

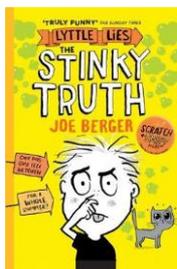
## Recommended Reads Year 4 2018



### **Ardagh, Philip - Barking Up the Wrong Tree: Stick and Fetch Investigate**

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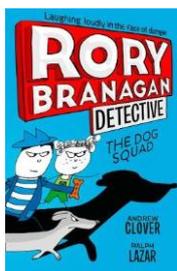
Three short stories about Sally Stick and her dog Fetch who have formed their own Detective Agency as they love nothing more than investigating a good mystery. The trouble is Sally often gets the wrong end of the stick leading to mayhem and comic capers.



### **Berger, Joe – The Stinky Truth**

**CF**

Sam has been set a challenge by his family - can he tell the truth for three whole weeks. Hilarious consequences follow. The format includes lots of graphic sections so good for fans of Tom Gates.



### **Clover, Andrew – The Dog Squad**

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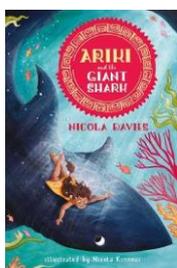
Can Rory discover who is stealing all the dogs in the neighbourhood and will his mum let him be a detective? Full of laughs and lots of illustrations this is perfect for all who laugh in the face of danger!



### **Colfer, Eoin - Mariella, Queen of the Skies**

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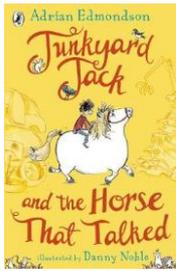
Don't bedtimes always come at the worst time? Mariella certainly think so and plans to invent a way to get rid of them forever. Discover whether she succeeds. Another in the Little Gem series aimed at dyslexic readers.



### **Davies, Nicola - Ariki and the Giant Shark**

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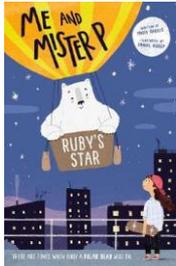
First in an exciting new series featuring Ariki and her life on a tropical island. Something is causing the fish to disappear from around Turtle Island and the fishermen are afraid to go further out to sea when huge sharks appear. Without food the Islander's will starve, can Ariki save the day?



**Edmondson, Adrian - Junkyard Jack and the Horse That Talked**

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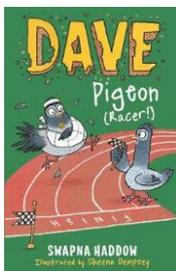
Jack's life is a mess. He hates school, mum is in prison and his bedroom is a cupboard at his aunty's house. Then he discovers that animals can talk and suddenly his whole life changes.



**Farrer, M - Ruby's Star**

**CF**

Ruby struggles to take care of her mum and baby brother since dad left. Things do not improve when a polar bear moves in, but why is he here? Will Ruby discover his secret?



**Haddow, Swapna - Dave Pigeon (Racer!)**

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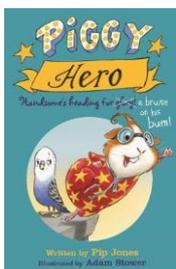
Dave Pigeon is off to the vets at Pawnsville Pets to get his new prosthetic wing fitted accompanied by his best friend Skipper. The two pigeons aren't quite sure what to expect at the pet shop but they make some new friends there and an enemy. A very funny book which looks at self-belief and the importance of friendship.



**Heape, Harry - Shiny Pippin and the Broken Forest**

**CF**

A funny and exciting book which is full of surprises. Pippin think's she's just an ordinary girl but it turn out she has a gift; she's shiny and can talk to animals. With the help of some new friends, Pippin goes on the trail of whoever or whatever is causing the animals to disappear from the forest.



**Jones, Pip – Piggy Hero**

**CF**

Follow the adventures of Piggy Hero, a confident guinea pig with a hugely inflated ego and his side kick and long suffering best friend, Jeff, a budgie. Piggy is on a quest to be famous as he comes from a long line of very famous guinea pigs. With his ginger quiff, fond of stropping and stomping until his fur stands on end, he is determined to be a true hero.



**Junior, Clayton – Free the Lines**

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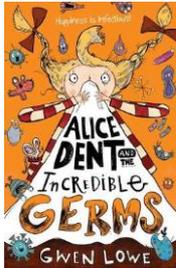
A wordless picture book for older readers with a strong environmental theme. Cat is appalled while on a fishing trip to find a big trawler scooping up all of the fish.



**Lean, Sarah – Sand Dog**

**CF**

Set on a Greek Island this is a story about belonging and finding home. This author is a powerful story teller seizing the attention of the reader as the past is pieced together reaching a happy ending.



**Lowe, Gwen - Alice Dent and the Incredible Germs**

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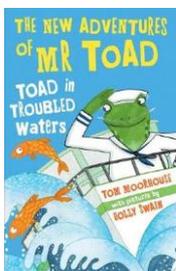
Imagine a world where you are punished for being ill and where the new best Minister for Everything Nicely Perfect puts anyone who is ill in quarantine. He has also banned children's parties and giggling in schools. The heroine of the story is Alice, who gets a cold, not any ordinary cold, this one has strange side effects like animals sticking to her like glue and which is highly contagious.



**Lynas, Em - Get me out of Witch School!**

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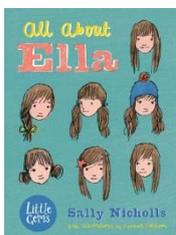
Great opening first line. Daisy wants to be an actress not a witch but it would appear she has hidden talents. First in a new series.



**Moorhouse, Tom – Toad in Troubled Waters**

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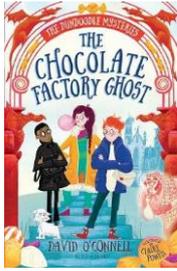
Action packed adventure from the start. Mr Toad is causing trouble on the water trying to follow a series of treasure hunt clues. It's up to his friends Teejay, Ratty and Mo to keep Toad out of trouble.



**Nicholls, Sally – All about Ella**

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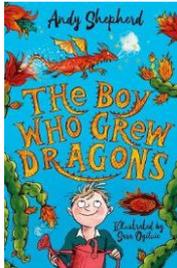
This book is written from Ella's perspective, younger sister of Sam in Sally Nicholl's 'Ways to Live Forever'. Ella is sick of her brother being ill all the time and feels she is being ignored by her parents. Ella decides she doesn't care if Sam get's sicker, but when it happens, she finds she cares an awful lot. A simple story which is deeply moving.



**O'Connell, David - Chocolate Factory Ghost**

**CF**

Archie has inherited a fortune with a chocolate factory. Unfortunately he has to solve the puzzle of the mystery ingredient otherwise the factory will close. Discover who the villain is in this funny mystery story.



**Shepherd, Andy - The Boy Who Grew Dragons**

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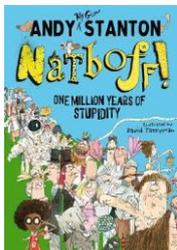
Tomas has discovered that one of the trees in grandad's garden grows dragons. Unfortunately they are a lot harder to look after than he was expecting! First in a series.



**Smith, Alex T - Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure**

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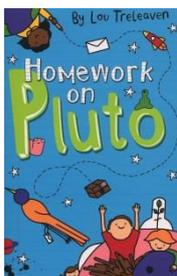
Who knew just how dangerous a museum could be? Find out if Mr Penguin manages to solve his first mystery in this funny story - hopefully the first of many!



**Stanton, Andy - Natboff! : one million years of stupidity**

**CF**

A series of short stories written in the style of the historical period or trying too! This is hugely entertaining. Don't expect to learn any history from it at all!



**Treleven, Lou - Homework on Pluto**

**CF**

Another story about the space adventures of Jon, with the plot told via a series of letters, posters, adverts, newspaper articles and homework. As a reward for saving the planet Pluto, Jon and his family enjoy a holiday on Pluto. His teacher has given permission for him to go on the condition that he keeps up with his homework and send his class essays of life on Pluto featuring Gravity Guys, Friendly Folk and blue-headed Skwitches.

P = KS2 Picture Book

CF = Children's Fiction

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