. Now that they're eleven, Roar is just a distant memory. But it hasn't forgotten them.

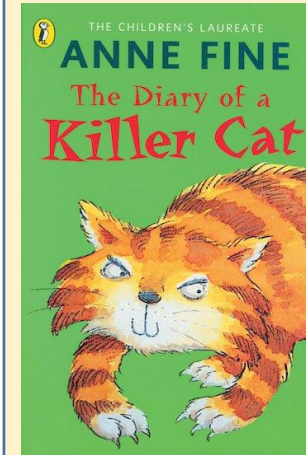
#### The Reluctant Dragon Kenneth Grahame



'Now, dragon,' said the Boy imploringly. 'You've got to fight him some time of other you know, 'cos he's St George and you're the dragon. Better get it over, and then we can go on with the sonnets.' Everyone knows St George has to do battle with the dragon, but what happens when the dragon simply won't fight St George?

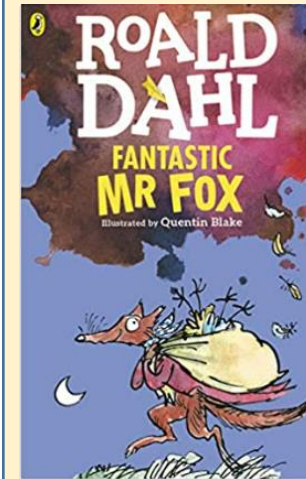
### Summer

#### The Diary of a Killer Cat Anne Fine



Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird into the house. Then a mouse. But Tuffy can't understand what all the fuss is about. Who on earth will be the next victim to arrive through the cat-flap? Can soft-hearted Ellie manage to get her beloved pet to change his wild, wild ways before he ends up in even deeper trouble?

#### Fantastic Mr Fox Roald Dahl



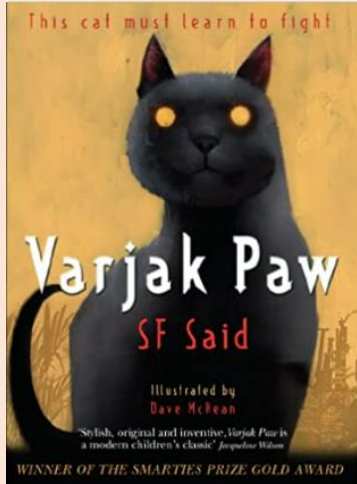
**Boggis** is an enormously fat chicken farmer who only eats boiled chickens smothered in fat. **Bunce** is a duck-and-geese farmer whose dinner gives him a beastly temper. **Bean** is a turkey-and-apple farmer who only drinks gallons of strong cider. **Mr Fox** is so clever that every evening he creeps down into the valley and helps himself to food from their farms - and those GHASTLY farmers can't catch him!



## Key stage 2 Year B

### Autumn

#### Varjak Paw S.F. Said



***This cat must learn to fight!***

Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way - a secret martial art for cats. Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all, the mysterious Vanishings.

### Spring

#### The Accidental Prime Minister Tom McLaughlin

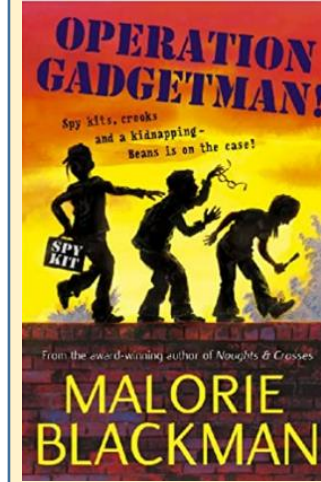


When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world!

Before long, people are calling for the current leader to resign and give someone else a go . . . and that's how an ordinary boy like Joe ended up with the most extraordinary job. Now the fun can really start . . .

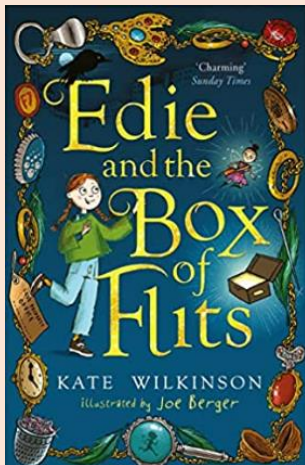
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#### Operation Gadgetman Malorie Blackman



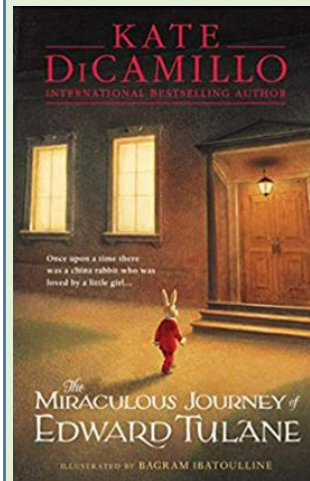
Beans calls her dad 'Gadgetman' because of the weird and wonderful gadgets he comes up with. But when Gadgetman accidentally invents a device that could be used to steal millions of pounds, the wrong people find out and Gadgetman is kidnapped! With the help of her friends - and her special Gadgetman Spy Kit - Beans is determined to track down the kidnappers and rescue her dad.

#### Edie and the Box of Flits Kate Wilkinson



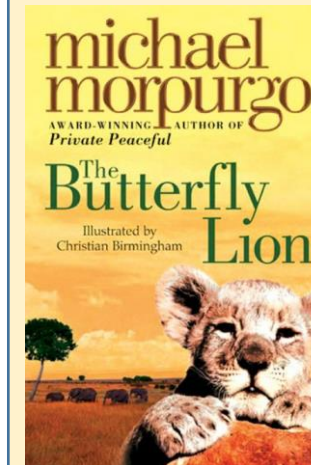
When eleven-year-old Edie Winter finds a mysterious box on the London Underground, she goes straight to take it to her father, an employee of the London Underground Lost Property Office. But on her way, Edie is amazed to discover that the box is home to a family of Flits - tiny winged people. And these Flits need Edie's help.

#### The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane Kate DiCamillo



The magical story of the adventures of a lost toy rabbit from a *New York Times* bestselling author, twice winner of the Newbery Medal. Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey. He travels with tramps, works as a scarecrow, comforts a dying child ... and finally learns what it is to truly love.

#### The Butterfly Lion Michael Morpurgo



Deep in the burning African veld, a young boy rescues an orphaned white lion cub. But when the friends are torn apart and the lion is sold to a circus, how will their story end?



## Key stage 2 Year C

### Autumn

#### Malamander Thomas Taylor

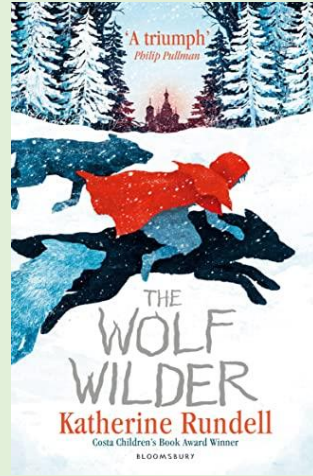


Twelve-year-old Herbert Lemon lives and works in the Grand Nautilus Hotel in the strange and frequently foggy seaside town of Eerie-on-Sea.

The hotel's 'lost and founder', he's tasked with cataloguing lost things and trying to find their owners. But his newest 'lost' item is rather different: an enigmatic girl called Violet Parma.

### Spring

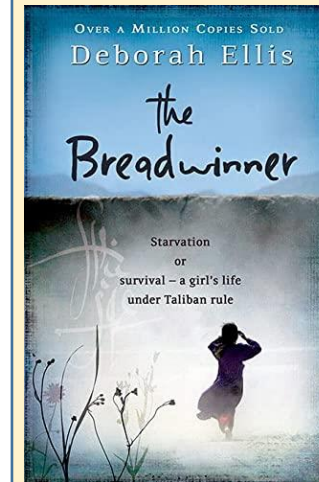
#### The Wolf Wilder Katherine Rundell



Feo's mother is a wolf wilder, and Feo is a wolf wilder in training: a person who teaches tamed animals to be wild again, to fend for themselves, and to fight and to run. When the corrupt Russian Army threatens her wolves and arrests her mum, Feo is left with no option but to go on the run.

### Summer

#### The Breadwinner Deborah Ellis



Afghanistan: Parvana's father is arrested and taken away by Taliban soldiers. Under Taliban law, women and girls are not allowed to leave the house on their own. Parvana, her mother, and sisters are prisoners in their own home. With no man to go out to buy food, they face starvation. So Parvana must pretend to be a boy to save her family. It is a dangerous plan, but their only chance. In fear, she goes out - and witnesses the horror of landmines, the brutality of the Taliban, and the desperation of a country trying to survive.

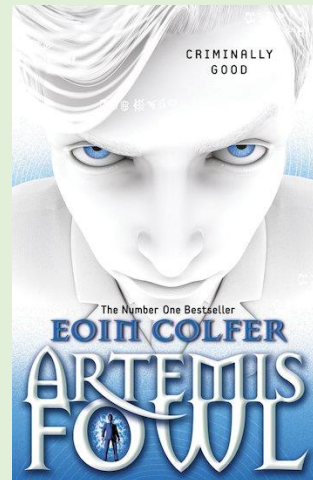
#### Coming to England Floella Benjamin



When Floella Benjamin first came to England from Trinidad in the early sixties, she hadn't seen her parents for fifteen months. At first, her joy at being reunited with her mother overcomes the shock at her new surroundings in cold, noisy London but when she starts school she is upset by the taunting and rejection she faces.

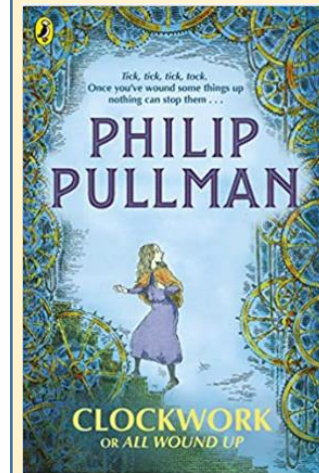
Determined to survive, Floella realizes that the only way is to be twice as good as everyone else

#### Artemis Fowl Eoin Coife



At just twelve years old, Artemis Fowl is a criminal genius. No scheme is too dastardly, no plot too devious. And he's just discovered that fairies are real. Poor fairies. But these are not the cuddly creatures of bedtime stories. They are armed. They are dangerous. And when Artemis captures Captain Holly Short for her fairy gold, he messes with the wrong elf. Holly isn't armed but she's incredibly dangerous, and pretty annoyed with all the kidnapping. Artemis Fowl is about to find out that fairies fight back. Let the misadventure begin

#### Clockwork Philip Pullman



Tick, tock, tick, tock! Some stories are like that. Once you've wend them up, nothing will stop them ... A tormented apprentice clock-maker, a deadly mechanical knight in armour - and the sinister Dr Kalmenius, who some say is the devil ... Wind up these characters, fit them into a story on a cold winter's evening, with the snow swirling down, and suddenly life and the story begin to merge in a peculiarly macabre- and unstoppable - way. Almost like clockwork ...

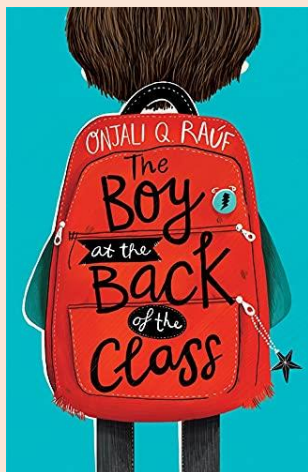


## Key stage 2 Year D

### Autumn

#### The Boy at the Back of the Class

Onjali Q. Rauf



There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help.

#### Nightfall in New York

Katherine Woodfine

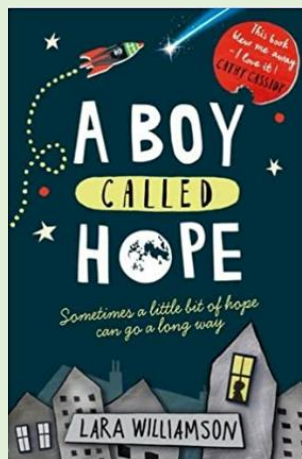


Top secret agents, Sophie Taylor and Lil Rose have set sail to New York City on an elegant ocean liner, ready to face their enemies and settle old scores. These two brave friends will need all of their detective skills, courage and derring-do as they race against time to rescue a beloved friend.

### Spring

#### A Boy called Hope

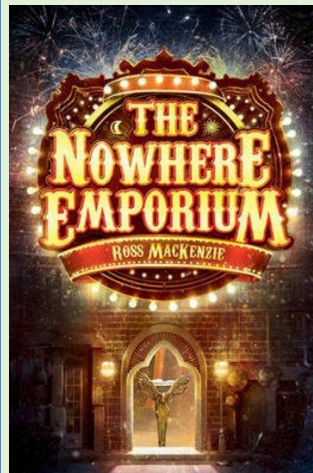
Lara Williamson



I'm Dan Hope and deep inside my head I keep a list of things I want to come true. For example, I want my sister, Ninja Grace, to go to university at the North Pole and only come back once a year. I want to help Sherlock Holmes solve his most daring mystery yet. And if it could be a zombie mystery, all the more exciting. I want my dog to stop eating the planets and throwing them up on the carpet. And finally, the biggest dream of all, I want my dad to love me.

#### The Nowhere Emporium

Ross MacKenzie

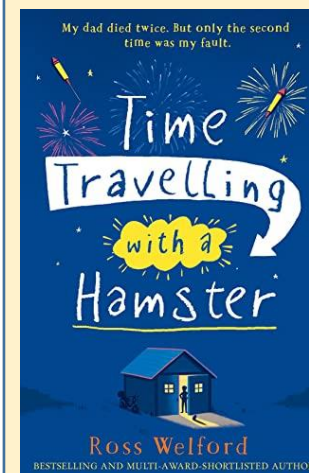


When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment.

### Summer

#### The Timetravelling Hamster

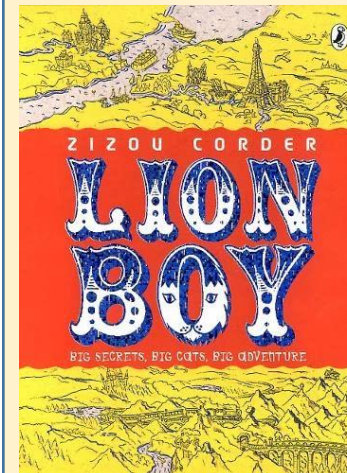
Ross Welford



When 12-year-old Al Chaudry learns there is a time machine, made by his father, sitting in the garage of his old house, he has to go and get it - doesn't he? Then he can travel back in time and save his father's life. With his pet hamster Alan Shearer for company, Al is determined to follow his dad's instructions. But time travel can be tricky and there are strict rules. Can Al race against time to change the past *and* the future, while keeping hold of Alan Shearer and not arousing suspicion?

#### Lion Boy

Zizou Corder



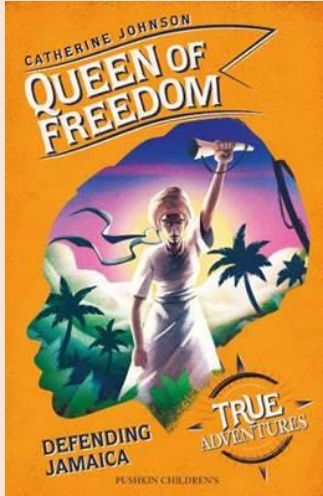
Charlie Ashanti can speak Cat. He takes it for granted, but when his mum and dad go missing, the Cats are the only friends he can turn to. Setting out to find his parents, Charlie stows away on a circus ship. On board he meets six lions who need his help. They embark on the adventure of a lifetime.



# Key stage 3 Year 7

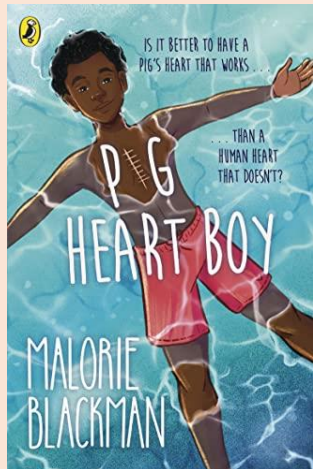
## Autumn

### Queen of Freedom: Defending Jamaica (1783) Catherine Johnson



1720. Blue Mountains, windward Jamaica. High above the army camps and plantations of the British Empire, a group of ex-slaves - called Maroons - are building a new home for themselves. When British soldiers enter the forests to hunt them down, one of the Maroons will lead the fight against them - Queen Nanny, a 'wise woman' with a reputation for ancient obeah magic, and a guerrilla fighter of genius. Under her generalship, her people will make a do-or-die defence of their freedom.

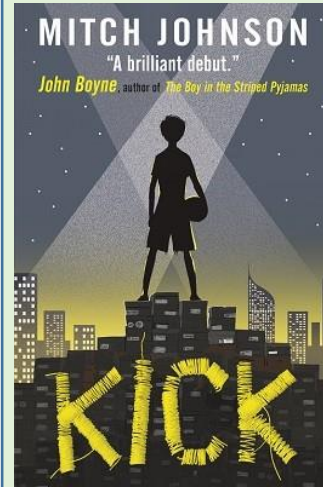
### Pig Heart Boy Malorie Blackman



Cameron is thirteen and desperately in need of a heart transplant when a pioneering doctor approaches his family with a startling proposal. He can give Cameron a new heart -- but not one from a human, one from a pig. It's never been done before. It's experimental, risky and very controversial. But Cameron is fed up with just sitting on the side of life, always watching and never doing. He has to try -- to become the world's first pig-heart boy.

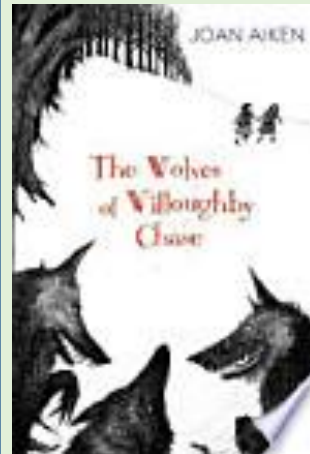
## Spring

### Kick Mitch Johnson



Budi's plan is simple. He's going to be a star. Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life.

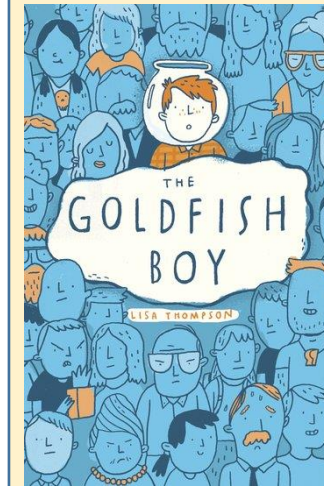
### The Wolves of Willoughby Chase Joan Aiken



There are wolves outside the walls of Willoughby Chase, but for cousins Bonnie and Sylvia, the real danger lies inside. Their wicked governess Miss Slighcarp is working with a network of criminals, forgers and snitches to carry out a terrible plan. Bonnie and Sylvia must use all their wits if they are to escape their cruel governess - and the wolves.

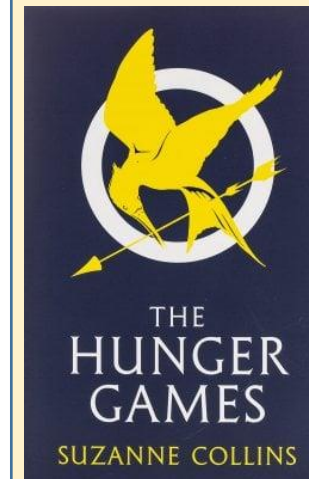
## Summer

### The Goldfish Boy Lisa Thompson



Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by **crippling OCD**, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance – with the help of a brilliant cast of supporting characters

### The Hunger Games Suzanne Collins



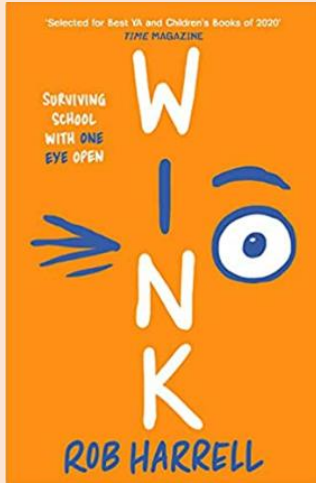
Set in a dark vision of the near future, a terrifying reality TV show is taking place. Twelve boys and twelve girls are forced to appear in a live event called The Hunger Games. There is only one rule: kill or be killed.

When sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen steps forward to take her younger sister's place in the games, she sees it as a death sentence. But Katniss has been close to death before. For her, survival is second nature

## Key stage 3 Year 8

### Autumn

#### Wink Rob Harrell



Ross Maloy just wants to be a normal seventh grader. He doesn't want to lose his hair, or wear a weird hat, or deal with the disappearing friends who don't know what to say to the cancer kid. But with his recent diagnosis of a rare eye cancer, blending in is off the table.

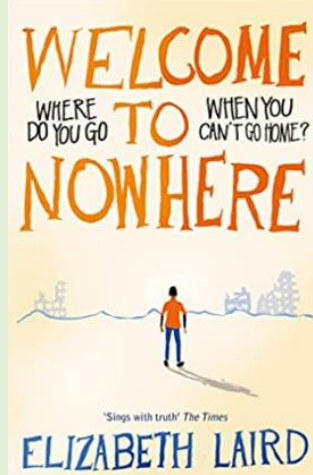
#### Liclle Bit Malorie Blackman



What's worse than hiding a secret? Liclle Bit's about to find out... Venetia King is the hottest girl at school. Too bad Lemar is the second shortest guy in his year. Everyone calls him Liclle Bit, and his two best friends, McKay and Jonah, never tire of telling him he has no chance with girls. Things aren't much better at home. His mum is permanently hassled, his sister a frustrated single mum and his dad moved out years ago. Liclle Bit wishes he could do something - anything! - to make life better. A new phone would be a start...

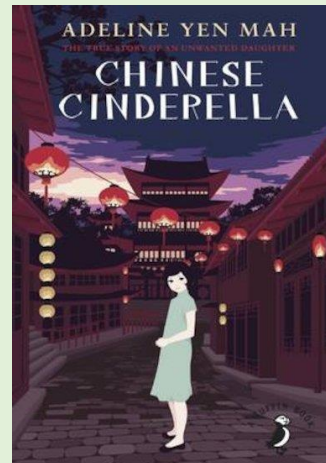
### Spring

#### Welcome to Nowhere Elizabeth Laird



Twelve-year-old Omar and his brothers and sisters were born and raised in the beautiful and bustling city of Bosra, Syria. Omar doesn't care about politics - all he wants is to grow up to become a successful businessman who will take the world by storm. But when his clever older brother, Musa, gets mixed up with some young political activists, everything changes...

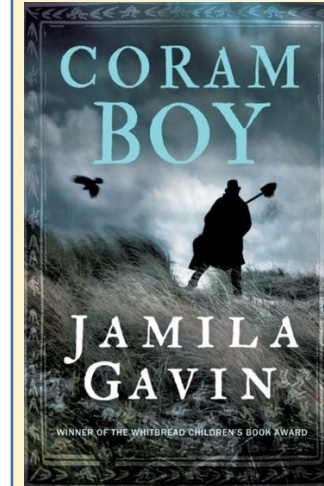
#### Chinese Cinderella Adeline Yen Mah



Jung-ling's family considers her bad luck because her mother died giving birth to her. Her stepmother is vindictive and cruel and her father dismissive. Jung-ling grows up to be an academic child, with a natural ability for writing. Only her aunt and grandfather offer her any love and kindness. blossoms in spite of everything and the story ends as her father agrees to let her study in England.

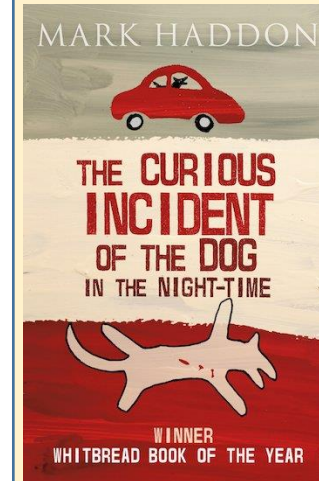
### Summer

#### Coram Boy Jamila Gavin



The story of Toby, saved from an African ship as a child, and Aaron, the illegitimate son of the heir to a great estate whose lives are linked by the Coram Man, a shady figure who collects abandoned and unwanted children from across the country, supposedly to deliver them to a safe new life at the Coram Hospital. In reality he sells them into slavery, or 'disposes' of them, Toby and Aaron find themselves bound together in an epic journey, fraught with danger and excitement.

#### The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime Mark Haddon



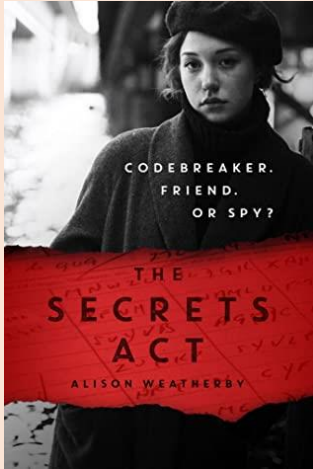
Christopher is an intelligent youth who lives in the functional hinterland of autism--every day is an investigation for him because of all the aspects of human life that he does not quite get. When the dog next door is killed with a garden fork, Christopher becomes quietly persistent in his desire to find out what has happened and tugs away at the world around him until a lot of secrets unravel messily.



## Key stage 3 Year 9

### Autumn

#### The Secrets Acts Alison Weatherby



Pearl and Ellen are recruited to work at code-cracking HQ, Bletchley Park, during World War Two—but when they stumble across a sinister plot which threatens the very soul of the war effort, their budding friendship is put to the test

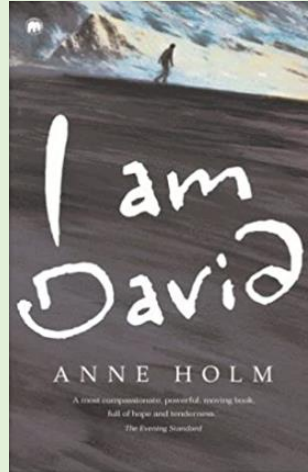
#### Are you there God? It's me, Margaret. Judy Bloom



Margaret Simon, almost twelve, likes long hair, tuna fish, the smell of rain, and things that are pink. She's just moved from New York City to New Jersey, and is anxious to fit in with her new friends. When they form a secret club to talk about private subjects like boys, bras, and getting their first periods, Margaret is happy to belong. But none of them can believe Margaret doesn't have religion. What they don't know is Margaret has her own very special relationship with God. She can talk to God about everything.

### Spring

#### I am David Anne Holm



David escapes from the concentration camp where he has spent his entire life and flees across Europe. He is utterly alone – who can he trust? What will await him? And all the while, how can he be sure that *they* won't catch up with him . . .

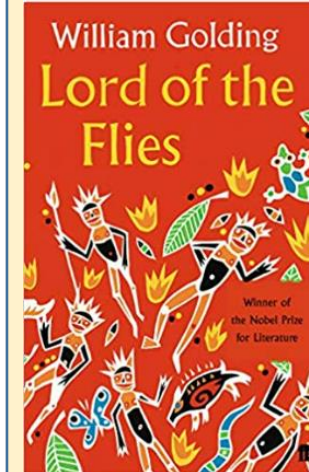
#### A kestrel for a Knave Barry Hines



Life is tough and cheerless for Billy Casper, a troubled teenager growing up in the small Yorkshire mining town of Barnsley. Treated as a failure at school, and unhappy at home, Billy discovers a new passion in life when he finds Kes, a kestrel hawk. Billy identifies with her silent strength and she inspires in him the trust and love that nothing else can, discovering through her the passion missing from his life.

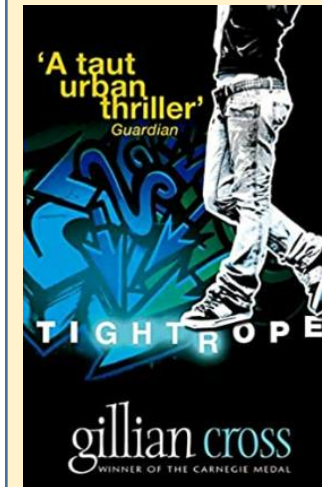
### Summer

#### Lord of the Flies William Golding



A plane crashes on a desert island. The only survivors are a group of schoolboys. By day, they discover fantastic wildlife and dazzling beaches, learning to survive; at night, they are haunted by nightmares of a primitive beast. Orphaned by society, it isn't long before their innocent childhood games devolve into a savage, murderous hunt ..

#### Tightrope Gillian Cross



When Ashley graffiti tags a wall, she has no idea how serious the consequences will be. Someone dangerous sees her. Now Ashley is being watched and followed. Then the notes start arriving. When the threats turn deadly, Ashley realizes she can't confront the stalker alone and seeks the help of local gang leader Eddie Beale. But Eddie's help doesn't come for free—he expects something in return. Ashley has to decide how far she's willing to go—and what she's prepared to risk—to unmask her stalker.