



# St Walburga's Catholic Primary School



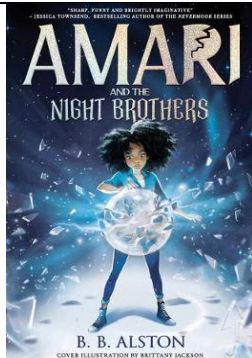
## *Year Five - Recommended Reading*



### **Year Five recommended reading list**

- Below is a list of our recommended reads for Year Five. The children will be reading lots of brilliant books in school, but as always, reading at home is just as important, so if you are able to help your child read and enjoy some of these books, that would be great.
- This is not an exhaustive list, there are hundreds of wonderful books recommended for this age group, all of which provide quality reading material, exposing children to various genres and levels according to their interest and reading ability. The following websites offers plenty of other recommended reads for each year group, so please take a moment to peruse them when you can:  
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>  
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-primary-school-pupils/>
- The Love reading website (<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>) has lots of downloadable reading resources and is free to join. You will be able to find most recommended reads on Amazon, but we also want to encourage you to make use of local Libraries, which are a brilliant but often underused resource for our children.
- Many of the books on each list may be suitable for other year groups, so please feel free to branch out if this suit your child's needs.
- We have included both fiction and non-fiction books as part of the list. The non-fiction books have been chosen because they are linked to the topics the children will be studying in school.
- We hope this is a useful list and will help you and your child enjoy reading together!

## Fiction Books

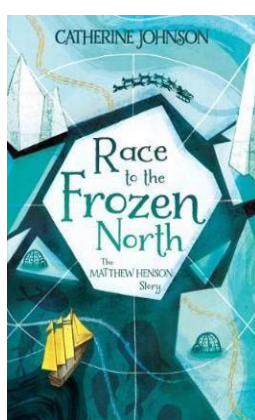


### **Amari and the Night Brothers**

**By B.B. Alston**

Amari is a child who attends a posh school on a scholarship – but really finds it hard to fit in and avoid the bullies. Her mother is a hard-working health worker, and her brother Quinton is missing – his disappearance seems to be the root of Amari’s difficulties.

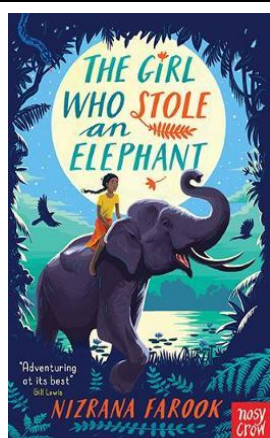
The story becomes a hugely imaginative, funny and compelling adventure. Magic and mystery flow thick and fast from this point on – as Amari takes her chances to prove herself and to start finding out what happened to her brother.



### **Race to the Frozen North: A Matthew Henson Story**

**By Catherine Johnson**

A thrilling fictionalised account of the life of Matthew Henson, the first African-American man to travel to the North Pole, from the Carnegie nominated author Catherine Johnson. Matthew Henson was simply an ordinary man. That was, until Commander Robert E. Peary entered his life, and offered him a chance at true adventure. Henson would become navigator, craftsman, translator, and right-hand man on a treacherous journey to the North Pole. Defying the odds and the many prejudices that faced him to become a true pioneer. This is his incredible and often untold story.



### **The Girl who Stole an Elephant**

**By Nizrana Farook**

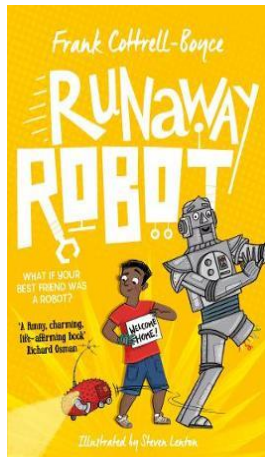
Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk. Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang?



### **Talking to the Moon**

**By S.E. Durrant**

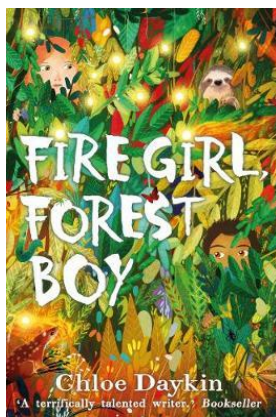
Iris's grandmother, Mimi, has started to put jam on her scrambled eggs and tie blue ribbons around her fingers to remind her of stuff. Her house, always full of things, is becoming harder and harder to navigate, and when Iris goes to stay, she feels as if a whole life is becoming muddled up. As her grandmother's memory fades, a mystery is uncovered. Who is Coral, and what happened to her?



### **Runaway Robot**

**By Frank Cottrell-Boyce**

Runaway Robot is a funny and heart-warming adventure about two best friends helping put themselves back together, from the award-winning Frank Cottrell-Boyce, illustrated by Steven Lenton. When Alfie goes to Airport Lost Property, he finds more than he bargained for. A lot more. Because there's a giant robot called Eric hidden away on the shelves. Eric has lost one leg and half his memory. He's super strong, but super clumsy. He's convinced that he's the latest technology, when he's actually nearly one hundred year's old and ready for the scrap heap. Can Alfie find a way to save Eric from destruction - before Eric destroys everything around him?

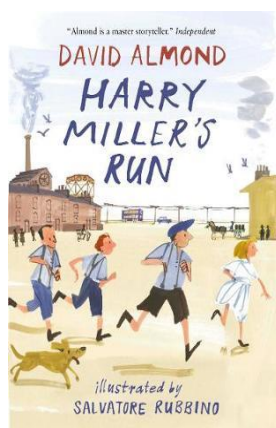


### **Fire Girl, Forest Boy**

**By Chloe Daykin**

Maya has to escape. She's on the run in a country she doesn't know and has no idea who to trust. Raul is escaping too - travelling back to his home where a terrible tragedy happened, ready to stir up trouble. When their paths collide in the middle of the jungle, the sparks begin to fly. As modern world corruption meets the magic and legends of ancient times, can Maya draw on her hidden light to find the way through to the truth?

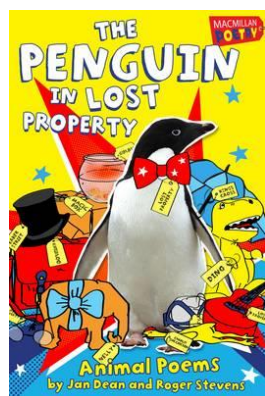
A book about light, about magic and belief, and about unlocking your own potential.



### **Harry Miller's Run**

**By David Almond**

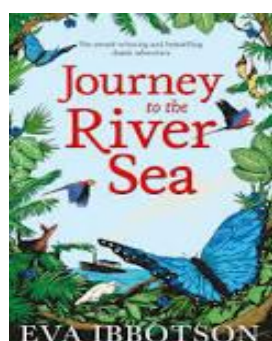
Liam just wants to go out running with his mates - it's not long till the Junior Great North Run, and there's training to be done. But Mam needs him today, to help old Harry clear out his house. Harry knows a thing or two about running. When he was a lad, he says, he ran all the way from Newcastle to South Shields. But Harry, says Mam, that's thirteen miles! Harry grins. Different times, he says. This is the story of that day: of sweltering heat, clattering boots, briny sea air and the heavenly taste of ice cream; the day when Harry and his pals ran and ran and ran through the blazing sunlight all the way to the sea.



### **The Penguin in Lost Property**

**By Jan Dean & Roger Stevens**

A fantastic collection of brand-new poems featuring a whole world of animals, birds and fish, including but not limited to penguins, cats, zebras, stick insects, dogs, salmon, crabs, giraffes, cows, eels, snails and lions.

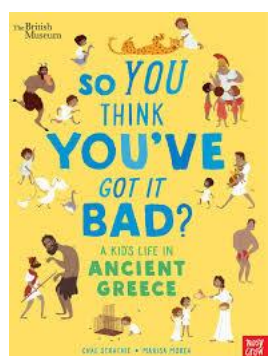


### **Journey to the River Sea**

**By Eva Ibbotson**

Journey to the River Sea tells the story of a small girl called Maia, who journeys down the Amazon River with her strict governess, making friends and enemies along the way. It is rich in descriptive language in both its depiction of the Brazilian jungle and in its descriptions of complex and cruel characters that will stay with you long after you close the book.

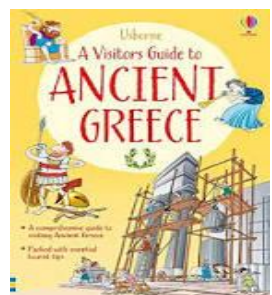
## **Non-fiction Books**



### **So You Think You've Got it Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Greece** *(Information book)*

**Chae Strathie & Marisa Morea**

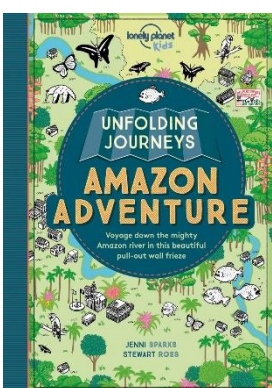
Through words and pictures, the book compares modern-day life to different aspects of daily life for the Ancient Greeks, including clothing, education, jobs, pets, food and pastimes, viewing each topic through the eyes of a child. An enjoyable information text that would appeal to children in KS2, this is the kind of book that helps young readers to move beyond hard facts and begin to reflect on what life might have felt like for those living in ancient times.



### **A Visitor's Guide to Ancient Greece** *(Information book)*

**By Lesley Sims**

Written like a guide book for time travellers, this text is a perfect introduction to life in Ancient Greece. Full of details, images, weblinks and interesting facts, A Visitor's Guide to Ancient Greece is a handy book to have in the classroom to add a new dimension to your Ancient Greece topic as well as offering a stimulus for children to write their own tourist guides.



### **Amazon Adventure: Unfolding Journeys**

**By Stewart Ross & Jenni Sparks**

This visually appealing book from Lonely Planet Kids unfolds as you read it into a 16-panel long wall frieze. The pages take the reader on an informative journey down the Amazon river, snaking through the deepest rainforest and the surrounding geographical regions and cities. The journey map is packed with illustrations, icons, labels and facts. On the reverse of the frieze, there are paragraphs of further information about different points of interest from the journey, including rainforest animals and tribal villages.