



Castlefield School  
Upper School Reading Newsletter  
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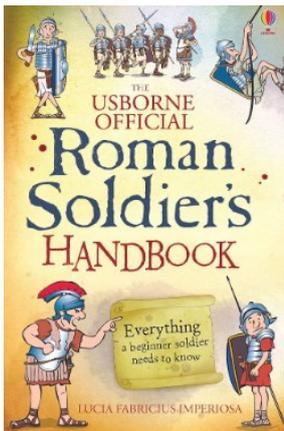


Welcome to our Reading Newsletter. This is a place for us to share reading recommendations and support your children in accessing and enjoying great books. One of the best ways families can support their children with their learning is to encourage reading at home. Regular reading is crucial - not only for academic learning, but also as a way to relax and escape.

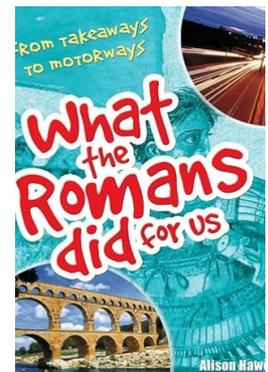
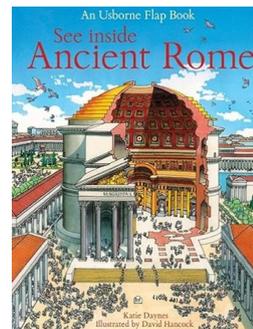
It is not always easy to get hold of physical books, so this newsletter has some useful weblinks to ebooks and audiobooks. The hyperlinks give more details about the authors and where to buy the books. As with all media, please check you are happy with the content. Reading them yourself or with your child provides a wonderful opportunity to share and talk about your favourite characters and plots with your children.

### What are we Reading in Class?

**Year 4** We are reading *The Roman Soldier's Handbook*.

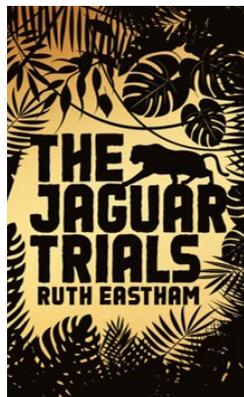
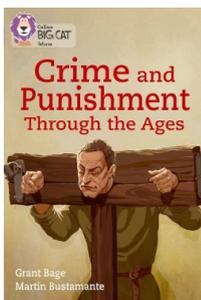


If you have enjoyed finding out about being a Roman Soldier, You may want to read other non-fiction books about Ancient



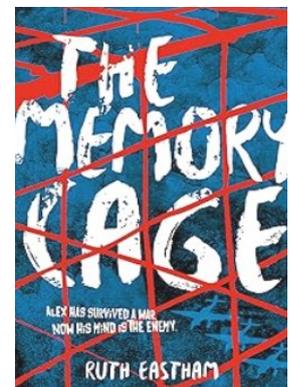
### Year 5

We are reading about Crime and Punishment through the ages.



Next term we will be read *The Jaguar Trials* by Ruth Eastham.

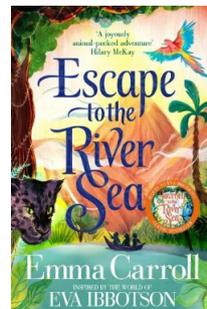
You may like to read another book she has written.



## Year 6 We are Letters from the Lighthouse.



If you are enjoying the story you could read more exciting books by Emma Carroll. She has written many historical novels.



If you enjoyed reading Journey to the River Sea in Year 5, you may like to try Escape to the River

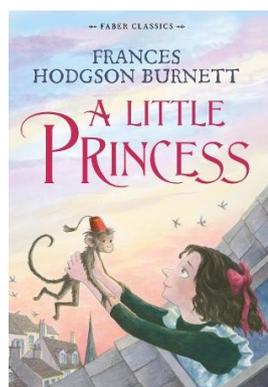
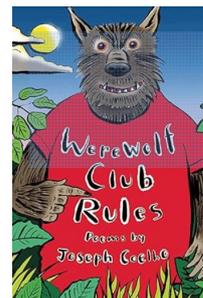
## What could you read at home?

This half term we held another Reading Recommendations assembly. Each term all the teachers will suggest books that the children might want to take home from our class libraries. Find out below what the teachers recommend.

## Year 4

### **Werewolf Club Rules By Joseph Coelho**

This book is full of cool, contemporary poetry. Joseph Coelho is an inspiring poet. Coelho's poems are good fun to read and share with friends and family. He is so passionate about children's poetry and having fun enjoying reading them aloud.

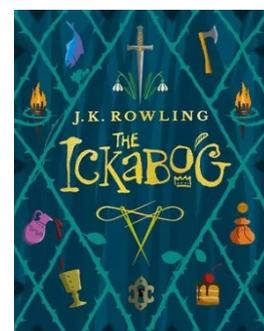


### **A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett**

It tells the story of Sara Crewe, a young girl who faces adversity with kindness and imagination, proving that true strength comes from within. The story is set in 1914, where Sara lives in India with her wealthy widowed father, a captain in the British Army. Immersed in Indian culture, Sara absorbs the many stories and folktales she hears from a local woman, from whom she adopts the mantra "all women are princesses."

### **The Ickabog by J.K Rowling**

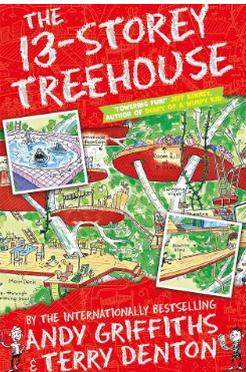
The Ickabog is coming... A mythical monster, a kingdom in peril, an adventure that will test two children's bravery to the limit. Discover a brilliantly original fairy tale about the power of hope and friendship to triumph against all odds.



## Year 5

### Shadow by Michael Morpurgo

A British soldier befriends a street dog in Afghanistan. When he returns to Britain, the dog has to stay behind. It meets Aman, an Afghan boy trying to escape the war and together they manage to reach Britain.

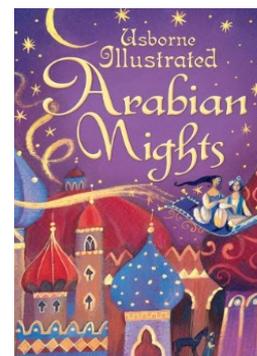


### The 13-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

Andy and Terry live in the WORLD'S BEST treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry!

### Arabian Nights by Anna Milbourne

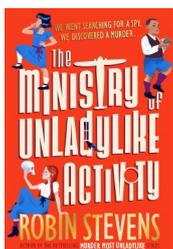
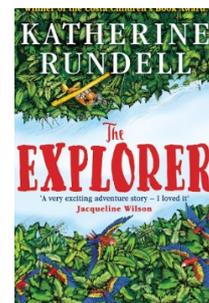
To delay her execution by a bitter sultan, Sheherazade tells him a series of stories every night for 1001. From the adventures of Sindbad and Aladdin, to tales of genies and magical lands, her stories are so amazing they save her life.



## Year 6

### The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

4 children are on their way to Manaus, in Brazil, when their plane falls out of the sky. They are now lost, deep in the midst of the Amazon Rainforest and must figure out how to survive. Do they wait to be rescued, or rescue themselves? As they start to explore, they see clues that there may be another human inhabitant, then, they find a map. Who was there before them, where will the map lead them and will they escape?



### The Ministry of Unladylike Activity by Robin Stevens

Following in her big sister's footsteps May Wong is determined to become a detective. With her new friend they Eric they head to Elysium Hall as evacuees to find a German Spy. However, events take a drastic turn when a murder occurs. Along with reluctant resident of Elysium Hall, Nuala, May and Eric gather evidence to try and crack the case.

### Coming to England by Baroness Foella

An inspirational true story about the Windrush Generation, Baroness Floella Benjamin recounts her experience of adversity, friendship and belonging. At the age of ten, Floella embarked on a journey from Trinidad to London with her siblings, eager to reunite with the rest of their family. A disorienting arrival in a cold and unwelcoming London, shatters Floella's expectations as she adjusts to her new life. Her story of migration holds both personal significance and universal relevance, offering insights into the challenges of relocation and the quest for friendship.



Here are some books the children in Upper School have enjoyed and

Recommend – Which one will you read next?

