

Summer reading



Heartlands 2023



Reading at Heartlands



All Heartlands students must read for at least 20 minutes every day.



This could be a chapter book, a comic book, magazines or an audiobook.

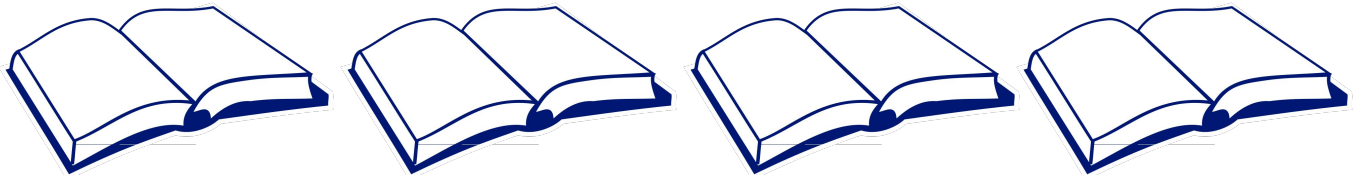


Good times to read include before bed, while waiting for dinner or on bus journeys.



Every student gets a chance to take two books a week from the school library for free.

To prepare for secondary school, all Year 6s try to read **four books** over the summer. When you start at Heartlands, there will be a chance to celebrate your summer reading and even earn some merits!



For some of you, this will be easy as you already love reading. For others, you might not have enjoyed reading much in Primary School, and might be nervous about reading more at Secondary School. No matter how confident you feel, we will help you find books.



Suggestions? Questions? Want to share a book review? The School Librarian, Mr Auerbach George, can be emailed at library@heartlands.haring.sch.uk.

Do Now: match the opening line to the cover of the book you think it came from.

Stretch: make up the last line of one of the books:

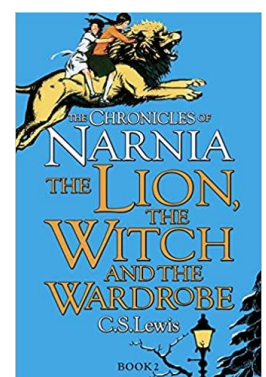
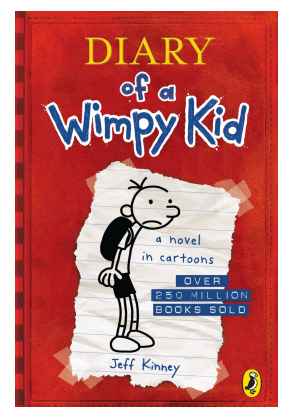
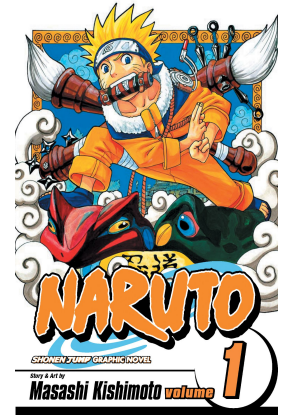
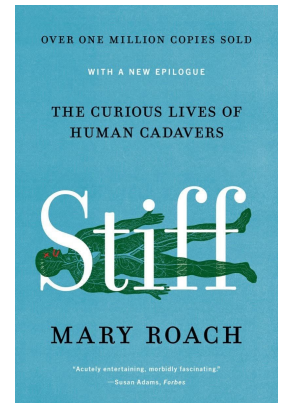
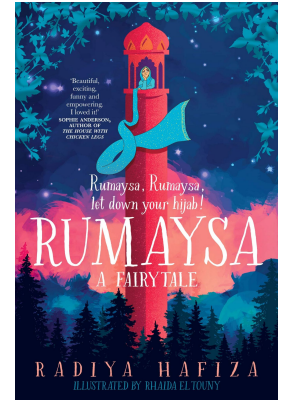
First of all, let me get something straight: this is a JOURNAL, not a diary.

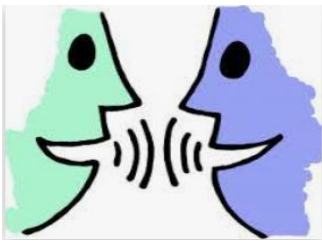
Once there were four children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy.

Once upon a time, there lived a fox spirit with nine tails.

The way I see it, being dead is not terribly far off from being on a cruise ship.

Once upon a time, in a land quite far away, snow was falling heavily from the dark sky, blanketing the land of Splinterfell in white.





Turn and talk: what is the most interesting opening line you can make by picking one from each column?

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The woman

The elephant

The scientist

The demon

The dog

The dragon

The spy

The loser

2

was walking

slithered slowly

slid very quickly

marched bravely

stomped loudly

tripped along

flew effortlessly

was running

3

to the shop

down the mountain

into the volcano

on the street

into the sky

into the portal

back home again

with no more fear

Write your opening line:

Opening of 'Crash' by Jerry Spinelli

It was a sunny summer day. I was in the front garden digging a hole with my little red shovel. I heard something like whistling. I looked up. It was whistling. It was coming from a funny-looking dorky little runt walking up the pavement. Only he wasn't just walking regular. He was walking like he owned the place, both hands in his pockets, sort of swaying lah-dee-dah with each step. Strolling. Strolling and gawking at the houses and whistling a happy little dorky tune.

And he wore a badge, a big one. It covered about half his chest. Which wasn't that hard since his chest was so scrawny.


So here he comes strolling, whistling, gawking, badging, dorking up the pavement, onto my pavement, my property, and all of a sudden I knew what I had to do, like there was a big announcement coming down from the sky: Don't let him pass.

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What do you think of the character telling the story?

Does it make you want to keep reading the book?

Summer Reading Menu - Choose Three Challenges!

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| <p>Apprentice League</p> <p>(2 merits per challenge)</p>  | <p>Read three chapters of a book</p> <p><i>Try getting stuck into a book, including a short book, a comic book, or an audiobook. Use your 'To Read' list to find suggestions. Even if you don't finish, you tried something new!</i></p> | <p>Give or get a book recommendation</p> <p><i>Ask someone for a book recommendation or tell someone a book you like. You can ask adults what they read at your age, or ask for tips at the library.</i></p> | <p>Listen to a poem</p> <p><i>Try reading a poem. There are lots of different kinds - silly, serious, romantic, adventurous! Try listening to one on the website www.childrens.poetryarchive.org</i></p> | <p>Try reading aloud</p> <p><i>Try reading aloud. You and a friend could take turns reading something aloud together, or you could read to a younger family member - even a pet!</i></p> |
| <p>Parent/Carer Signature</p> | | | | |
| <p>Premiership League</p> <p>(5 merits per challenge)</p>  | <p>Finish a whole book</p> <p><i>Keep going until you've got to the end of a book! You'll feel very proud. Look at your 'To Read' book and try a different one if you get bored. It could be a chapter book, graphic novel or audiobook.</i></p> | <p>Visit the library</p> <p><i>Find your closest library by searching www.gov.uk/local-library-services. You can get many free services from the library such as borrowing books (including in other languages!) and WiFi</i></p> | <p>Come up with a book character</p> <p><i>Imagine a book character. What do they look like? What is their personality? Do they have any special powers? Draw a picture or write a description to show your new English teacher.</i></p> | <p>Write a book review</p> <p><i>Write a review of a book you've read. Did you like it? Did you hate it? Why? Who do you think would like it? Show your English teacher in September.</i></p> |
| <p>Parent/Carer Signature</p> | | | | |
| <p>Epic League</p> <p>(12 merits per challenge)</p>  | <p>Complete the Reading Roadmap</p> <p><i>Use your 'To Read' list to find suggestions. Every time you finish a book, write the name of it on your Reading Roadmap and give it a rating. Show your four books for 12 merits. Write your favourite(s) on the leaf.</i></p> | <p>Complete the Summer Reading Challenge</p> <p><i>Sign up for the free Summer Reading Challenge at your local public library. You will get prizes for all the books you read. Bring in your certificate of completion for 12 merits.</i></p> | <p>Write your own story</p> <p><i>Think about things you could write a story about: a mystery, a fantasy world, or even something real. Write it by hand or on a computer. Draw pictures if you want. Show it to your new English teacher for 12 merits!</i></p> | <p>Start your own book club</p> <p><i>Find two or three friends who want to read this summer. You could all read the same book, or read different ones and swap tips. Meet up at your house or the library. Come up with a name and even a logo for your club.</i></p> |
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How do you feel about reading?

On fire: I love reading, and I want a challenge!

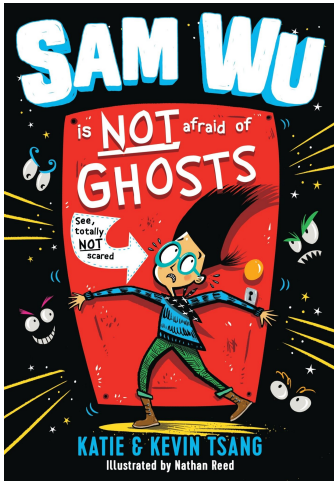
Medium: I feel okay about reading, and I like reading sometimes

Feeling mild: I don't like reading much, or I find it difficult



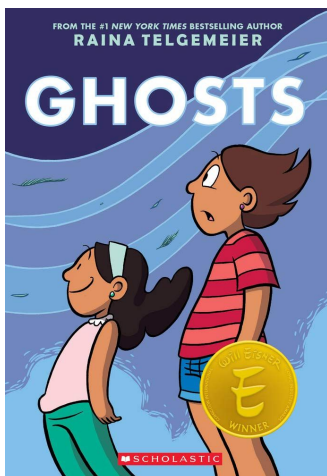
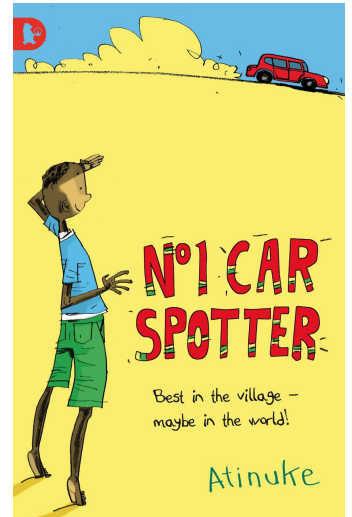
Try looking at the reading list that matches your feelings. If you spot something you like on a different list, don't be afraid to try that too. Write down books you want to try on your 'To Read' list.

Suggested books: feeling mild



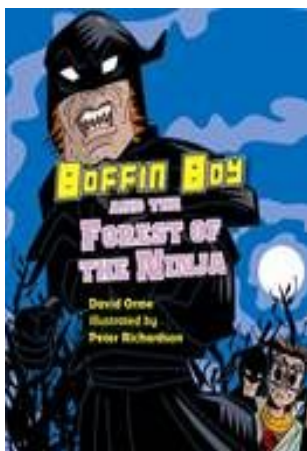
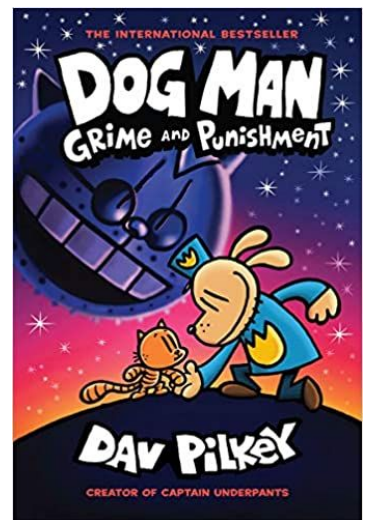
Sam Wu doesn't want anyone to know how many things he's scared of! But then, a school trip goes wrong...

Car spotting is the only hobby in Oluwalase's small African village. He is No. 1 at it – probably the best in the world! But can he prove it?



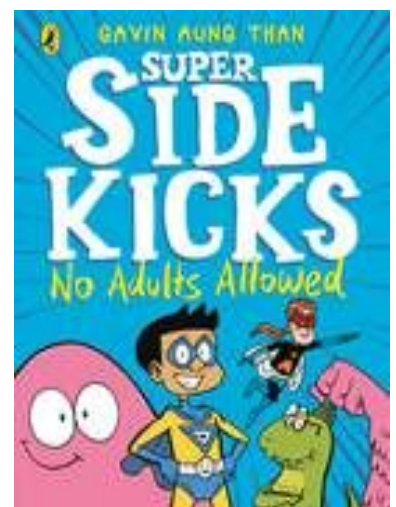
Catrina and her family are moving to the coast of Northern California because her little sister, Maya, is sick. As the girls explore their new home, a neighbor lets them in on a secret: There are ghosts in Bahía de la Luna.

The Supa Buddies have beaten the baddies, but Dog Man has a new problem to pound. He's going to need his entire pack to help him. Will he go barking up the wrong tree?

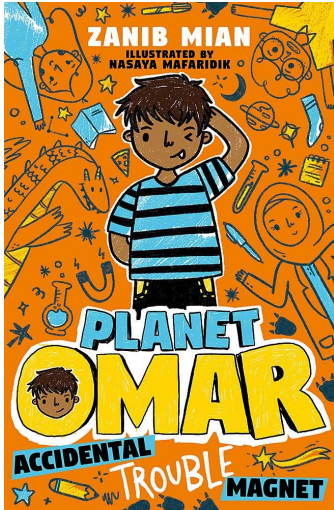


In his latest adventure, Boffin Boy is up against a gang of ninjas. Boffin Boy must brave the Forest of the Ninja to find out the truth and stop the gang!

JJ and his friends Fly Girl and Dinomite are sick of being taken for granted by the adult superheroes they work for. It's time to prove that they're not just sidekicks!

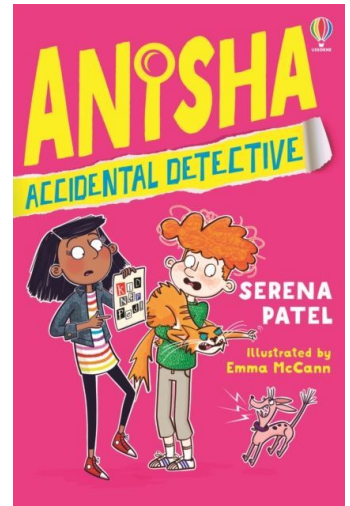


Suggested books: **medium**



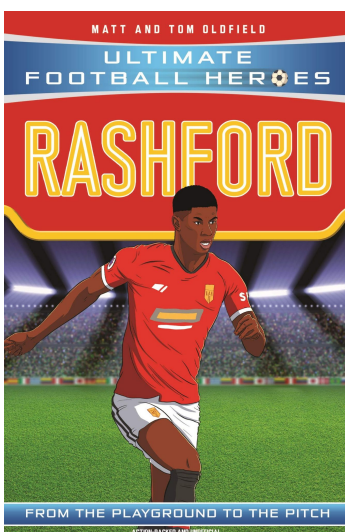
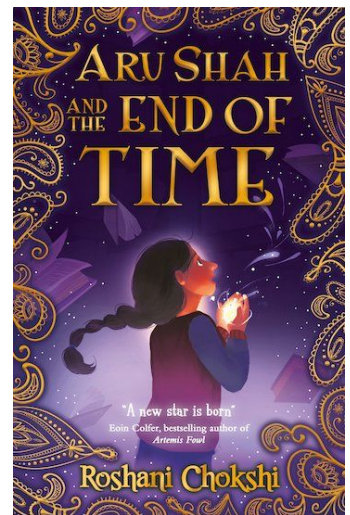
Omar has just moved into a new house with his family: school trouble, silly moments and lots of doodles!

Anisha's Aunt Bindi is getting married tomorrow and the groom has been kidnapped! Can Anisha track down the culprit in time for his wedding?



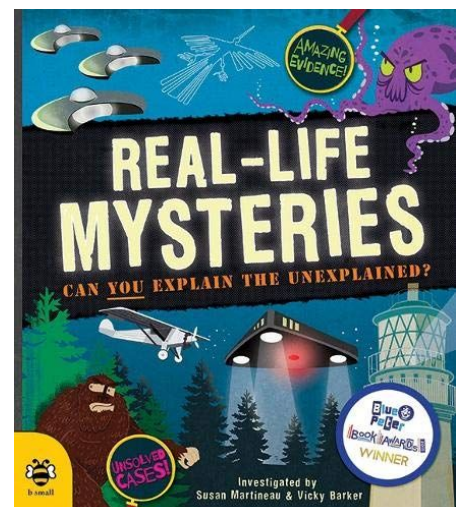
For fans of scary books: one day Coraline unlocks a mysterious door that opens onto another world, where she discovers something very sinister about her 'other mother'

Twelve-year-old Aru Shah has a tendency to lie. While her classmates are on holiday, she's stuck at the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture - until she unwittingly frees 'the Sleeper'

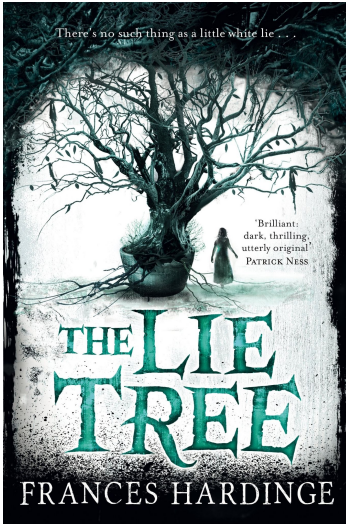


Read the story of Manchester United superstar Marcus Rashford, from tough beginnings to goalscoring legend!

With mysteries Loch Ness Monster and friends, read the amazing evidence about these mysterious cases and make up your own mind.

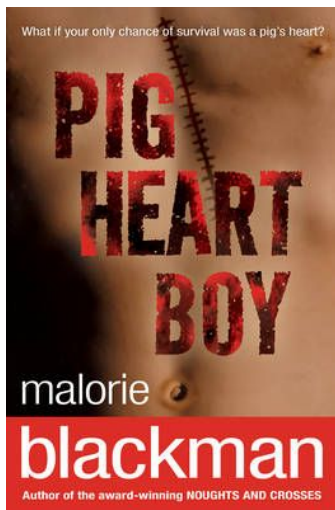
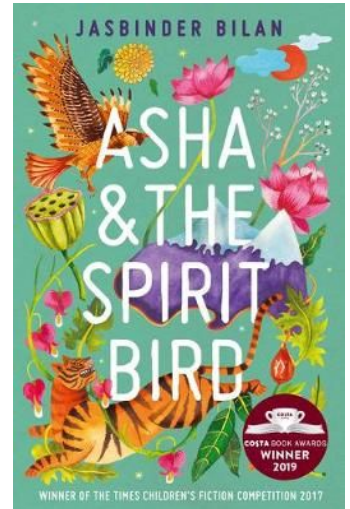


Suggested books: on fire!



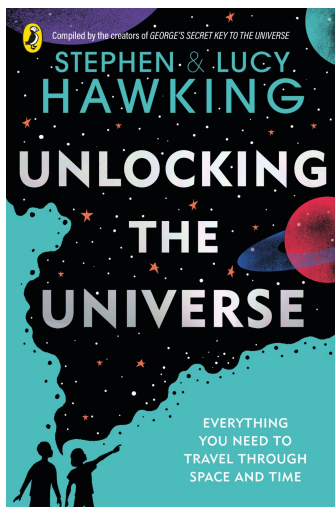
Faith is clever, but because she is a girl, no-one pays her any attention. When her father dies in mysterious circumstances, Faith links his death to a strange plant in her father's possession, the Lie Tree.

Asha's life on her parents' farm in the foothills of the Himalayas would be perfect – if only her father could be there with them. He works in a factory in a far-off city, sending money home, But one day, the money stops.



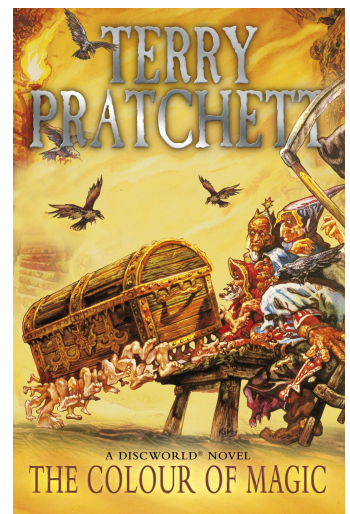
Cameron desperately needs a new heart when he is offered a radical and controversial transplant of a pig's heart. While Cameron soon comes to terms with the idea, he finds the world around him less accepting.

Fletcher always wanted to be a blacksmith, until a stranger arrives and brings him an unusual book. Fletcher learns that he has the ability to summon demons, a skill which may help to save the empire.



This book covers a big range of science topics from the big bang theory, what the earth is made of, planets in our solar system and the building blocks of life.

The Discworld is very much like our own - if our own were to consist of a flat planet balanced on the back of four elephants which stand on the back of a giant turtle, that is . . .



My 'To Read' List

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Reading Roadmap to Heartlands!



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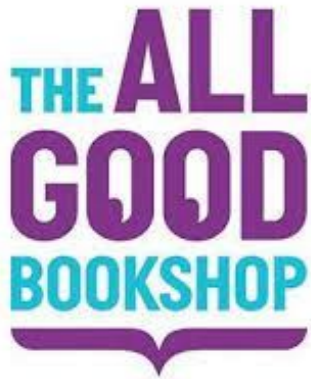
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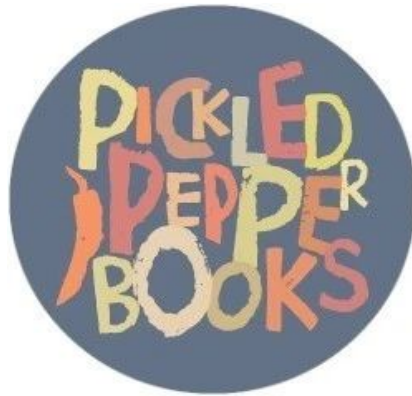
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My new
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teacher's

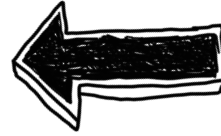
Where can I get books?



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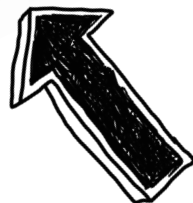


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great advice
and rare finds!

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shop for books
as cheap as
50p!



Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Join your local public library for free. Wood Green Library is 5 minutes away from Heartlands and has dedicated space for children and teens. You can also sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge to get rewarded with extra stickers and prizes for your books!

My Favourite Book(s) of the Summer

