








Mrs Simons and Hibbert'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...
	Kate on the Case	Hannah Peck	<p>Kate on the Case is an absolutely gorgeous introduction to the mystery genre for young readers. This smaller-than-average chapter book is illustrated and a brilliant choice for readers just getting to grips with chapter books.</p> <p>Kate is an aspiring reporter and finds herself embroiled in a mysterious locked-room mystery about a train.</p>
	Me and Mister P	Maria Farrer	<p>Meet Arthur and his brand new friend, Mister P - the world's most helpful(ish) polar bear!</p> <p>Packed with gorgeous illustrations throughout, this story has heart and humour in equal measure and is sure to be a hit with developing readers and as a great book to be read aloud.</p>
	Under Your Feet: Soil, Sand and other stuff	Royal Horticultural Society	<p>Under Your Feet delves beneath the Earth's surface and explores the diverse wonders hidden there. Encounter creatures of the deep and marvel at the mind-boggling size of the humongous fungus - the biggest organism in the world. Learn how one handful of ordinary soil contains more organisms than there are people on Earth, and carry out experiments using dirt from your own back garden.</p>
	I Talk Like a River	Jordan Scott	<p>After a day of being unable to speak when asked, and of being stared at, a boy and his father go to the river for some quiet time. "It's just a bad speech day," says Dad. But the boy can't stop thinking about all the eyes watching his lips twisting and twirling. When his father points to the river bubbling, churning, whirling and crashing, the boy finds a way to think about how he speaks. Even the river stutters. Like him. "I talk like a river," he says.</p> <p>An incredibly moving picture book that offers understanding rather than a solution, and which will resonate with all readers, young and old.</p>
	The Boy Who Grew Dragons	Andy Shepherd	<p>When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches! The tree is a dragonfruit tree, and Tomas has got his very own dragon, Flicker ...</p>

