



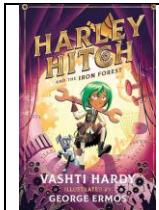
Mrs Hibbert's and Mrs Simons' Recommended Reads!



"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...

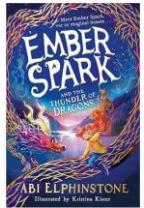
Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide...
	The Firework-Maker's Daughter	Philip Pullman	What Lila wants to be more than anything else in the world is . . . a Firework-Maker! But firework-making is not just about being able to make Crackle-Dragons and Golden Sneezes. There is also one special secret: every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend! Not knowing that she needs special protection to survive the Fire-Fiend's flames, Lila sets off alone. Her friends, Chulak and Hamlet - the King's white elephant - race after her. But can they possibly reach her in time?
	Wisp – A Story of Hope	Zana Fraillon	Idris is a child refugee, born into a world of tents and fences. He has known no other life than this. He has no memories of the world outside. Then the Wisp arrives, floating in on the evening breeze. Everyone who holds it finds their memories reawakened, their hopes of freedom reborn. But what about Idris, who has no memories? What will happen when he holds the magical Wisp?
	Fact Planet: Volcanoes	Izzi Howell	Learn about volcanoes and find out how they form, where they are most likely to be and how scientists study them through diagrams and case studies. <i>Fact Planet</i> is a lively, information-filled geography series, packed full of colourful illustrations, clear explanations and fun quizzes to test your knowledge. The eye-catching flat illustrations combined with occasional photos bring geography and environmental issues to life. Other topics covered in this series are earthquakes, mountains, pollution, rivers and coasts, animals at risk, settlements and Earth's resources
	The Night Flower	Lara Hawthorne	As the summer sun sets over the desert in Arizona, wildlife of every variety gather to witness a very special annual event. The night flower is about to bloom! This celebration transforms the quiet desert for just a short few hours into a riot of colour and sound, as mammals and insects congregate from miles away to take part in this miracle of nature. From pollinating fruit bats to howling mice and reptilian monsters, explore the unusual creatures the desert has to offer in this beautiful rhyming picture book. Non-fiction activities at the back of the book, including a search-and-find, provide extra information



Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest

Vashti Hardy

The Iron Forest near Harley's home is unlike any other – plants and trees grow cogs and hinges and other mechanical parts – and all of Inventia depends on it. So when a **strange fungus** is discovered, there's a race to find a solution. Without essential parts for inventions, the town is quickly falling apart...



Ember Spark and the Thunder of Dragons

Abi Elphinstone

Rusty Fizzbang, vet to magical beasts, needs an apprentice. Ember Spark, looking for adventure, is his newest recruit – and together with an unlikely friend, Arno, she is sent to help a baby dragon whose parents have gone missing. But keeping magical beasts a secret isn't an easy task, especially with arch-villain, Jasper Hornswoggle, hot on their heels and keen to derail them...