



# BRAESIDE READING NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the second edition of the Braeside Reading Newsletter. We hope you enjoyed last month's edition and have maybe had the chance to try a few of the books.

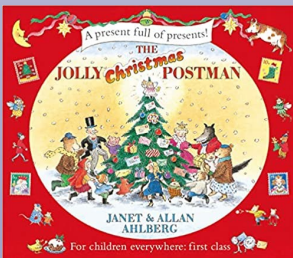
This month we have some recommendations Mrs Moon and a new Key Stage 4 page written by **Amaani** and **Eva** in Year 11. Maybe you could add some of these books to your Christmas list.

Next month we will have a 'Get Caught Reading' feature, so make sure you send photos of you reading (the more unusual place the better) to Miss Wood by 31st Dec.

## EYFS - Picture Books

(Mrs Moon's recommendations)

### Kindergarten - Reception

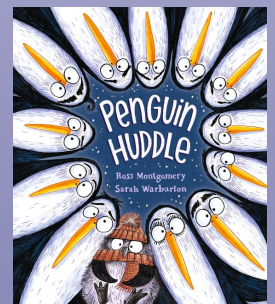


#### The Jolly Christmas Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

I have actually bought a copy of this book for Kindergarten and Reception to enjoy over the next few weeks. It has been a firm favorite in homes and schools over the festive period. This is the 'Christmas' version of the classic story The Jolly Christmas Postman. It has postcards, puzzles, letters and various other 'pull out' items in the post. It's a mix of fairy tales and wonder.

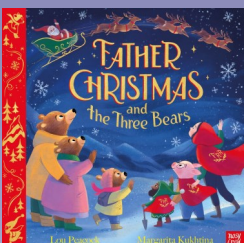
#### Penguin Huddle by Ross Montgomery

This is a new book suggested for Early Years children by The Book Trust. The Book Trust say: A charming and playful picture book told with humour and heart from the brilliant team behind Ten Delicious Teachers. The penguin pack play all day long. And when the sun goes down, and the night grows cold and dark... "PENGUIN HUDDLE!" The penguins squeeze and squish together to stay warm and cosy. But one night, there is a freezing gale. And the next morning ... the penguins are stuck! They are frozen together like a giant penguin ice pop. What a penguin MUDDLE! Nobody in the Antarctic can figure out how to unstick them. But Pipsqueak, the smallest penguin of them all, has a brilliant idea... They must adventure out of their snowy home to a vibrant city across the great, gleaming ocean to solve their penguin puzzle. This light-hearted tale of jolly penguins big and small is a celebration of friendship, community spirit and helping those in trouble.



#### Father Christmas and The Three Bears by Lou Peacock

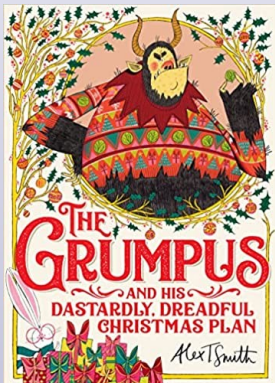
Nosy Crow say: It's Christmas Eve and Father Christmas has fallen asleep at the Three Bears' cottage but NOTHING will wake him. It's up to Baby Bear and the Fairy-Tale Rescue Rangers to deliver the last presents so EVERY child gets a gift. But how will they cross the Roaring Rushing River, navigate the Deepest Darkest Wood and get past the Most Monstrous Mountain . . . all before the children wake up on Christmas morning?



The perfect picture book to share with children from 3+ at Christmas!

# Key Stage 1 Recommended Reads

## Years 1 and 2



### **The Grampus: And His Dastardly, Dreadful Christmas Plan - by Alex T Smith**

Do you know about The Grampus?

And his Dastardly, Dreadful Christmas Plan? And about the Awful Thing that happened at the North Pole on Christmas Eve?

Perhaps I should tell you about it ...

A beautiful hardback with a festively foiled cover and beautiful artwork from the author, it is the perfect Christmas gift, destined to become a modern Christmas classic that adults and children alike return to year after year.

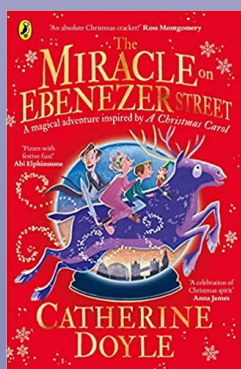
### **Winter Tales - by Dawn Casey**

A treasury of stories celebrating the wonders of winter, and the qualities within that warm our hearts through the long cold. This stunning book brings together a selection of wintry tales from all over the world - from North America to Siberia, Scotland, France, Russia and Norway. Written by award-winning author Dawn Casey and with beautifully detailed artwork by illustrator Zanna Goldhawk, this is a magical book to be treasured for generations to come.



# Lower Key Stage 2 Recommended Reads

## Years 3 and 4



### **The Miracle on Ebenezer Street - by Catherine Doyle**

When George stumbles across Marley's Curiosity Shop, he finds a mysterious and magical snow globe.

George and his Scrooge of a dad are soon swept on an incredible adventure to Christmases past, present and future. With help from an enthusiastic elf, a rather grumpy purple reindeer and a very mischievous Nan, can George find a way to bring the joy of Christmas home once again?

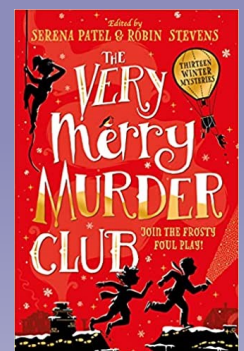
A fabulously festive story about Christmas, family, and magic! An enchanting tale of Christmas magic from multi-award-winning and bestselling writer Catherine Doyle. A treat for the whole family, perfect for fans of *The Christmasaurus* and *A Boy Called Christmas*.

### **The Very Merry Murder Club - edited by Serena Patel and Robin Stevens**

A collection of wintry crime and mystery stories by thirteen of the most exciting and diverse authors in children's books today!

Co-edited by Serena Patel, the award-winning author of the *Anisha: Accidental Detective* series and by Robin Stevens, author of the bestselling *Murder Most Unladylike* series.

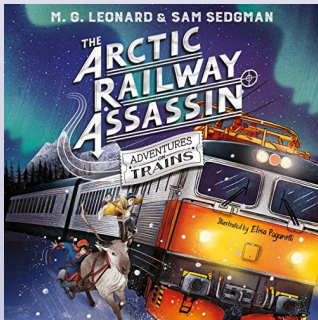
*Sleuthing through the snow, on a merry mysterious day, in disguise we go, investigating all the way . . .*





# Upper Key Stage 2 Recommended Reads

Years 5 and 6



## The Arctic Railway Assassin - by M.G Leonard and Sam Sedgman

The bestselling, prize-winning Adventures on Trains series embarks on a thrilling sixth adventure as Harrison Beck and Uncle Nat climb aboard the night train to Narvik, travelling to the Arctic Circle to see the northern lights for Christmas.

But as their train leaves Stockholm, Hal and Uncle Nat realize they're being followed by a sinister figure, and Hal's powers of observation are tested when Uncle Nat's past comes back to haunt him. Journeying into the never ending night of the arctic winter, our railway detectives must outsmart an assassin in their most chilling adventure yet, in which nothing is as it seems.

## The Dark is Rising - by Susan Cooper

The perfect book for the Christmas season.

It is Midwinter's Eve, the night before Will's eleventh birthday. But there is an atmosphere of fear in the familiar countryside around him. Will is about to make a shocking discovery - that he is the last person to be born with the power of the Old Ones, and as a guardian of the Light he must begin a dangerous journey to vanquish the terrifyingly evil magic of the Dark.



## Get Caught Reading

We want to see all the unusual places you like to read. Send your photos in and feature in next month's newsletter.

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# Key Stage 3 Recommended Reads

Years 7, 8 and 9



## Stone - by Finbar Hawking

Overwhelmed by grief from losing his father in Afghanistan, Sam stumbles upon a stone with strange and supernatural properties on a hillside that holds special memories for him and a special place in local history. He is thrust into a beautifully realised and mysterious world of legends and bravery where relationships are tested. The second, and standalone, novel by the multiple award-nominated and bestselling author Finbar Hawking does not disappoint. Stone is a compelling study of grief, thought and family, suitable for KS3 and KS4 book clubs and fans of Norse myths and Halloween. Good, evil, magic, tarot mysticism and a mysterious girl with the key to Sam's fate await in this bewitching novel with a refreshing splash of darkness.

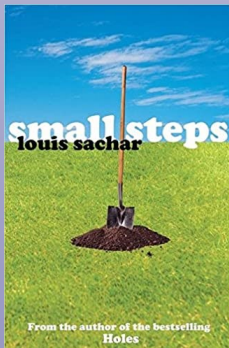
## Freedom (1783) - By Catherine Johnson

Winner of the Little Rebels Children's Book Award 2019

*"Filled with humour, compassion and hope" The Guardian*

Nathaniel doesn't want to move to England with his master's family, leaving behind his mother and sister on the Jamaican plantation.

But then he remembers what his mother told him: once a slave sets foot on English soil, they're free. Perhaps he can earn his fortune and buy his family's freedom, too...



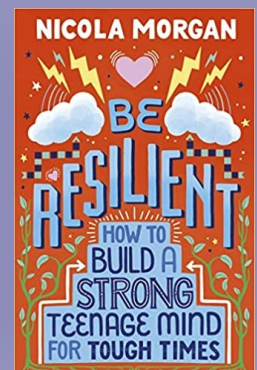
## Small Steps - Louis Sachar

Armpit and X-Ray are living in Austin, Texas. It is three years since they left the confines of Camp Green Lake Detention Centre and Armpit is taking small steps to turn his life around. He is working for a landscape gardener because he is good at digging holes, he is going to school and he is enjoying his first proper romance, but is he going to be able to stay out of trouble when there is so much building up against him? In this exciting novel, Armpit is joined by many vibrant new characters, and is learning what it takes to stay on course, and that doing the right thing is never the wrong choice.

## Be Resilient - by Nicola Morgan

The essential teenage guide to building resilience for challenging times, from award-winning well-being expert Nicola Morgan, author of the bestselling *Blame My Brain* and *The Teenage Guide to Stress*.

Some events in life will always be out of our control, whether it's a global crisis or a traumatic event at home – but Be Resilient shows that the power to cope is in our hands. Discover how to develop the skill of mental resilience in this fascinating guide from award-winning author and teenage brain expert Nicola Morgan. From building a support network to building optimism, find positive, practical advice for preparing for, coping with and bouncing back from the toughest of times. Authoritative and backed by the latest science, this is a reassuring companion for teenagers everywhere.

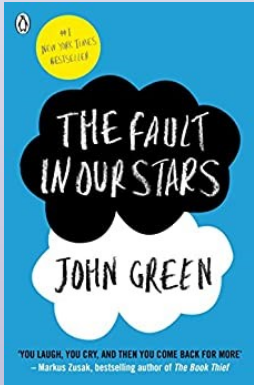




# Key Stage 4 Recommended Reads

Years 10 and 11

*Recommended by Amaani and  
Eva - Year 11*



## **The Fault in our Stars - by John Green**

**I fell in love the way you fall asleep: slowly, then all at once.**

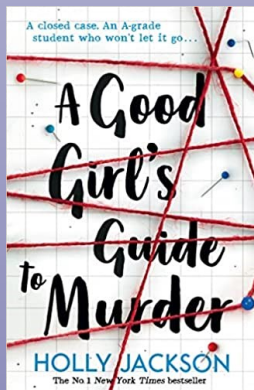
Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. Insightful, bold, irreverent, and raw, *The Fault in Our Stars* brilliantly explores the funny, thrilling, and tragic business of being alive and in love.

## **Ink - by Alice Broadway**

When Leora's father dies, she is determined to see her father remembered forever.

She knows he deserves to have all his tattoos removed and made into a Skin Book to stand as a record of his good life.

But when she discovers that his ink has been edited and his book is incomplete, she wonders whether she ever knew him at all.



## **A Good Girl's Guide to Murder - by Holly Jackson**

The case is closed. Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it.

But having grown up in the same small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa Fitz-Amobi isn't so sure. When she chooses the case as the topic for her final project, she starts to uncover secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden. And if the real killer is still out there, how far will they go to keep Pip from the truth . . . ?

## **Grimm Tales—by Philip Pullman**

In this stunningly designed book of classic fairy tales, award-winning author Philip Pullman has chosen his fifty favourite stories from the Brothers Grimm and presents them in a 'clear as water' retelling, in his unique and brilliant voice. These new versions show the adventures at their most lucid and engaging yet. Pullman's *Grimm Tales* of wicked wives, brave children and villainous kings will have you reading, reading aloud and rereading them for many years to come.

