

Holy Trinity's Sycamore Class Suggested Supportive Texts

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Old Favourites	Mirrors, Windows and Doors	Exploring Emotions	Equality & Diversity	Read 2 Write (In depth studies) Whole class novels
<p>The Hobbit J.R.R Tolkien</p>  <p>The Hobbit is set in Middle-earth and follows home-loving Bilbo Baggins, the hobbit of the title, who joins the wizard Gandalf and the thirteen dwarves of Thorin's Company, on a quest to reclaim the dwarves' home and treasure from the dragon Smaug.</p> <p>Swallows and Amazons Arthur Ransome</p>  <p>Four children (the Swallows) on holiday in the Lake District sail on their own to an island and start a war</p>	<p>The Dream Snatcher Abi Elphinstone</p>  <p>Twelve-year-old Moll Pecksniff wakes one night in the middle of the forest, lured there by a recurring nightmare - the one with the drums and the rattles and the masks. The Dreamsnatcher is waiting. He has already taken her dreams and now he wants her life. Because Moll is more important than she knows...</p> <p>An Eagle in the Snow Michael Morpurgo</p>  <p>In the darkness, sheltering in a</p>	<p>A Series of Unfortunate Events Lemony Snicket</p>  <p>The comically dark tale centres around three children, Violet, Klaus and baby Sunny, whose parents are killed in a fire which also destroys their home - a tragic event which sets the tone for the rest of the book. Sent to live with Count Olaf, a distant relative, their unsettled lives take a turn for the worse.</p> <p>The Power of Five Series Anthony Horowitz</p>  <p>The series focuses on five children: Matthew Freeman, Pedro, Scott Tyler, Jamie Tyler, and Scarlett Adams, a</p>	<p>How to Live Forever Colin Thompson</p>  <p>Trapped in a world where books are houses and wise men aren't wise at all, Peter meets a girl called Festival. She doesn't know where Peter's father has gone, but she might know someone who does. Together they look for the Ancient Child, who has the answers to everything.</p> <p>The Same Inside Roger Stevens</p>  <p>The Same Inside is a thought-provoking and heart-warming collection of poems from three renowned British poets, Liz Brownlee, Matt Goodfellow and Roger</p>	<p>Where Once We Stood Christopher Rile</p>  <p>Where Once We Stood tells the stories of the twelve human beings who have lived and worked on another world. Each mission is retold in it's own chapter, using the actual conversations that took place between the astronauts on the lunar surface.</p> <p>FATHER Grahame Baker Smith</p>  <p>A young boy, bewitched by his father's unrelenting passion to fly; a desperate craving that absorbs his every waking minute, finds himself entranced by the dream. When</p>

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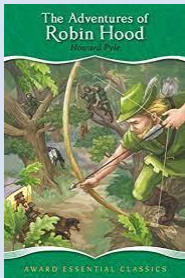
with rival children (the Amazons). In the meantime, a mysterious man on a houseboat accuses them of a crime they did not commit.

Moonfleet
John Meade
Faulkner



John Trenchard is an orphan. When he stumbles across an elaborate system of smugglers, it seems like excitement is right around the corner. There is a tale of a ghost and buried treasure and John eagerly goes in search of this lost diamond.

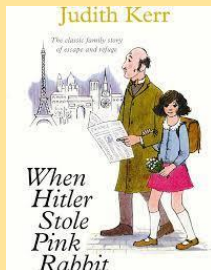
Robin Hood
Howard Pyle



Robin Hood, is a collection of stories about the legendary English outlaw. The book begins with Robin's birth and

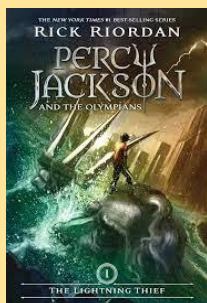
railway tunnel, the stranger in the carriage with Barney and his mother tells them a story to pass the time.

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Judith Kerr



A 9-year old Jewish girl's world changes overnight during the winter of 1932. Sensing the threat behind Hitler's rising power, Anna's father, a famous journalist and critic of fascism, leaves the country to establish a life in exile.

Percy Jackson: Lightning Thief
Rick Riordan

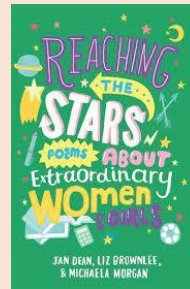


he Lightning Thief is a light-hearted fantasy about a modern 12-year-old boy who learns that his true father

group of fourteen-year-old children (all five children turn fifteen in Necropolis) who are destined to defeat mystical entities known only as the Old Ones who ruled for a long period of time ten thousand years ...

Stevens. Each poem is short, snappy and accessible, exploring subjects like empathy, respect and bullying.

Reaching The Stars: Poems About Extraordinary Women & Girls
Jan Dean



This feisty collection of poems is a celebration of the achievements of women and girls throughout history.

his father goes to war and does not return it seems the spell is broken.

The Hound of the Baskervilles
Arthur Conan Doyle



Victorian-era detective Holmes and his assistant, Dr. Watson, are called to Baskerville Hall in the mist-covered moors of Dartmoor in southern England. A giant spectral hound reportedly stalks the premises and kills the estate's heirs out of vengeance for the death of a local peasant girl.

The Promise Nicola Davies



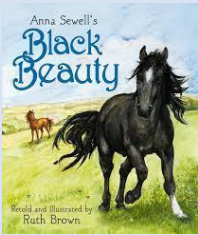
On a mean street in a mean, broken city, a young girl tries to snatch an old woman's bag. But the frail old woman, holding on with the strength of heroes, says the thief can't

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follows him through his youth, his outlawry in Sherwood Forest, and his romance with Maid Marian.

Black Beauty Anna Sewell



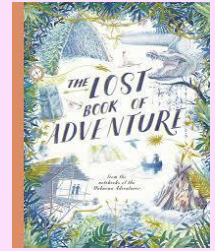
Black Beauty, a handsome well-born, well-bred horse of the era before automobiles, narrates the story.

He is initially owned by kind masters but is sold to successively crueller owners. Eventually, he collapses from overwork and ill treatment, but in the end he is sold to another kind owner and recovers.

is Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. Percy sets out to become a hero by undertaking a quest across the United States to find the entrance to the Underworld and stop a war between the gods.

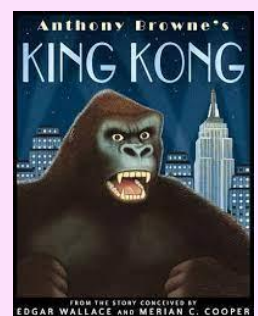
have it without giving something in return: the promise.

The Lost Book of Adventure: Teddy Keen



A facsimile edition of the tattered notebooks of the Unknown Adventurer, this love letter to the wild details everything you need to know about how to live and thrive in nature, from the principles of treehouse building to wilderness first aid.

King Kong Anthony Browne



King Kong is a giant gorilla, a massive monster of an ape who lives on a remote island. The mighty beast falls for a beautiful girl, Ann Darrow, and desperate to have her he finds himself lured into captivity.

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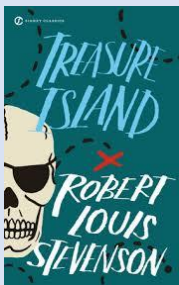
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<p>Tom's Midnight Garden Philippa Pearce</p>  <p>In the story Tom is sent to stay with an uncle and aunt while his brother recovers from the measles. In exile Tom learns, accidentally, that he can escape the tedium of his surroundings by slipping out at midnight into a Victorian garden; in the garden he can enjoy playing with a little girl named "Hatty."</p> <p>The Secret Garden Frances Hodgson Burnett</p>  <p>When the spoilt and bad-tempered Mary is orphaned</p>	<p>Holes Louis Sachar</p>  <p>The story follows Stanley Yelnats, who, due to a wrongful accusation, finds himself at Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention centre in the scorching Texas desert.</p> <p>Kensuke's Kingdom Michael Morpurgo</p>  <p>Michael is hungry, lonely and scared when he is washed up on a seemingly deserted island. He soon discovers another inhabitant - Kensuke, a former Japanese soldier - who, although initially unfriendly, provides Michael with food and water. Gradually, a strong bond</p>	<p>Once Morris Gleitzman</p>  <p>Once by Morris Gleitzman is a novel set in Poland during World War 2. It is told through the innocent eyes of 10-year-old Felix, who is living through the Holocaust. Soon after he leaves the orphanage, Felix rescues an orphaned girl, Zelda, and brings her along on his journey.</p> <p>Born to Run Michael Morpurgo</p>  <p>Patrick christens his puppy Best Mate, and that's what he becomes. Patrick's favourite thing is to watch Best Mate running at full stretch on the heath, a speeding bullet, a cheetah-dog. Until one day Best Mate is kidnapped by a</p>	<p>A Kid In My Class (poems) Rachel Rooney</p>  <p>They're all here...every kid in the class has their own poem. The pushy one, the shy one. The whizz kid and the daydreamer. The best friender and the kid who runs in his wheelchair. The tough kid, the poet. And not forgetting the class hamster.</p> <p>Quiet Storm Kimberly Whittam</p>  <p>No matter how quiet it is, you've got a voice, Storm. You should use it to speak up for yourself. Storm has never liked to stand out from the crowd, but ever since she started Year 7, her life has been full of people telling her she needs to speak up, make friends and be</p>	<p>Rose Blanche Christophe Gallaz and Roberto</p>  <p>In wartime Germany, Rose Blanche witnesses the mistreatment of a little boy, and follows the truck that takes him to a camp. Secretly, Rose Blanche brings him and other children food. An excellent book to use not only to teach about the Holocaust, but also about living a life of ethics, compassion, and honesty.</p> <p>A Story Like the Wind Gill Lewis</p>  <p>A boy finds himself on a small dinghy with a group of people. They are fleeing a war and have paid an expensive fare to</p>

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at the age of ten, she is sent from India to live with her hunchback uncle on the Yorkshire Moors. At first, she is utterly miserable, but gradually the friendship of her maid and the discovery of a secret garden in the grounds of the house begin to change her.

Treasure Island
Robert Louis Stevenson

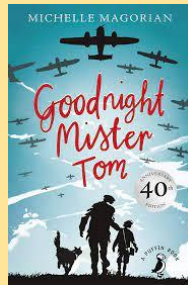


"Treasure Island" is the story of a twelve-year-old boy, Jim Hawkins, who finds a treasure map that belonged to a pirate, Captain Flint. Jim and his friends travel to a faraway island and meet ex-crew members of Captain Flint, who were also looking for the treasure and take Jim as a hostage.

Anne of Green Gable
Lucy Maud Montgomery

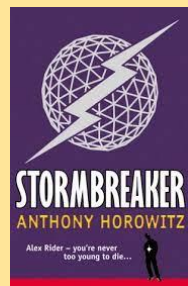
develops between the two castaways.

Goodnight Mister Tom
Michelle Magorian



The unforgettable story of young Willie Beech, evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of the Second World War. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the unlikely care of grumpy old Tom Oakley.

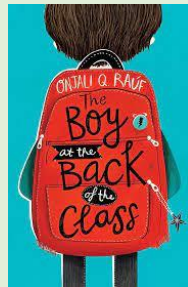
Alex Rider - Stormbreaker
Anthony Horowitz



Fourteen-year-old Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle, a man who is offering state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers to every

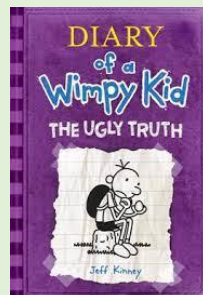
greyhound trainer, and begins a new life as a champion race dog.

The Boy at the Back of the Class
Onjali Rauf



When a new boy joins their class, a group of children try to befriend him. They soon learn that Ahmet is a refugee and has been separated from his family. None of the grown-ups seem to be able to help him, so the friends come up with a daring plan, embarking on an extraordinary adventure.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth
Jeff Kinney



In The Ugly Truth, book 5 of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, from #1 international bestselling author

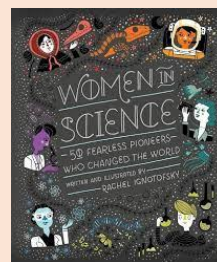
more like her popular big brother.

There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom
Louis Sachar



He is the oldest child in the class. He tells enormous lies. He picks fights with girls, and the teachers say he has "serious behaviour problems." No one likes him - except Carla, the new school counsellor. She thinks Bradley is sensitive and generous, and she even enjoys his far-fetched stories.

Women in Science
Rachel Ignotofsky



Women in Science celebrates the achievements of the intrepid women who have paved the way for the next generation of female engineers, biologists, mathematicians, doctors, astronauts, physicists, and more!

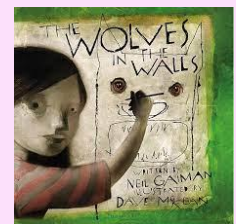
make this dangerous journey.

The Origin of the Species
Sabina Radeva



Pulling together Darwin's observations from his travels around the world and his ground-breaking explanation of how species form, develop, and change over time.

The Wolves in the Walls
Neil Gaiman

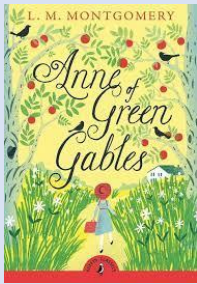


In the story the protagonist, Lucy, hears wolves in the walls of her family's house, but her family does not believe her until one day when the wolves come out of the walls.

Shackleton's Journey
William Grill

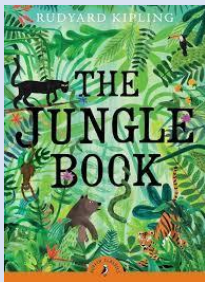
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This is the story of a young orphan girl, Anne, who is mistakenly delivered to an older couple looking to adopt a boy to work on their farm in Avonlea on Prince Edward Island.

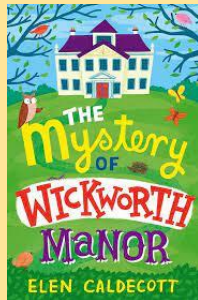
The Jungle Book
Rudyard Kipling



The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling is an adventure story about a man-cub named Mowgli. Mowgli is hunted by an evil tiger named Shere Khan. Mowgli tries to live a peaceful life with other humans, but is too wild for them and too human for the wolves. Eventually Mowgli finds a home in the jungle with a pack of his own.

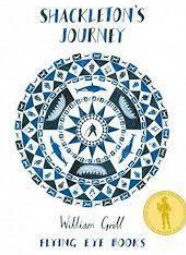
school in the country.

The Mystery of Wickworth Manor
Elen Coldecott



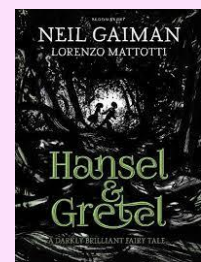
There is a mystery begging to be unravelled! So Paige and Curtis, in their very different ways, start work to find out what happened all those years ago . . . An exciting adventure with lots of humour and action, which also gives some background on the slave trade.

Jeff Kinney, Greg Heffley suddenly finds himself dealing with the pressures of boy-girl parties, increased responsibilities, and even the awkward changes that come with getting older—all without his best friend, Rowley, ...



In August 1914, Ernest Shackleton and his brave crew set out to cross the frozen wastes of Antarctica, in what was to be the last expedition of the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. Ahead of them lay unimaginable danger - ferocious seas, uncharted mountains, ice and snow.

Hansel and Gretel
Neil Gaiman



Neil Gaiman has created a chilling and dark retelling of the story of Hansel and Gretel. New details are added to the story, a war has brought hard times on the family, the parents feel that the only choice is to lose the children in the forest.

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