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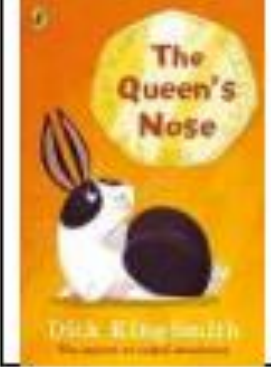

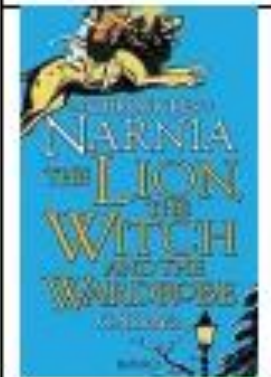
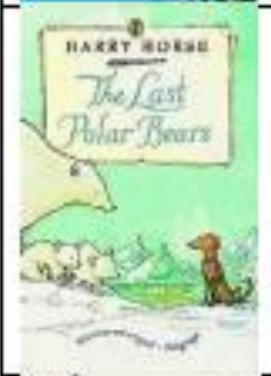

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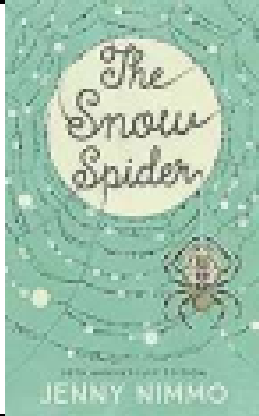


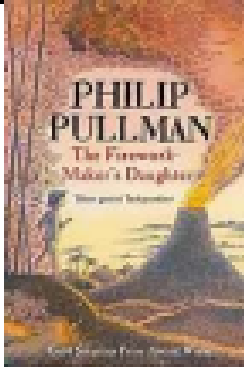
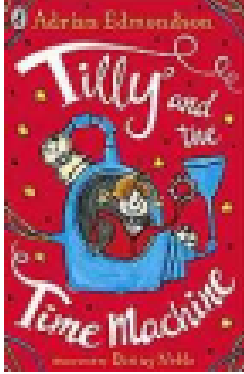
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Year 4 – Recommended Reading List

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|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>How To Train Your Dragon – Cressida Cowell</u></p> <p>In the first <i>How to Train Your Dragon</i> book Hiccup must lead ten novices in their initiation into the Hairy Hooligan Tribe. They have to train their dragons or be BANISHED from the tribe FOR EVER!</p> <p>But what if Hiccup's dragon resembles an ickle brown bunny with wings? And has NO TEETH? The Seadragonus Gigantious Maximus is stirring and wants to devour every Viking on the Isle of Berk . . .</p> <p>Can Hiccup save the tribe - and become a Hero?</p> | |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Brightstorm – Vashti Hardy</u></p> <p>Twins Arthur and Maudie receive word in Lontown that their famous explorer father died in a failed attempt to reach South Polaris. Not only that, but he has been accused of trying to steal fuel from his competitors before he died! The twins don't believe the news, and they answer an ad to help crew a new exploration attempt in the hope of learning the truth and salvaging their family's reputation. As the winged ship <i>Aurora</i> sets sail, the twins must keep their wits about them and prove themselves worthy of the rest of the crew. But will Arthur and Maudie find the answers they seek?</p> | |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Midnight Gang – David Walliams</u></p> <p>Welcome to the Midnight Gang! Midnight is the time when all children are fast asleep, except of course for... the Midnight Gang. That is when their adventures are just beginning... When Tom gets hit on the head by a cricket ball, he finds himself at Lord Funt Hospital, and is greeted by a terrifying-looking porter. Things go from bad to worse when he meets the wicked matron in charge of the children's ward... But Tom is about to embark on the most thrilling journey of a lifetime!</p> | |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo</u></p> <p>"All my life I'll think of you, I promise I will. I won't ever forget you."</p> <p>Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.</p> | |

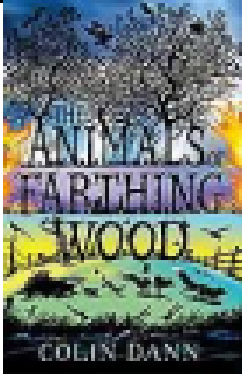
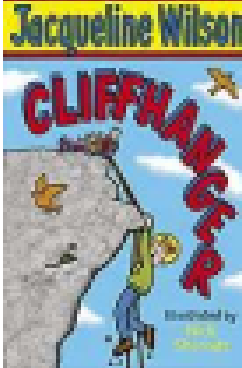
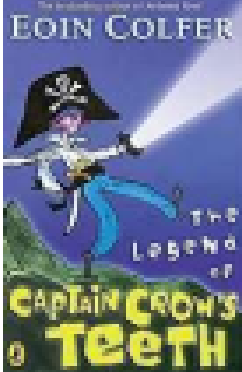
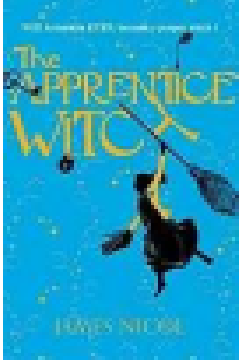
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|  | <p><u>The Queen's Nose – Dick King-Smith</u></p> <p>Harmony's uncle sends her on a treasure trail - which disappointingly ends in her finding a 50p piece. But the coin is a magic one, and when you rub the queen's nose, your wishes will come true!</p> | |
|  | <p><u>Alex Sparrow And The Really Big Stink – Jennifer Killick</u></p> <p>Alex Sparrow is a super-agent in training. He is also a human lie-detector. Working with Jess - who can communicate with animals - they must find out why their friends, and enemies, are all changing into polite and well behaved pupils. And exactly who is behind it all. This is a humorous tale full of smells, jokes and superhero references. Oh, and a rather clever goldfish called Bob. In a world where kids' flaws and peculiarities are being erased out of existence, Alex and Jess must rely on what makes them different to save the day.</p> | |
|  | <p><u>The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe – CS Lewis</u></p> <p>Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie—step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.</p> | |
|  | <p><u>The Last Polar Bears – Harry Horse</u></p> <p>Grandfather is off on an expedition to the North Pole to find the Last Polar Bears and with him goes Roo - a dog of character and strong views. The intrepid explorers set sail on the good ship Unsinkable and embark on the adventure of a lifetime. Eccentric, moving and very funny, their story is told through a series of extraordinary letters.</p> | |
|  | <p><u>The Accidental Prime Minister – Tom McLaughlin</u></p> <p>When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world! Before long, people are calling for the current leader to resign and give someone else a go . . . and that's how an ordinary boy like Joe ended up with the most extraordinary job. Now the fun can really start . . .</p> <p>Hats for cats! Pet pigs for all! Banana shaped buses!</p> | |

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|  | <p><u>The Snow Spider – Jenny Nimmo</u></p> <p>Gwyn's grandmother leaves him five gifts: a brooch, a piece of dried seaweed, a tin whistle, a scarf, and a broken toy horse. She tells him they will help make him a magician – but can Gwyn use them to bring his missing sister, Bethan, home?</p> | |
|  | <p><u>The Wind In The Willows – Kenneth Grahame</u></p> <p>Meet little Mole, willful Ratty, Badger the perennial bachelor, and petulant Toad. Over one hundred years since their first appearance in 1908, they've become emblematic archetypes of eccentricity, folly, and friendship. And their misadventures—in gypsy caravans, stolen sports cars, and their Wild Wood—continue to capture readers' imaginations and warm their hearts long after they grow up. Begun as a series of letters from Kenneth Grahame to his son, <i>The Wind in the Willows</i> is a timeless tale of animal cunning and human camaraderie.</p> | |
|  | <p><u>The Akimbo Adventures – Alexander McCall Smith</u></p> <p>Imagine living in the heart of Africa. Imagine living in a place where the sun rises every morning over blue mountains.</p> <p>Akimbo and his parents live on the edge of an African game reserve. It's his father's task to protect the thousands of amazing animals who make it their home, and wildlife-loving Akimbo dreams of helping him. In these three adventures, Akimbo protects elephants from poachers, saves a lion cub from a trap, and rescues a man from a crocodile!</p> | |
|  | <p><u>Dragons At Crumbling Castle – Terry Pratchett</u></p> <p>Dragons have invaded Crumbling Castle, and all of King Arthur's knights are either on holiday or visiting their grannies. It's a disaster!</p> <p>Luckily, there's a spare suit of armour and a very small boy called Ralph who's willing to fill it. Together with Fortnight the Friday knight and Fossfiddle the wizard, Ralph sets out to defeat the fearsome fire-breathers.</p> <p>But there's a teeny weeny surprise in store . . .</p> | |

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|  | <p><u>The Firework Maker's Daughter – Philip Pullman</u></p> <p>What Lila wants to be more than anything else in the world is . . . a Firework-Maker!</p> <p>But firework-making is not just about being able to make Crackle-Dragons and Golden Sneezes. There is also one special secret: every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend!</p> <p>Not knowing that she needs special protection to survive the Fire-Fiend's flames, Lila sets off alone. Her friends, Chulak and Hamlet - the King's white elephant - race after her. But can they possibly reach her in time?</p> | |
|  | <p><u>Tilly And The Time Machine – Danny Noble</u></p> <p>Tilly is seven and a half - and about to make history. When Tilly's dad builds a time machine in the shed there's only one place she really wants to go: back to her sixth birthday party, when she ate too many cupcakes and her mummy was still here.</p> <p>But then something goes wrong! Tilly's dad gets stuck in the past and only she can save him . . .</p> | |

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|  | <p><u>James And The Giant Peach – Roald Dahl</u></p> <p>James Henry Trotter lives with two ghastly hags. Aunt Sponge is enormously fat with a face that looks boiled and Aunt Spiker is bony and screeching. He's very lonely until one day something peculiar happens. At the end of the garden a peach starts to grow and GROW AND GROW. Inside that peach are seven very unusual insects - all waiting to take James on a magical adventure. But where will they go in their GIANT PEACH and what will happen to the horrible aunts if they stand in their way? There's only one way to find out!</p> | |
|  | <p><u>The Demon Headmaster – Gillian Cross</u></p> <p>When Dinah is fostered by the Hunters she thinks her biggest problem will be fitting in with her foster-brothers, Lloyd and Harvey. However, once she starts at her new school it's clear that there's more to worry about. All the children, apart from a handful including Lloyd and Harvey, are too well-behaved - robotic almost - and oddly keen to please the creepy headmaster. The three children set out to discover the nature of his influence over everyone . . . but then Dinah finds herself saying and doing things she has no power over. Soon they uncover the headmaster's wicked plan.</p> | |

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|  | <p><u>The Indian In The Cupboard – Lynne Reid Banks</u></p> <p>The Indian in the Cupboard is the first of five gripping books about Omri and his plastic North American Indian – Little Bull – who comes alive when Omri puts him in a cupboard. For Omri, it is a dream come true when the plastic American Indian he locks into the old cupboard comes to life. Little Bull is everything an Indian brave should be – proud, fearless and defiant. But being in charge of a real, live, human being is a heavy responsibility, as Omri soon discovers.</p> | |
|  | <p><u>Beware! Killer Tomatoes – Jeremy Strong</u></p> <p>Jack's in trouble. Big trouble. Not only is he in hospital with a leg in traction (boring) but he knows the police are coming for him. Because of an accident – a tomato-related accident – involving a supermarket pyramid and an old-age pensioner. Whoops!</p> | |
|  | <p><u>One Dog And His Boy – Eva Ibbotson</u></p> <p>Hal would like a dog, but a pet would damage the expensive carpets in his glamorous home, and his wealthy parents refuse to consider one. Then they discover Easy Pets, a convenient dog-rental agency. Terrier Fleck arrives on Hal's birthday, but when Hal discovers that his dog must be returned, he runs away. Hal and Fleck are joined by a group of pedigree breeds joyfully escaping from Easy Pets. A large reward is offered for the missing boy, and soon Hal and his dogs are being chased across the country by ruthless pursuers.</p> | |
|  | <p><u>Sweet Pizza – G.R.Gemin</u></p> <p>When Joe tasted a mouthful he was amazed how delicious it was - a dense taste, better than any pasta he'd eaten before. Food was suddenly different - he felt as if his taste buds were doing the cha-cha-cha on Strictly. Joe loves his Italian heritage: the language, the opera, the lasagne! But it's hard to celebrate his Italian roots in Bryn Mawr, South Wales, where his mam is sick of running the family's tatty cafe. Just like his great-grandfather who opened the cafe in 1929, Joe is an entrepreneur. He vows to save the family business, and to spice up the tired High Street with a little Italian flavour!</p> | |

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|  | <p><u>The Animals Of Farthing Wood – Colin Dann</u></p> <p>Both heart-wrenching and heart-warming, The Animals of Farthing Wood is a classic animal story of adventure and the fight for survival. Farthing Wood is being bulldozed and a drought means the animals no longer have anywhere to live or drink. Fox, Badger, Toad, Tawny Owl, Mole and the other animals band together and leave their ancestral home and set off to move to a far-away nature reserve. Their journey is full of adventure and fraught with disasters: a fire, a storm, a treacherous river crossing and a hunt. The animals must unite in adversity and in doing so they learn about each other's habits and limitations.</p> | |
|  | <p><u>CliffHanger – Jaqueline Wilson</u></p> <p>From climbing and abseiling to canoeing and a Crazy Bucket Race, Tim's adventure holiday promises to be full of action. There's just one problem: he is hopeless at sports of any kind.</p> <p>Can Tim survive the horrors of a week absolutely packed with activity? Can his team - the Tigers - be the overall champions? There are some surprises in store for everyone!</p> | |
|  | <p><u>The Legend Of Captain Crow's Teeth – Eoin Colfer</u></p> <p>Will's brother Marty is always playing practical jokes. But when he tells the bloodcurdling story of the cutthroat pirate Captain Crow, Will is <i>terrified</i>. Is it another one of Marty's tricks, or could Captain Crow's ghost really be out to get him? Spooky, funny fiction – brilliant for boys and girls.</p> | |
|  | <p><u>The Apprentice Witch – James Nicol</u></p> <p>Arianwyn has flunked her witch's assessment: She's doomed. Declared an apprentice and sent to the town of Lull in disgrace, she may never become a real witch – much to the glee of her arch-rival, Gimma.</p> <p>But remote Lull is not as boring as it seems. Strange things are sighted in the woods, a dangerous infestation of hex creeps throughout the town, and a mysterious magical visitor arrives with his eye on her.</p> | |

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