

**Miss Bools and Mrs Szczygiel’s Recommended Reads!**

**“*There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book*.”**

The following list includes *only* books that I have personally read and would **fully** recommend to my class. They all fall into the 9-12 age range so would be perfect for Years 5 & 6. I already purchased and have read some of these books, so if you would like to borrow one, ask! Happy reading…

(Even though I loved reading some of these books, the books highlighted in grey are **HIGHLY** recommended!)

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| **Book Cover** | **Title** | **Author** | **A Brief Guide…** |
|  | **The Elemental Detectives** | **Patrice Lawrence** | Step into a London **lit up** by the Elemental spirits: the fiery Dragons, the airy Fumis, the watery Chads and the earthbound Magogs.  But humans have been causing chaos for centuries, trampling through the landscape trailing noise, mess and pollution. What if the Elements could slow down this new world... or stop it all together?  The revenge-fuelled Shepherdess, who moves between the everyday and the supernatural London worlds, is **the perfect weapon**. She brings a sleeping sickness down on the city with the destruction of society in her sights.  Marisee and Robert are the Elemental Detectives chasing the clues to avoid catastrophe: they must face the ghosts of Hyde Park, the monstrous coiled snake of the Serpentine, and a whole host of other **fantastical creatures** in their mission to stop the Shepherdess and prevent London slumbering for all eternity... |
|  | **Holes** | **Louis Sachar** | Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. Why? The evil warden claims that it's character building, but this is a lie. It's up to Stanley to dig up the truth. |
|  | **Beetle Boy** | **M.G. Leonard** | Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle – and it seems to want to communicate.  But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery? |
|  | **A Pinch of Magic** | **Michelle Harrison** | The Widdershins sisters, Betty, Fliss and Charlie are trapped, prevented from leaving their home on Crowstone by an ancient family curse.  When they inherit three magical objects with the power to change their fate, adventure beckons.  But are they being led into even greater danger?   Join the Widdershins sisters and break the family curse in the first Pinch of Magic Adventure. |
|  | **Classic Read**  **A Christmas Carol** | **Charles Dickens** | Mean old Ebenezer Scrooge hates *everything*. Even Christmas! Until, one frosty Christmas Eve, Scrooge receives a visit from three ghostly spirits, who whisk him away on a magical journey through past, present and future... But can they melt his frozen heart before it's too late? |

Other reading related activities that you could take part in could be:

* Read a book written in the year you were born
* Read a newspaper article
* Read a comic or a graphic novel
* Read a book with a one-word title
* Read a book based on a true story
* Re-read your favourite book from when you were little