

**Mrs Fairbanks and Mrs McMurray’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*.”**

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| **Book Cover** | **Title** | **Author** | **A Brief Guide…** |
|  | **The Song Walker** | **Zillah Bethell** | This time, the setting is the Australian Outback and the reader feels the blazing heat and dryness of the red, flat landscape that spans underneath a limitless sky. The main character, who is nameless at the start of the story, appears to have no idea how she got there or who she is. She carries a mysterious case and finds herself on a search for answers accompanied by her new friend, Tarni. Journeying deeper into the desert landscape, the girl has to dig deep into her inner self to find answers about who she is and who she wants to be. |
|  | **Percy Jackson and the Lightening Thief** | **Rick Riordan** | Half boy . Half God . ALL Hero .  I was just a normal kid, I went to school (got expelled a lot, but that wasn’t my fault), played sports and hung out with my best friend.  Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher.  Now, I spend my time at Camp Half Blood, battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive.  And now that Zeus thinks I’ve stolen his lightning bolt, staying alive is going to be even harder! |
|  | **The Day My Family Disappeared** | **Jo Simmons & Lee Cosgrove** | Home Alone meets Adrian Mole in this hilarious madcap adventure from the bestselling author of I Swapped My Brother on the Internet.Bob Bunyon is fed up. In a family full of artists and performers, he’s the one with no talent, the one bypassed by the creativity gene – and his four siblings just won’t let him forget it. Finally sick of being taunted for being so "normal”, Bob wishes that his family would all just disappear, but he doesn’t really expect his wish to come true!When he wakes the next day to find everyone gone, Bob’s initial delight quickly turns to worry. Does he have supernatural powers? Is he the only survivor of a zombie apocalypse or an alien invasion?Gathering all his courage, and employing survival skills learned from TV endurance shows, Bob sets out to find his missing family! |
|  | **Factopia** | **Kate Hale & Andy Smith** | Welcome to FACTopia!, a wonderland of crazily connected facts. Choose your own path through this hilarious world of 400 facts, all of which are verified by Encyclopaedia Britannica. Every fact in the book is connected to the next in an ingenious trail of information – making it a kind of ‘choose your own adventure’ of the fact world. From the attention-grabbing orange cover to the final recordbreaking endings, this book is a winner. |