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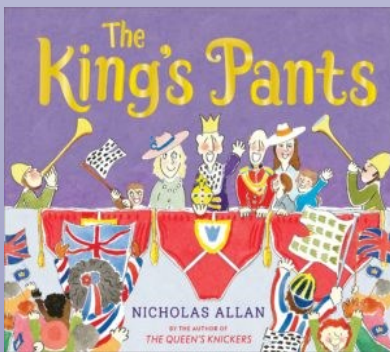
Welcome to Braeside's sixth reading newsletter. We hope you have been enjoying all our reading suggestions and delved into some great books. If you have enjoyed a book and would like to share with our reading community please feel free to offer your suggestions to Mrs Doss.

The coronation of His Majesty King Charles III takes place on the 6 May 2023.

Make sure the whole family feels part of the royal festivities and include some celebratory reading in your schedule. We've picked some great options for you to read aloud and for independent readers. Time to hang up the bunting and snuggle up with a book...

EYFS - Royal Reads

Kindergarten - Reception - Reading recommendations from Mrs Doss.

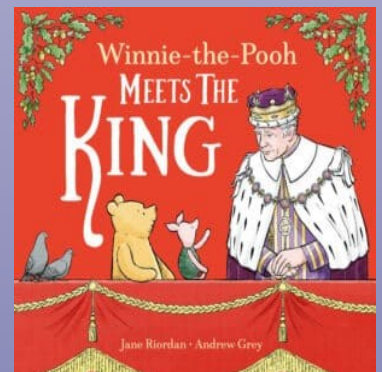


The King's Pants by Nicholas Allan

The King cannot rule without his Royal Pants. He has a pair for every occasion: coronation pants (he can't be crowned without them), organic pants (edible in royal emergencies) and even inflatable space-pants (because one never knows when they might come in handy). But in a boxer-shorts blunder at the Royal Mail, the King's undies have been posted to his subjects nationwide! With his Y-fronts gone wandering, how will the King possibly cope?

Winnie—the –Pooh meets the King

'Kings and crowns and whatnot? It sounds like something out of a dream or a fairy tale,' said Eeyore. When Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends go on an expedition to a Royal London Park they don't expect to find themselves in the middle of a royal adventure. This charming story takes place at a very special Royal Coronation. When Winnie-the-Pooh and Piglet lose Eeyore in the crowd, they come up with a plan to find their friend. Along the way they meet a Very Important Person and learn about the importance of kindness, helping others and new beginnings.



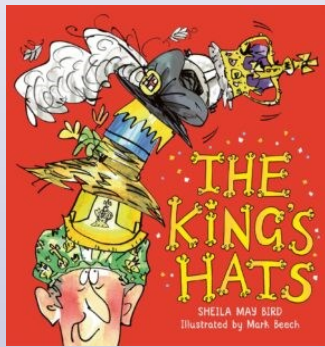
Boom Bang! Royal Meringue by Sally Doran and Rachel Saunders

Polite and perfect Princess Hannah has been so well behaved that the King and Queen have decided to get her a very special birthday present: The Marvellous Magical Pudding Machine! How can she possibly be expected to share such a wonderful thing with her friends?

Discover the fanciful and vivid picture book that gives hope that even those with the sweetest tooth might learn to share...

Key Stage 1 Recommended Royal Reads

Years 1 and 2

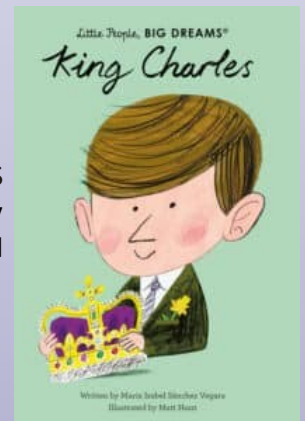


The King's Hats by Sheila May Bird

King Charles the III is now King of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, but he is finding his new crown just a little heavy to manage and he is worried that he might not be as beloved as his dear mama, Queen Elizabeth II. But his good friend Tom the gardener is on hand to show him that kings must wear all sorts of hats and that he must be brave and allow himself to be the king he was born to be.

Little People BIG DREAMS– King Charles (Non fictions Picture Book) by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

From the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy best-selling Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of King Charles. This inspiring book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back , including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the royal's life, from little prince to grown-up king.

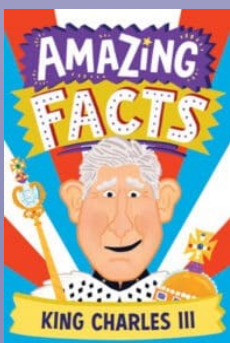


The Boy who would be King by Michael Morpurgo

There once was a boy who was going to be king one day . . .From the Nation's Favourite Storyteller Sir Michael Morpurgo comes a poetic celebration of our new monarch, King Charles III.

Lower Key Stage 2 Recommended Royal Reads

Years 3 and 4

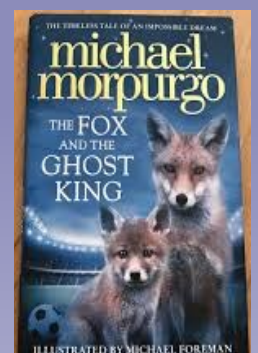


Amazing Facts King Charles III by Hannah Wilson and Chris Dickason (Non fiction)

Celebrate the coronation of King Charles III with this fascinating book of facts about Charles, his mother Queen Elizabeth, the Royal Family, his childhood, hobbies, home and his new royal role!

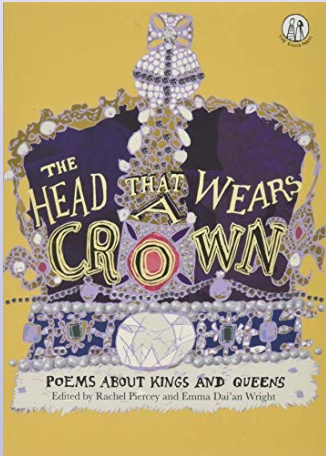
The Fox and the Ghost King by Michael Morpurgo

Award-winning Michael Morpurgo weaves a charming and witty story around sport and history as they have come together in the recent twin triumphs of the City of Leicester with the discovery of the remains of King Richard III in a car park and Leicester City football club winning the 2016 Premier League. The link between the two? A family of foxes! When Daddy Fox finds the ghost of the king and helps to release him from an unseemly grave he is granted one royal wish. What will it be? As a mad-keen footballing family the Foxes have one over-riding wish; that Leicester City can go top of the League. Can the King do it? You bet he can!



Upper Key Stage 2 Recommended Reads

Years 5 and 6



The Head that wears the Crown by Emma Wright and Rachel Piercey (Poetry)

Which King trained his pet monkey to give rude gestures? Which ruthless Queen enjoyed toasting people to a crisp? Whose reign lasted only nine days? The Head That Wears A Crown is a captivating collection that features the Kings and Queens of the British Isles as you've never seen them before. Read Queen Victoria's Twitter posts and young Elizabeth I's letters to her father's latest wife. Hear the muddy marching song of King Harold's soldiers and learn which royal was Danish as a pastry, but nothing like as sweet! Intriguing, comical and accompanied by fascinating historical facts, these vibrant poems are a joy to read, bringing a long line of daring and devious monarchs to life.

Kings and Queens by Eleanor and Herbert Farjeon (Poetry)

Kings and Queens by Eleanor and Herbert Farjeon is a highly entertaining collection of poems about all forty-one English Kings and Queens since William I. Reissued in Puffin Poetry Kings and Queens is an authentic classic that has delighted young readers and adults alike. With wonderfully witty illustrations by Robin Jacques, history has never been so much fun!



Treason by Berlie Doherty

Will Montague is a page to Prince Edward, son of King Henry VIII. As the King's favourite, Will gains many enemies in Court. His enemies convince the King that Will's father has committed treason and he is thrown into Newgate Prison. Will flees Hampton Court and goes into hiding in the back streets of London. Lost and in mortal danger, he is rescued by a poor boy, Nick Drew. Together they must brave imprisonment and death as they embark on a great adventure to set Will's father free.

The Executioner's Daughter by Jane Hardstaff

Thrilling adventure set in the underbelly of the Tower of London and on the Thames in Tudor times

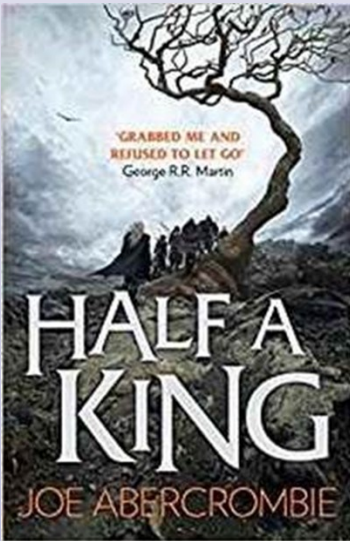
Moss hates her life. As the daughter of the Executioner in the Tower of London, it's her job to catch the heads in her basket after her father has chopped them off. She dreams of leaving, but they are prisoners with no way out.

Then Moss discovers a hidden tunnel that takes her to freedom, where she learns that her life isn't what she believes it to be and she doesn't know who to trust. Her search for the truth takes her on a journey along the great River Thames. Could the answers lie deep in its murky depths?



Key Stage 3 Recommended Royal Reads

Years 7, 8 and 9



Half a King by Joe Abercrombie

Prince Yarvi never wanted, or expected, to be king. His withered hand means he cannot grip a shield or swing a sword but when his father and brother are killed he must shoulder his responsibilities and lead his people.

When intrigue and betrayal snatch the throne from him and cast him into the icy waters of the Shattered Sea, Yarvi swears revenge on the perpetrators. But what can he do from the confines of a slave ship where the physical and mental hardship are overwhelming?

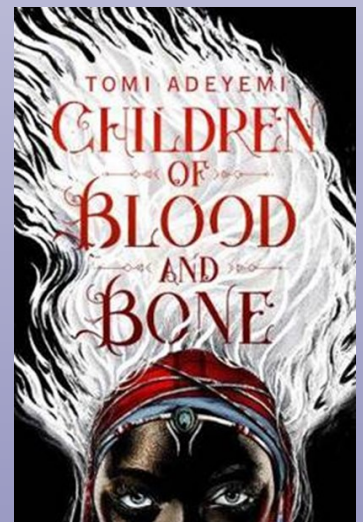
From the first page, Yarvi's story, set in a vividly imagined fantasy world, is gripping, fast-paced and hard to put down. Explores complex questions of morality, loyalty and obligation.

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

Magic has gone from the world, vanished when Zelig's mother was violently murdered by the King's men. Now the Maji clans, marked out by their silver hair, live in constant fear. Zelig longs to rebel, but her chance doesn't come until she finds herself having to protect a runaway princess, Amari, who is carrying a scroll that can bring magic back to the world.

The girls should be on opposite sides of this bitter war, driven by Amari's father and brother, but instead they join forces in a desperate race to get the scroll to its rightful place, and restore magic to the world.

Adeyemi has created a thrilling rollercoaster ride of a book, set in a fantasy world based in African tradition. This book is likely to appeal to readers who enjoyed Eragon, Devil's Kiss or the successful film Black Panther.



Key Stage 4 Recommended Royal Reads

Years 10 and 11

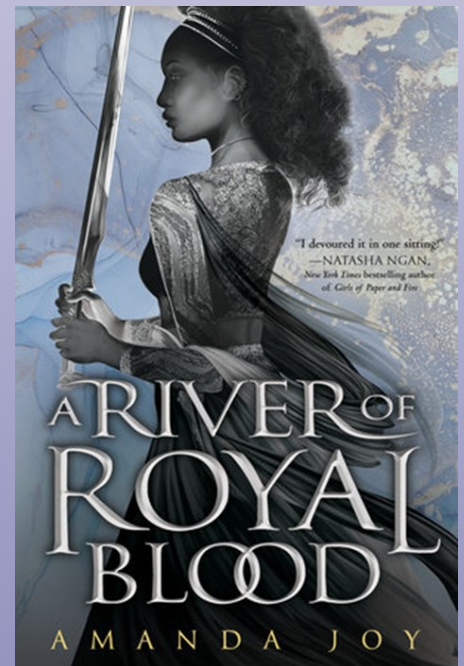


Ash Princess by Laura Sebastian

While many royal weddings are a happy and buoyant affair, many crowns come at a price, and such is the case for Theo, who was given the shameful title of Ash Princess after her mother's murder and made a prisoner in her own palace. After years of abuse from the Kaiser and his court, Theo does the unthinkable and ends up with blood on her hands. With intrigue, treachery, and the marks of an epic, Sebastian's new series is for those seeking a royal heroine who upends the traditional happily-ever-after stories.

A River of Royal Blood by Amanda Joy

Young adult readers who enjoy cutthroat royalty stories will love this royalty-inspired fantasy about sisterhood, power, and choice. With the throne of their queendom up for grabs, princesses and sisters Eva and Isa must fight to the death. The winner gets the crown; the loser goes to the grave. This novel is unlike anything you've ever read!



Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII Tell All by M. T. Anderson,

Candace Fleming, Stephanie Hemphill, Lisa Ann Sandell, Jennifer Donnelly, Linda Sue Park, and Deborah Hopkinson, concept by Candace Fleming

In this novel, conceptualized by Candace Fleming and written by a group of bestselling authors, the lives of Henry VIII and his six wives are reimagined in a gripping way. Told in the first person, each author takes on a character — from Henry himself to strong-willed Anne Boleyn to one-bullied, later-beloved Jane Seymour — and together build a gripping story about one of the most compelling and treacherous periods of English history.

