

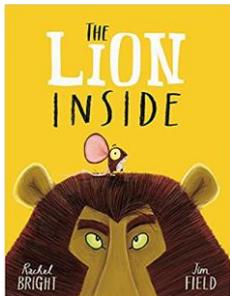


# Gorse Hall's Reading Recommendations 1<sup>st</sup> Edition



Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Gorse Hall's Reading Recommendations. We will send home a newsletter like this every half term. The newsletter will highlight a few books that we feel your children will love to read. Either to share with you or to read by themselves. Some of the books we may have read with your children over the course of the school day, some of them are books that we haven't read but feel they would enjoy. If a book has been shared in class you will see it has a star rating out of five, you can find the full book review for this book on the reading section on our website. We really hope that you find this newsletter useful. Happy Reading!

## EYFS Recommendation: The Lion Inside Paperback by Rachel Bright



**A bestselling story about confidence, self-esteem, and a shy little mouse who sets out on a journey to find his roar.**

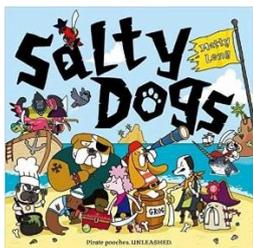
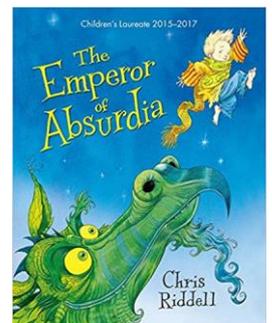
*In a dry dusty place where the sand sparkled gold, stood a mighty flat rock, all craggy and old. And under that rock in a tiny house, lived the littlest, quietest, meekest brown mouse.*

Fed up of being ignored by the other animals, Mouse wishes he could roar like Lion. But, as he discovers, even the biggest, bossiest people are scared sometimes ... and even the smallest creatures can have the heart of a lion!

## Year 1 Recommendation: The Emperor of Absurdia Hardcover by Chris Riddell

**Welcome to Absurdia: a strange and wonderful land where nothing is quite what it seems. Trees are birds, umbrellas are trees, and the sky is thick with snoring fish. Join one small boy as he tumbles out of bed into a crazy dreamland of wardrobe monsters, dragons - and amazing adventure.**

This gloriously rich and beautiful picture book comes from the award winning Chris Riddell, a uniquely talented author/illustrator at the height of his powers. With a story to enchant the youngest readers, and pictures to gasp and pore over whatever your age, *The Emperor of Absurdia* is an extraordinary example of wonderful storytelling.



## Year 2 Recommendation: Salty Dogs by Matty Long

Set sail with the Salty Dogs on an adventure through the Pirate Islands in search of TREASURE. Their journey won't be easy. They must outwit rival pirates, navigate stormy sea, and keep the poop deck clean if they are to become pirate legends. Get ready for an amazing new adventure from the award-winning creator of SUPER HAPPY MAGIC FOREST!

A picture book that will appeal to the whole family, with incredibly detailed artwork packed with lots to see with each turn of the page.

**Year 3 Recommendation: The Accidental Prime Minister Paperback by Tom McLaughlin**

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 . . . Hats for cats! Pet pigs for all! Banana shaped buses! Swimming pools on trains! A hilarious story of one boy's meteoric rise to power!



**Year 4 Recommendation: There's a Werewolf In My Tent! by Pamela Butchart**

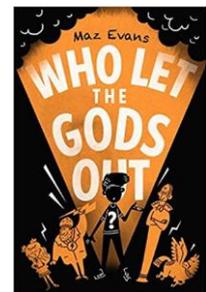
Izzy and her friends are SO EXCITED about their school trip. They're going camping and there'll be marshmallows and no washing and everything. But then WEIRD things start happening! There are howling sounds at night, and some sausages have gone missing, and it's nearly a full moon...But it's when they see their new teacher's hairy legs that they KNOW! There's a werewolf on the school trip and they're all DOOMED! Another brilliantly funny longer read for the newly confident reader from the best-selling, award-winning, author-illustrator team, Pamela Butchart and Thomas Flintham.



**Year 5 Recommendation: Who Let the Gods Out? by Maz Evans**

*The first book in the hilarious bestselling WHO LET THE GODS OUT series, shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize!*

Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world - and solving Elliot's problems too?



**Year 6 Recommendation: The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie**

Winner of the Blue Peter Best Story Award 2016 and the Scottish Children's Book Award 2016, and the North East Book Award 2015. When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms -- rooms that contain wonders beyond anything Daniel has ever imagined. But when Mr Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble. Can Daniel save his home, and his new friends, before the Nowhere Emporium is destroyed forever? Ross MacKenzie unleashes a riot of imagination, colour and fantasy in this astonishing adventure, perfect for fans of Philip Pullman, Cornelia Funke and Neil Gaiman.

