








Mrs Hutchinson'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 we would **fully** recommend to our classes. They all fall into the 7-12 age range so would be perfect for Happy reading...

Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide...
	Cleopatra must be saved.	Alan Surget	Cleopatra, the queen of Egypt, is in danger! But how can you save her when you're only 10 years old and living far from Egypt's capital? This doesn't stop the Egyptian boy Imeni, his Greek friend Antinios and their fearless new friend Cleo from doing all they can to save their queen. However, it won't be easy, for those plotting against Cleopatra are hot on their heels...Children of the Nile is a fun-packed historical adventure series filled with quirky characters and vile villains. Set in the time of Cleopatra, this series tells the story of three 10 year old Egyptian children, Imeni, Antonios and Cleo, whose lives are intertwined with some of the best-known events of Egyptian history. Children of the Nile is an historically accurate series of stories about Egypt through the eyes of imaginative, adventurous children featuring unique duotone illustrations in a cartoon style.
	Shy and mighty	Nadia Finer	Our noisy world sometimes feels like it's not made for shy people. This book will help children understand shyness and find their inner voice. Shyness is often misunderstood. It's not a personality flaw, it's a complex trait with many positive aspects. However, shyness means many kids struggle to speak up in class, get involved in activities, make friends, put themselves forward, and compete. As a result they can miss out on exciting opportunities, and are often overlooked, ignored, and sidelined... but it doesn't have to be this way. Introducing Shy And Mighty, a brand new book that offers an insightful way of looking at the subject that will comfort and reassure shy children and can help them to overcome the aspects of their shyness that are holding them back, without pretending to be something they're not.
	The dog that saved Christmas	Nicola Davies	Jake is different from the other kids at school. He struggles when routines change and people's emotions are so hard to understand. Christmas can be even worse and often the festivities are just too much to bear. But when Jake finds a little dog lost in the street he unlocks a connection he's never had before. Together Jake and Susan form a special bond that helps him to understand the world around him, changing his life for the better.
	Marcy and the riddle of the sphinx	Joe Todd Stanton	Buried amongst the treasures in Professor Brownstone's vault, lie his most prized possessions – a humble collection of books. Filled with stories from his ancestors, they contain tales of fearless fighters, unlikely heroes and legends from years gone by. Many years have passed since the tale of Arthur and the Golden Rope and Arthur is now a world-famous adventurer. If only his daughter Marcy shared his enthusiasm for exploration... Determined to bring out Marcy's adventurous side, Arthur sets off to Egypt to bring back the legendary Book of Thoth. When Arthur doesn't return, Marcy must follow in his footsteps.
	The song of Dolphin Boy	Elizabeth Laird	Finn has always been different, and in the tiny fishing village of Stromhead he sticks out like a sore thumb. Always told to keep away from the water, he's felt that something was missing until one day he dives in and finds that, swimming with the dolphins, he feels completely at home. But his new friends are in danger of being injured by the rubbish that floats out into the water - and now a supermarket is going to release thousands of balloons that could drift out to sea and cause even more damage. Desperate to help the dolphins, Finn goes to the Lighthouse Crew, a group of kids who have always left Finn out. Will they be able to set aside their differences to save the dolphins? And what will Finn discover about his past along the way?

