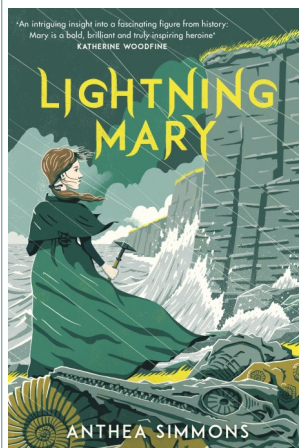




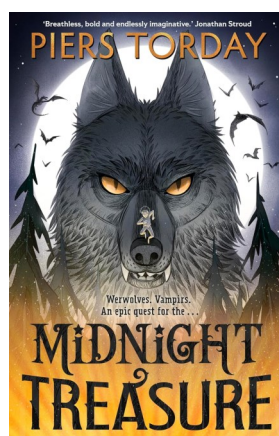
# Reading Newsletter.

Ready for some new year, new book recommendations?? Here are three of my favourites at the moment. First up is **Lightning Mary**

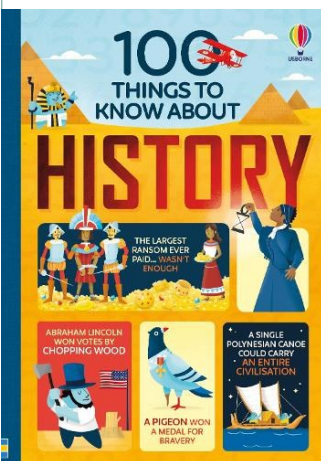


by **Anthea Simmons**, a biographical story of the true heroine, Mary Anning. If you don't know who Mary Anning was then this story will certainly make you realise what an amazing character she was. Fossil Hunter, Dinosaur Discoverer, Brave Victorian Pioneer! I loved her story and hope you will too.

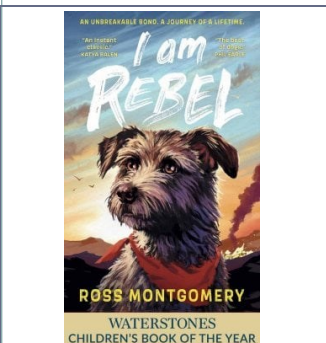
Next recommendation is **Midnight Treasure** by **Piers Torday**. The cover alone is enough to both scare you and intrigue you. Will it entice you to dive into this book? Torday is a fantastic author and story teller. Enter his new breathtaking fantasy world. A world of Vampires and Werewolves and an epic race to find the Midnight Treasure. **100 Things to**



**Know about History** is a wonderful book to captivate History Lovers. It covers topics across world history and is beautifully illustrated, with some incredible facts. For example, in 1374 there was an outbreak of a Dancing Plague in Mediaeval Germany. It is reported that people danced continually until they collapsed exhausted! There are 99 more facts to discover!

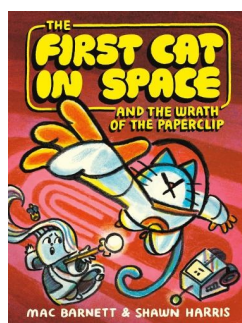


**The Usborne Series of 100 Facts** books would be wonderful addition to any library.



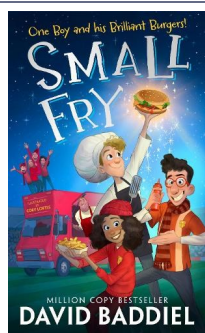
**I am Rebel** by **Ross Montgomery**.

Heartwarming, tail wagging story of the bond between a dog and its human!



**The First Cat in Space** by **Mac Barnett**.

Hilarious Graphic Novel. The wrath of the AI Paperclip is the danger in space!



**Small Fry** by **David Baddiel**

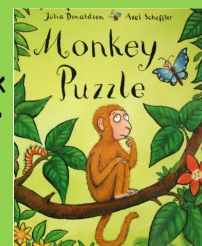
The story of Benny Burns and his brilliant burgers! But watch out, Bonkers Burgers are out to get him!

## My Book Choices

By Miss Smith

What book did you enjoy reading as a child?

I enjoyed reading **Monkey Puzzle** by **Julia Donaldson**, as a child, especially with my mum as we would act out the characters. I would always choose this book to read with her as it is such a heartfelt, relatable children's book.



Who was your favourite book character and why?

My favourite book character of all time is **Matilda** (Roald Dahl) because she is just so fierce and a real role model standing up for herself, it still gives me goosebumps when I read it now.

If you could only keep the copy of one book which one would it be?

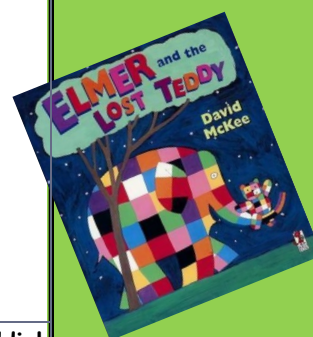
I would choose to keep 'The complete adventures of Peter Rabbit (Beatrix Potter)' as an only copy. This was always a book I remember looking forward to reading every time I went to my grandma's house, brings back great memories of my childhood.

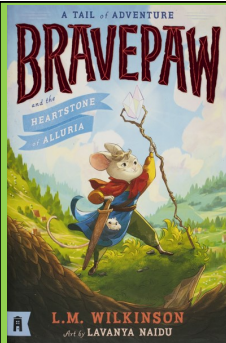
Which children's book would you like to read that you

never got around to reading?

I would love to read the book 'Elmer and the Lost Teddy' purely

because I liked to read Elmer, but I never got to read any of the follow-on books.



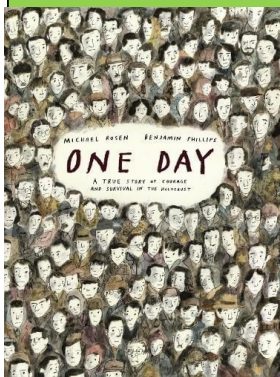
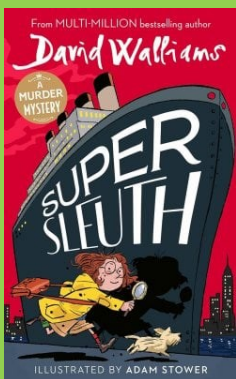


**Bravepaw and the Heartstone of Alluria** by L M Wilkinson

Titch has always dreamed of adventure, but she never thought it would actually happen to her. After all, she is nobody

special. She is the smallest mouse in her family, living in a peaceful little village where nothing exciting ever happens. Can Titch ever hope to live up to the legend of Bravepaw?

**Super Sleuth** is David Walliams latest offering. Dilly loves Sherlock Holmes so much she called her dog Watson. Follow Dilly and Watson in this crime busting tale on an ocean liner from New York to London.



**One Day** by Micheal Rosen is a books that shows Courage in action! The powerful story of Eugène, a Jewish boy thrown into the horrors of war and the camps of the holocaust. His call to

survive is: "Get through one day and then on to the next. One day at a time. One day after another." An amazing picture book for children about the worst of times in world history.

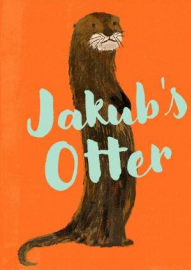
Can you name the characters?



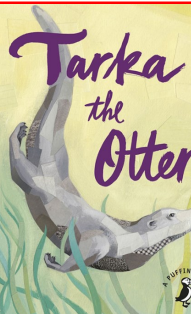
Wilber / Greg Heffley / Max / Count Olaf

Three Books about... **Otters.**

**CORAL RUMBLE**



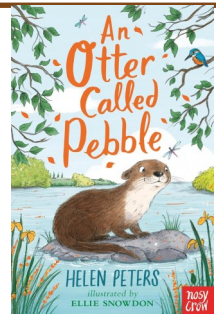
**Jakub's Otter** by Coral Rumble is a charming story of 10-year-old Jakub, who is a carer for his mum. One summer, he leaves his mum with his aunt and goes on holiday to Italy with family friends. He finds their daughter Marta quite annoying, and he worries about his mum. But he does find an injured otter who needs feeding, Jakub finds a new purpose. And slowly, slowly, he nurses the Otter back to health.



**Tarka the Otter** by Henry Williamson. This is one of the best loved animal stories of all time. The classic story of an otter living in the countryside which captures the feel of life in the wild as seen through the otter's own eyes. Journey with Tarka as he navigates adventures in the streams, rivers and canals, avoiding the fearsome hound Deadlock. Beware Tarka, there are many close shaves along the way.

**An Otter called Pebble** by Helen Peters.

Jasmine and Tom are amazed to spot a baby otter alone on the riverbank. When the little cub is swept downstream, they risk everything to rescue her. But where is her family? Can Jasmine and Tom find Pebble's home before it's too late? Brilliant storytelling that will make you laugh and cry, this is Dick King-Smith for a new generation. Perfect Yr3/4 readers.



Meet **Alex Neptune**, the boy with the power of the ocean in his hands -a brand-new hero for fans of Percy Jackson. The book series by **David Owen**. His funny, original and exciting series of stories will sweep you away into aquatic adventures! The latest book

**COLLECT EVERY ADVENTURE!**

title is **Alex Neptune, Dragon Champion**. Brineblood the pirate is back on the high seas with a dastardly plan - he's going to steal every drop of sea magic and use it to raise an all-powerful monster from the bottom of the ocean. If Alex, Zoey and Anil can't stop him, the monster could flood the entire world. Enjoy this last outing for Alex Neptune! Will he get his magic powers back in time to save the day?