

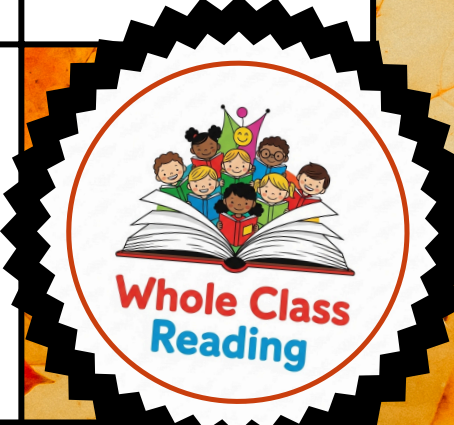
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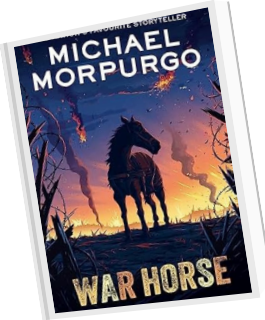
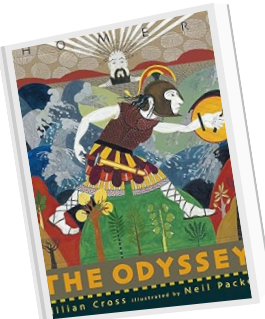
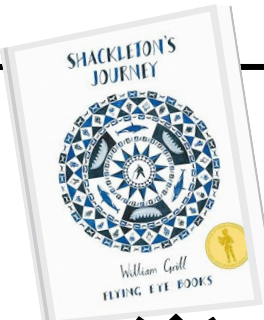
Book	Themes	Summary	Amazon Link
<p>Wonder by RJ Polaco</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindness and empathy • Acceptance and identity • Family and friendship • Resilience • Bullying and courage 	<p>Wonder follows August "Auggie" Pullman, a boy with a severe facial difference, as he attends school for the first time in fifth grade. The novel, told from multiple perspectives, captures his struggles with bullying, his efforts to make friends, and the impact he has on those around him.</p>	
<p>High Rise Mystery by Sharma Jackson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice and truth • Sisterhood and teamwork • Empowerment of youth • Urban community life • Representation and diversity 	<p>Set during a sweltering summer in London, High-Rise Mystery follows sisters Nik and Norva as they investigate the murder of their art teacher, found dead in their high-rise estate, The Tri. When their father becomes the prime suspect, the girls use their unique skills—Nik's logic and Norva's intuition—to uncover clues and expose the real killer.</p>	
<p>Gruesome Grange by Anthony Horowitz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mystery and the supernatural • Individuality vs. conformity • Coming of age • Satire of traditional education • Courage and self-discovery 	<p>In Groosham Grange, 13-year-old David Eliot is sent to a mysterious boarding school after being expelled. The school, located on a remote island, turns out to be a training ground for witches and wizards. As David befriends other students, he uncovers the dark secrets of the school and its staff. .</p>	
<p>Music as a form of reading</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying theme and tone • Analysing figurative language (metaphor, simile, symbolism) • Making inferences • Understanding point of view and audience 	<p>In this unit, children will treat song lyrics to popular songs as texts, applying close reading strategies to uncover deeper meanings. They will explore how artists use language to express emotions, tell stories, and comment on the world around them.</p>	

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NOVEMBER



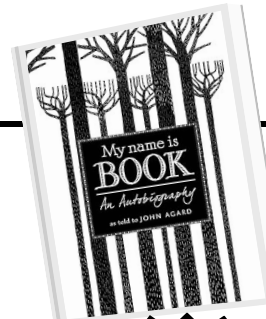
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<p>January</p> <p>Warhorse by Michael Purpurgo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love and loyalty • The horrors of war • Hope and loss • Dignity and humanity • Friendship and perseverance 	<p>Told from the perspective of a horse named Joey, War Horse follows his journey through World War I after being sold to the army. Separated from his beloved owner Albert, Joey experiences the brutality of war, forms deep bonds with humans and other horses, and endures great hardship</p>	
<p>February</p> <p>The Odyssey by Gillian Cross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perseverance and endurance • Loyalty and faithfulness • Hospitality and justice • Identity and disguise • Fate and divine intervention 	<p>This retelling of Homer's Odyssey follows the hero Odysseus on his perilous 10-year journey home from the Trojan War. Facing mythical creatures, vengeful gods, and treacherous seas, Odysseus must use his wit and courage to survive. Meanwhile, his wife Penelope fends off suitors at home, hoping for his return. Gillian Cross presents the epic in a vivid, accessible style for younger readers, capturing the timeless adventure and emotional depth of the original.</p>	
<p>March</p> <p>Shackleton's Journey by Willian Grill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perseverance and survival • Leadership and courage • Teamwork and unity • Exploration and ambition • Human resilience against nature 	<p>This beautifully illustrated nonfiction book recounts Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1914 Antarctic expedition aboard the Endurance. When the ship becomes trapped in ice, Shackleton leads his crew through extreme conditions in a heroic effort to bring them all home safely. Grill's detailed artwork and storytelling highlight the bravery, leadership, and camaraderie that turned a failed expedition into one of the greatest survival stories in history.</p>	

SPRING



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<p>APRIL</p> <p>Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good vs. evil • Family and responsibility • Friendship and teamwork • Mental health and caregiving • Myths and legends in the modern world • Greed and corruption 	<p>Elliot's life is already complicated—his mother is ill, and they're at risk of losing their home. Things take a wild turn when a shooting star crashes to Earth, revealing Virgo, a young Zodiac goddess. Together, they accidentally release Thanatos, a powerful death daemon. To fix their mistake, they must enlist the help of the long-retired Olympian gods. This humorous and heartfelt adventure blends mythology with real-world issues, as Elliot learns about courage, responsibility, and the power of unlikely friendships</p>	
<p>May</p> <p>Mic Drop by Sharma Jackson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice and truth • Youth empowerment • Fame and its dangers • Friendship and loyalty • Urban community life 	<p>In this sequel to High-Rise Mystery, teen detectives Nik and Norva are back when pop star TrojKat dies under suspicious circumstances while filming a music video in their high-rise estate. With their friend George, the sisters dive into a new mystery full of twists, red herrings, and secrets. The story highlights the power of young voices and the importance of community, all wrapped in a fast-paced, witty whodunnit.</p>	
<p>JUNE</p> <p>My Name is Book by John Agard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The power and evolution of storytelling • Cultural heritage and literacy • Innovation and change • The importance of books and reading • History of communication 	<p>Told from the perspective of a book itself, this imaginative nonfiction journey traces the history of the written word—from oral storytelling and clay tablets to printing presses and eBooks. With humor, poetry, and reflection, Book shares its life story, offering insights into how human culture has been shaped by writing. John Agard's unique voice and Neil Packer's illustrations make this a rich, educational, and entertaining read for all ages.</p>	

SUMMER

