

ST. BERNADETTE'S
**BOOK
CORNER**

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READING
NEWSLETTER

Teachers as Readers—Miss Manders

A Pinch of Magic by Michelle Harrison

Star Rating: 4/5

Are you looking for a book that you just can't put down? Then this is the book for you! A Pinch of Magic is a spellbinding tale of 3 sisters—Fliss, Betty & Charlie—trapped in their home town because of an old family curse. Betty longs for escape and, more importantly, adventure. Will she manage to crack the curse or will she die trying?



My favourite character is Betty because she is brave, caring and someone all young girls could aspire to be like. I rate this book 4/5 stars because it is a great story with brilliant characters and I had no idea how the story would end. I recommend this book to children aged 9-11 or anyone seeking adventure!

Year 4 Book in a Bag

Every fortnight, one child from Year 4 is selected at random to take home 'A Book in a Bag'. They are given a book chosen by Miss Manders to read and review. They have two weeks to complete this and then it is shared in assembly for the whole of Year 4 to enjoy. Here are a few of the reviews we have so far:

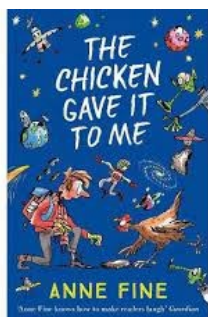
The Chicken Gave it to Me

by Anne Fine

Reviewed by: Jones 4CB

Star rating: 5/5

Have you heard of a chicken that went to space? Well in this spectacular tale, a chicken risks her life to save us humans. One day, a chicken bursts out of a bush with an old, leathery book written by a chicken and insists that Andrew (the protagonist) reads it. He and his classmate Gemma, read the book which is called 'The True Story of Harrowing Farm' where they learn about Harrowing Farm and the threat to all humanity.



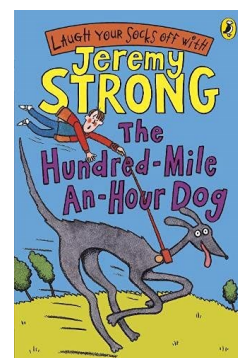
The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour-Dog

by Jeremy Strong

Reviewed by: Heran 4CB

Star rating: 5/5

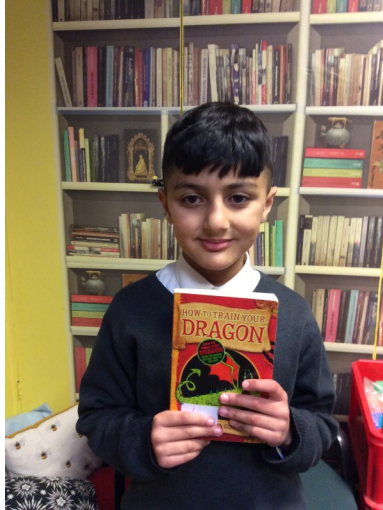
Are you looking for a book that makes you laugh out loud? Well, this is the book you need. A boy called Trevor has a dog called Streaker. His mum says she will pay Trevor £30 if he walks Streaker for the rest of the holiday. The only problem is that Streaker is as fast as a Ferrari. Trevor and his friend, Beth, take Streaker to the park and are challenged by a boy called Charlie to train Streaker. If they fail, they will have to bathe in frog spawn! Will he be able to do it or will he have to have an awful bath? Read it to find out!



RECOMMENDED READS



Here are some books Year 4 have been enjoying recently!

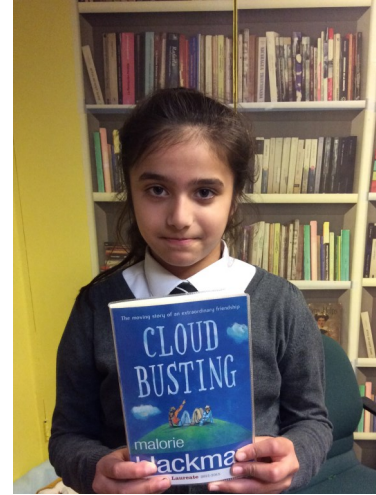


How to Train Your Dragon

Review by: Yusha

Star rating: 5/5

An exciting story! I loved it! Hiccup isn't really the boy you would expect to be a hero but he has to prove he can become a true member of the Hairy Hooligan tribe. My favourite characters are Hiccup and Fishlegs because they show that even if you are weak or have a disability, you can still be a hero. I rate this book 5/5 stars because it is the perfect mixture of comedy and action. I would recommend this to anybody who likes adventure. It reminds me of Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.



Cloudbusting

Review by: Amara

Star rating: 5/5

I rate this book 5/5 stars because we learn more about bullying and how children can speak up for themselves. I recommend this book to friends because they should know how their friends want to be treated.

readathon



Readathon

A massive thank you to all the children who took part in our school Readathon last half term. We raised a staggering £1570! We cannot wait to work alongside the children in each year group to decide how this money will be spent. Last year, it funded many different things such as new books for classroom bookshelves and author visits to our school. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of our parents and pupils in helping develop a love of reading in our school. Remember, if you haven't yet returned your sponsorship money, please do so as soon as possible!