



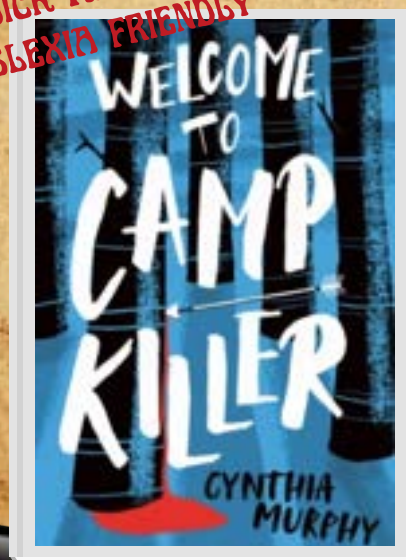
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YEAR 7 & 8 AUTUMN READING LIST

Reading regularly over the summer is one of the best ways to support literacy and vocabulary development.

As part of our focus on *thriller and crime* fiction during the autumn term, we have put together a selection of titles for Years 7 and 8. Students are encouraged to borrow or purchase one of these books over the summer holiday and bring it with them to lessons in September, ready for the start of term.

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Welcome to Camp Killer by Cynthia Murphy

An American-style summer camp at an English stately home quickly turns sinister when rumours of a past tragedy, ghostly sightings, and a series of deadly “accidents” leave the teenage counsellors questioning who — or what — is behind the danger.

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Pike by Anthony McGowan

When brothers Nicky and Kenny go fishing at the mysterious Bacon Pond, what starts as a search for giant fish turns dangerous after they discover what may be the body of a missing local criminal. A tense story about family, secrets, and the dangers lurking beneath the surface.



Pale by Chris Wooding

In a future where the Lazarus Serum can revive the dead, those brought back return changed and are treated as outcasts known as Pales. After a life-changing accident, Jed must decide whether living forever is worth losing his humanity.



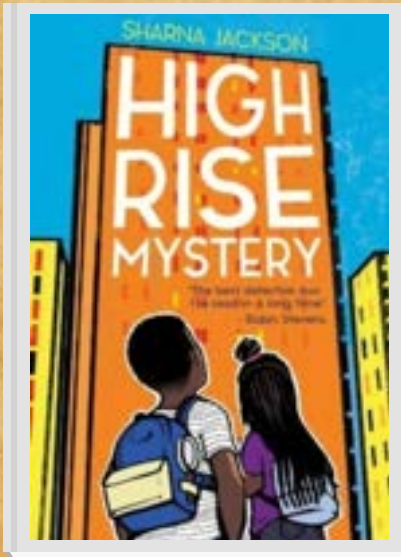
The Great Food Bank Heist by Onjali Q. Rauf

Nelson believes the food bank is the best kind of bank — until supplies begin disappearing and local families are left struggling. Determined to help, Nelson and his friends set out to uncover the thief before things get even worse.

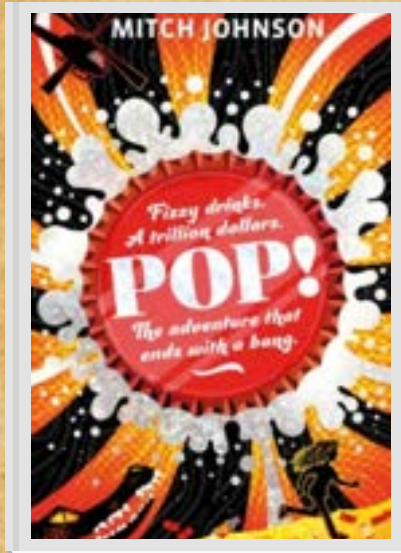
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High rise mystery by Sharna Jackson
During one of London's hottest summers, two sharp-witted siblings, Nik and Norva, investigate a murder in their high-rise block. With curiosity and determination, the young detective duo race to solve the mystery before the summer ends.



Pop! : Fizzy drinks. A trillion dollars. The adventure that ends with a bang
by Mitch Johnson

After finding the lost recipe for the world's most famous fizzy drink, Queenie becomes the target of bounty hunters, helicopters, and angry crowds chasing a huge reward. With her friend Todd, she sets off on a fast-paced adventure about friendship, courage, and standing up to powerful corporations.



Rock star detectives by Adam Hills

When best friends Charley and George are blamed for a series of international art thefts, they must track down the real criminal to clear their names. Between Charley's fame as a viral singer and George's social media skills, the pair are thrown into a fast-paced adventure across Europe filled with mystery, jealousy, and danger.

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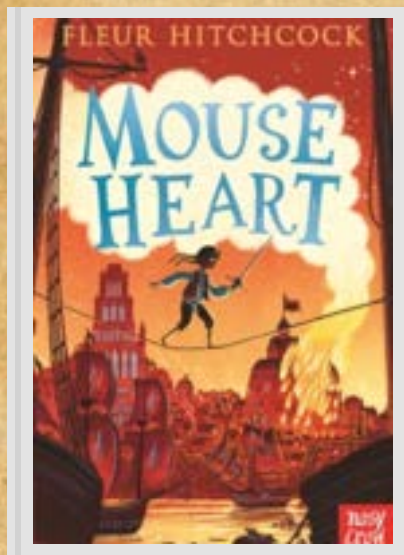


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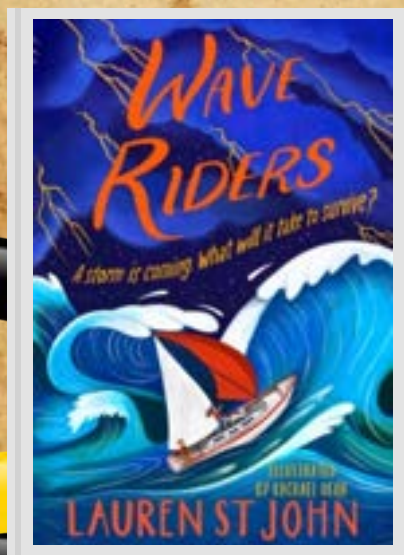
The colour of the Sun by David Almond

Davie sets out to uncover the truth behind a murder in his strange small town, but reality soon becomes dark and distorted. As he searches for answers, he encounters mysterious people, unsettling landscapes, and even the murder victim himself — leaving Davie unsure who is truly alive or dead.



Mouse heart by Fleur Hitchcock

Mouse loves her unusual family at the Moth Theatre, but when their leading actor is arrested for murder, she is determined to prove his innocence. As she investigates, Mouse uncovers dangerous secrets and discovers that a killer may be hiding among the cast.

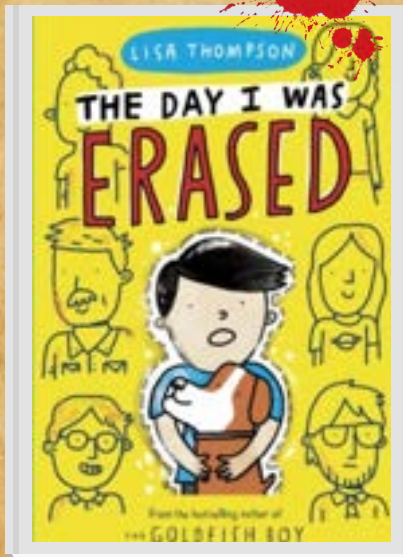


Wave riders by Lauren St John

Twins Jess and Jude have spent their lives sailing the world with their guardian, Gabriel, until a violent storm leaves them alone and searching for answers after he disappears. Taken in by a wealthy family with secrets of their own, the twins uncover mysteries that may be deeply connected to their past — and to themselves.

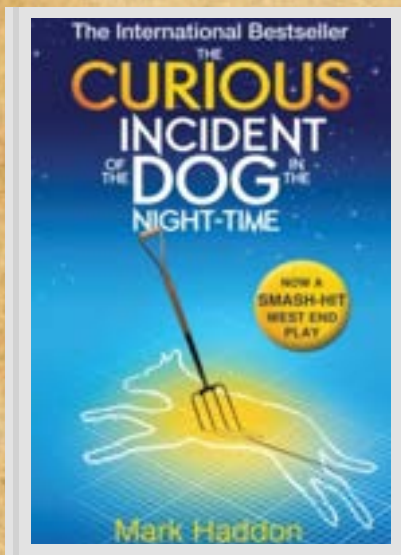
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The day I was erased by Lisa Thompson

Maxwell is always getting into trouble, but after discovering a mysterious cabinet of curiosities, he suddenly finds himself erased from existence. At first life seems easier, but Maxwell soon realises how much his actions mattered — especially to the people and dog he loves.



The curious incident of the dog in the night-time by Mark Haddon

Christopher, a fifteen-year-old boy with a brilliant mind and a photographic memory, begins investigating the mysterious death of his neighbour's dog. As he searches for the truth, he uncovers secrets that change the way he sees his family and the world around him.



A girl's guide to spying by Holly Webb

When Phyl joins the Girl Guides during the war, she never expects to become an MI5 messenger. But when a suspicious Major disappears, Phyl, her sister Annie, and their friends must uncover the truth before a dangerous spy escapes.