



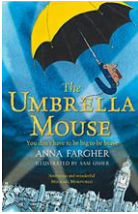

Miss Bools and Mrs Szczygiel's Recommended Reads!

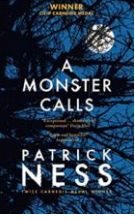

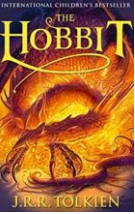


"There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book."

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!)

Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide...
	The Umbrella Mouse	Anna Farghar	<p>1944, and London is under attack. Young mouse Pip Hanway's safe and quiet world is turned upside down when her home, umbrella shop James Smith & Sons, is destroyed by a bomb. Orphaned and alone, she must begin a perilous quest to find a new home.</p> <p>But the only way to get there is by joining Noah's Ark, a secret gang of animals fighting with the resistance in France, operating beneath the feet of the human soldiers. Danger is everywhere and as the enemy closes in, Pip must risk everything to save her new friends.</p>
	The Other Side of the Truth	Beverly Naidoo	<p>When twelve-year-old Sade's mother is killed, she and her little brother Femi are forced to flee from their home in Nigeria to Britain. They're not allowed to tell anyone - not even their best friends - as their whole journey is secret, dangerous - and illegal. Their dad promises to follow when he can, but once the children arrive in London, things go from bad to worse when they're abandoned by the people they had been told would protect them.</p> <p>Sade faces challenge after challenge - but her dad has always taught her to stand up for what is right, and to tell the truth no matter what. And with that strength of spirit in her heart, Sade will find the courage to fight for the new, happy life she, Femi and her dad deserve.</p>

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">A Monster Calls</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Patrick Ness</p>	<p>Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth. Patrick Ness takes the final idea of the late, award-winning writer Siobhan Dowd and weaves an extraordinary and heartbreaking tale of mischief, healing and above all, the courage it takes to survive.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Fruit and Nutcase</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jean Ure</p>	<p>This is the story of how Mandy learns to cope with her untidy life and finally emerges triumphant.</p> <p>Mandy Small has trouble writing so Cat, her teacher, suggests that she tells her life story into a tape recorder. So begins Mandy's funny and sometimes sad story of life with her loving but chaotic parents - Dad, the Elvis look-alike, and Mum, whose idea of a special meal is burnt toast!</p> <p>Then there's school, where the horrible Tracey Bigg picks on Mandy and her timid friend, Oliver, not to mention Old Misery Guts, the landlady and Nan, who thinks that Mandy's parents aren't fit to look after her. With so many things to worry about, Mandy begins to think that she's in danger of turning into a real Fruit and Nutcase!</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Classic Read The Hobbit</h2>	<p style="text-align: center;">J.R.R.Tolkien</p>	<p>The Hobbit is the unforgettable story of Bilbo, a peace-loving hobbit, who embarks on a strange and magical adventure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A timeless classic.</p> <p>Bilbo Baggins enjoys a quiet and contented life, with no desire to travel far from the comforts of home; then one day the wizard Gandalf and a band of dwarves arrive unexpectedly and enlist his services - as a burglar - on a dangerous expedition to raid the treasure-hoard of Smaug the dragon. Bilbo's life is never to be the same again.</p>

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*