

# THE GROVE'S READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Keeping our community  
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reading.



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Welcome! Please read on for some reading recommendations by Grove children, staff and school governors. These reading recommendations can help you find the next book you and your child might like to try out whilst you're at home.

Margaret Winchcomb, school governor  
recommends,  
**Furry Bear**, by AA Milne from **Now We Are Six**

## 1. Why did you enjoy this poem?

It makes me feel warm and cosy imagining, especially when it is cold, just how lovely it would be to be a bear with lots of fur. Winnie-the-Pooh has written this poem and uses his own special words like 'snew' and 'friz'. I find it reassuring to know that someone (some bear) as famous as Pooh can struggle to use the words he already has to say what he means.

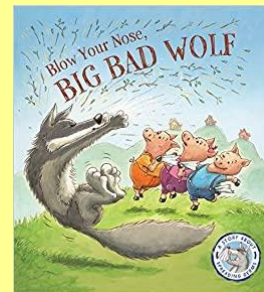
## 2. Where did you find / hear about this poem?

My dad used to read this poem, and others in the book, to me when I was little.

## 3. Has the poet written any other materials?

Yes, the Winnie-the-Pooh stories are the most famous, and there are also more poems in a book called 'When we were very young'. My dad is now reading the books to my children and I really enjoy listening to his voice and style of reading. The stories always make me laugh.

Mrs. Cowe recommends,  
**'Blow your nose, Big Bad Wolf'**,  
by Steve Smallman



This picture book is based on the original story of the 3 Little Pigs... but with a twist! This version is about not spreading germs! The book has engaging illustrations and lively text and made me and my daughter (Year 1) laugh. Also, the book includes a 'Next Steps' page at the back, to stimulate further engagement with the text, including starting points for discussions and ideas for art.

I recommend this book for 5-7-year olds.



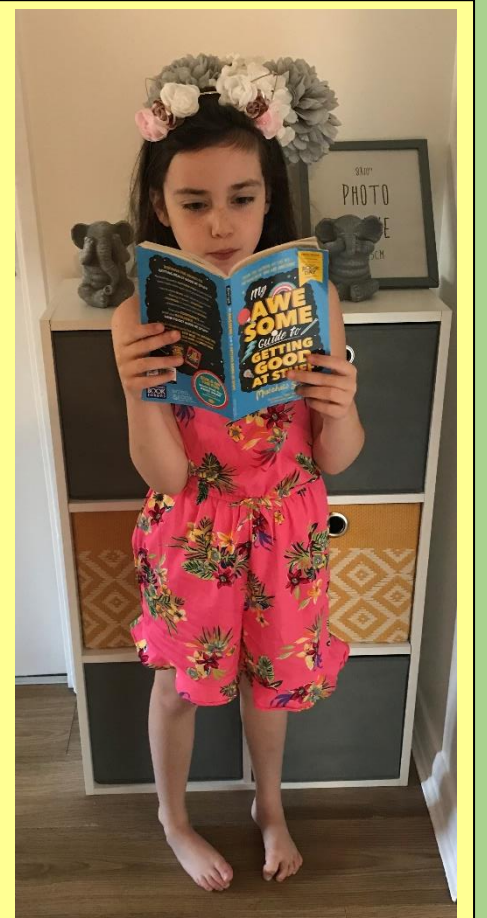
Kianna in Year 3 recommends,  
**'My Awesome Guide to Getting Good at Stuff'**,  
By Matthew Syed.

Discover the secret to GETTING GOOD AT STUFF! Matthew Syed busts some myths wide open so if you believe that...

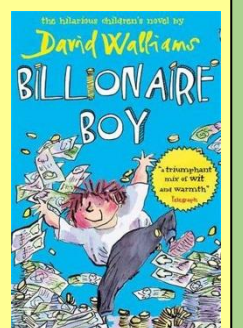
- You're either born with talent or you're not
- Mistakes = Disaster
- Everyone is better than me

...prepare to have your mind BLOWN!

This book will help you find confidence, resilience and determination. This guide will help you learn from the best, to get over failures and nail the 'practice makes perfect' attitude!



Joshua in Year 1 recommends,  
**'Billionaire Boy'** by David Walliams  
Billionaire Boy is one of David Walliams many books. The story is about a boy called Joe Spud, and he is the richest boy in the Country, he has EVERYTHING, except... a friend - he has no friends! This book is very funny!





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## Reading Challenge!!

Reception, KS1 and KS2 children, **WE NEED YOU!** Your mission: To complete as many of the reading challenges as possible. Once you have completed a challenge, ask a family member to photograph it or a video it, and send it to the school office, your class teacher, or upload it to the school Facebook Page.

1) Read to an animal, 2) Read to someone older than you, 3) Read in the dark with a torch, 4) Read a poem out loud, 5) Read a text about an animal 6) Read at least 5 jokes and share them with a family member.

### 'Furry Bear' by AA Milne

If I were a bear,  
And a big bear too,  
I shouldn't much care  
If it froze or snow;  
I shouldn't much mind  
If it snowed or friz--  
I'd be all fur-lined  
With a coat like his!

For I'd have fur  
boots and a brown fur  
wrap,  
And brown fur  
knickers and a big fur  
cap.  
I'd have a fur muffle-  
ruff to cover my jaws.  
And brown fur  
mittens on my big  
brown paws.  
With a big brown  
furry-down up to my  
head,  
I'd sleep all the  
winter in a big fur  
bed.

### Kacey in Year 3, recommends, 'The Worst Witch Saves the Day' by Jill Murphy

Mildred's adventures continue as Miss Cackle's Academy for witches, with her faithful tabby cat. Mildred Hubble and her friends, Maud and Enid return to school with a new teacher and something unusual is afoot... Despite having to contend with spiteful Ethel Hallow, Mildred saves the day. This is a series of Worst Witch books, written with humour and brilliant illustrations. Recommended for 7-10-year olds.



### Alex in Year 4 recommends, 'Dog Man' by Dav Pilkey

'Dog man' is a funny comic that can be enjoyed by all ages. The author and illustrator is Dav Pilkey. He lives on Bainbridge Island, Washington. There are 18 Dog man comics currently and all of them include flip-o-rama. Flip-o-rama is an animating technique, only used by Dav. I like that the artwork is very simple but still very good. The main character is Dog man, a policeman.

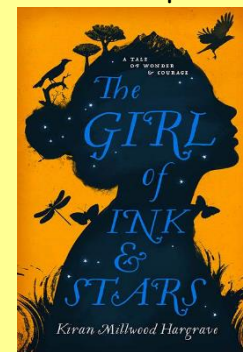


### Mrs. Morris, Inclusion mentor, recommends,

### 'The Girl of Ink & Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The story follows a young girl called Isabella, who longs for freedom and would like to be free from harsh regime imposed upon the residents of Island Joya. She would like to explore the faraway lands her father, a cartographer, once mapped. Her friend, the daughter of the governor of the island disappears. Isabella feels she must find her friend and she dress like a boy to find her; she uses her cartography skills; learnt from her father to map her journey. She has a special map that her mother had drawn, this helps her map the mysterious island. It is a mysterious story one of friendship and sadness but there is happiness in the final chapters.

This is a beautiful tale full of hope and heartbreak, magic and adventure. The plot, at times, can be complicated and has various settings and characters, with at times, challenging vocabulary. I'd recommend for Upper Key Stage 2.

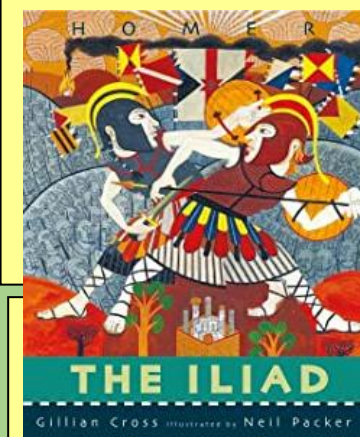


Julia in Year 3, recommends,

### 'Princess Mirror-Belle and the Party Hoppers'

by Julia Donaldson

This book has three short stories. It is for ages 6-9. In the book, there is a girl called Ellen. Whenever she looks in the mirror, her clone, Princess Mirror-Belle, appears. Princess Mirror-Belle is a royal princess from another land. She thinks things a little differently and is such a troublemaker. Everybody except for Ellen thinks that there is only one Ellen, just, there isn't. I like this book because it is very funny and easy to read. I would recommend it to people who like comedy. All the three stories put together have about 80 pages. There is also an extra story at the end.



### Tyler in Year 5 recommends, 'The Iliad' by Gillian Cross

In the book there is a war between the Trojans and Greeks. I found the book complex so it made me think about what's going on. It helped me look at how they interacted as they fought constantly. I'd recommend it to Advanced readers due to the complexity of the book.

If you, or someone you know, would like to recommend a book for next week's reading recommendation leaflet, please email Miss Lee-Fox at: [kiwi@grove.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kiwi@grove.cambs.sch.uk)