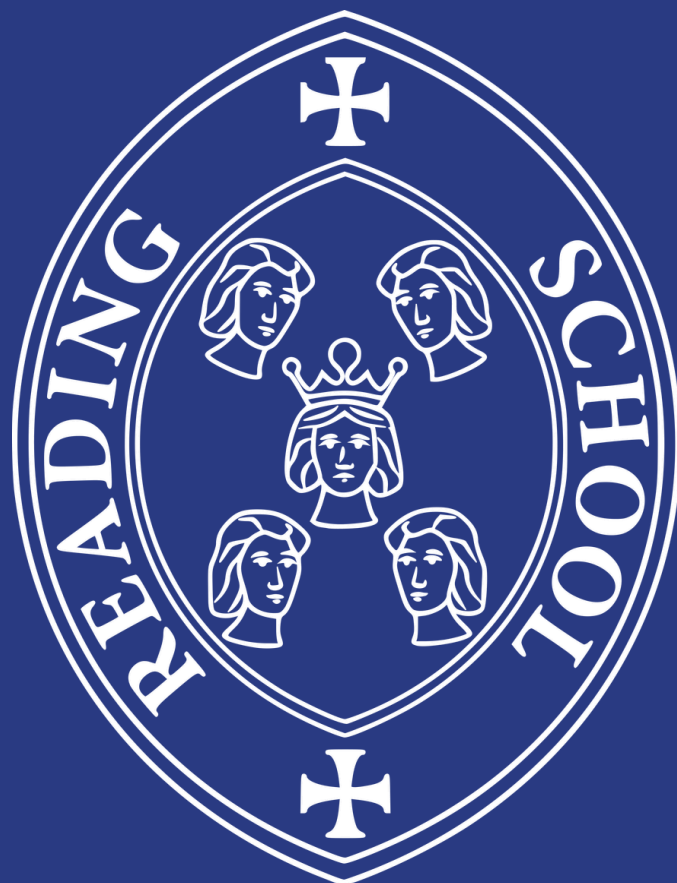


READING SCHOOL



SUMMER READING AND PHOTO CHALLENGE

2026

INSTRUCTIONS

To complete the reading challenge you should read at least **6 books** over the summer, ideally one from each of these categories:

- Action/Adventure
- Crime/Mystery
- Fantasy/Magic
- Funny Stories
- Historical
- Non-Fiction

Complete our **online form** for each book you read to enter the challenge.

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/xk5Ykc584R>

- Challenge yourself to read a range of different genres.
- Not sure what to read? Try our recommendations!
- Try non-fiction as well as fiction.
- Use your local public library!



ACTION AND ADVENTURE

The Way of the Warrior / **Chris Bradford**

Stormbreaker / **Anthony Horowitz**

Amari and the Night Brothers / **B. B. Alston**

The School for Thieves / **J. J. Arcanjo**

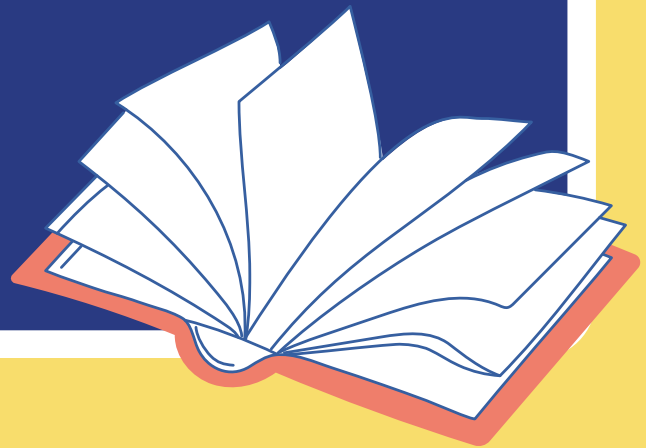
The Kid Who Came From Space / **Ross Welford**

Skulduggery Pleasant / **Derek Landy**

Robin Hood : Hacking, Heists & Flaming Arrows / **Robert Muchamore**

Mortal Engines / **Philip Reeve**

I Am Rebel /
Ross Montgomery



CRIME AND MYSTERY

Murder Most Unladylike / **Robin Stevens**

The London Eye Mystery / **Siobhan Dowd**

The Highland Falcon Thief / **M. G. Leonard**

Goldfish Boy / **Lisa Thompson**

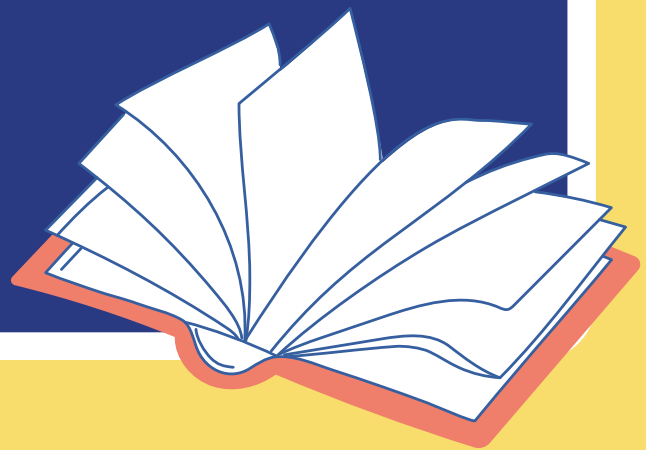
Death Cloud / **Andy Lane**

High-rise Mystery / **Sharna Jackson**

The Bletchley Riddle / **Ruta Sepetys**

Twitch / **M. G. Leonard**

A Box Full of Murders / **Janice Hallett**



FANTASY/MAGIC

The Dragonet Prophecy / **Tui Sutherland**

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief /
Rick Riordan

The Prisoner of Bhopal / **Tim Walker**

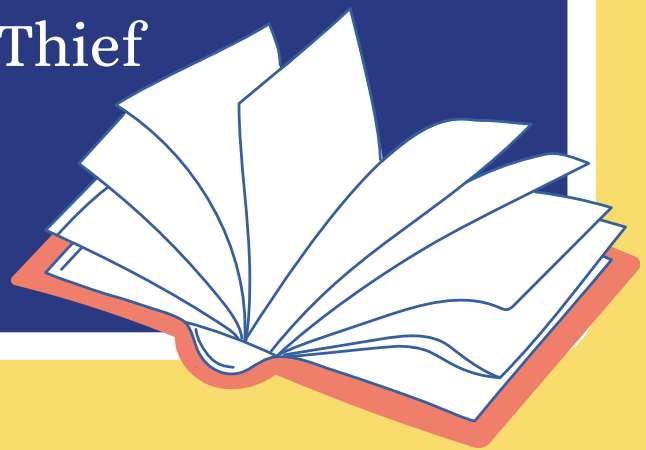
Magyk / **Angie Sage**

Impossible Creatures / **Katherine Rundell**

Alice with a why: Return to Wonderland /
Anna James

The Hunt for the Golden Scarab / **M.G.
Leonard**

Skandar and the Unicorn Thief
/ **A. F. Steadman**



FUNNY STORIES

Rules for vampires / **Alex Foulkes**

Time Travelling with a Hamster / **Ross Welford**

Who Let the Gods Out / **Maz Evans**

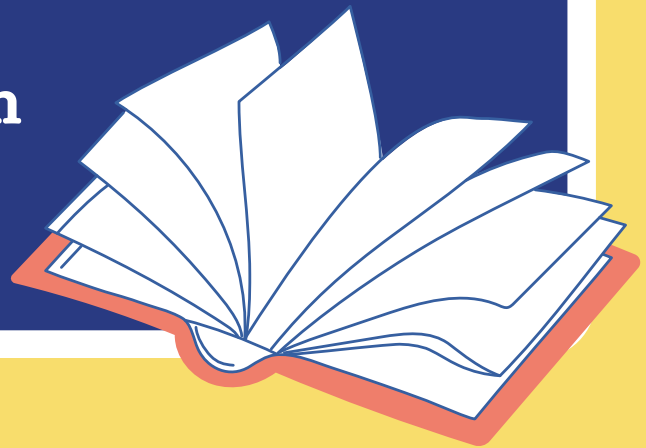
The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh /
Helen Rutter

The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie
Yates / **Jenny Pearson**

Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good /
Louis Stowell

The Last Kids on Earth / **Max Brallier**

Pants on Fire / **J. M. Joseph**



HISTORICAL

Shrapnel Boys / **Jenny Pearson**

Bomber / **Paul Dowsell**

Private Peaceful / **Michael Morpurgo**

The Dawn of Adonis / **Phil Earle**

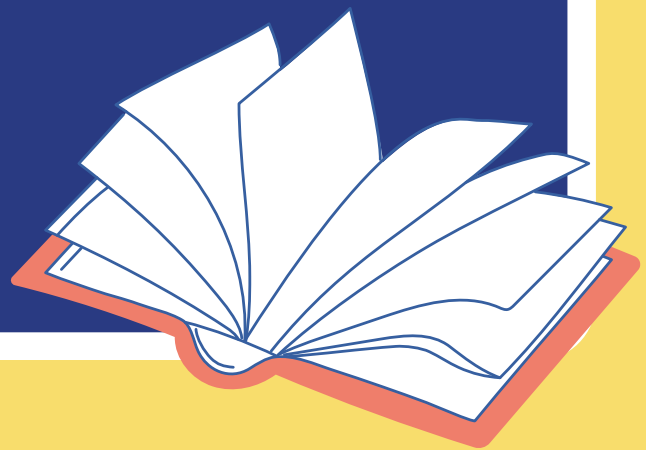
Code Name Kingfisher / **Liz Kessler**

Wolf Brother / **Michelle Paver**

Resist / **Tom Palmer**

Five children on the Western Front / **Kate Saunders**

Under a Fire-red Sky
/ **Geraldine McCaughrean**



NON-FICTION

Horrible Histories / **Terry Deary**

What If? / **Randall Munro**

Ultimate Football Heroes / **Tom and Matt Oldfield**

Lessons from our ancestors / **Raksha Dave**

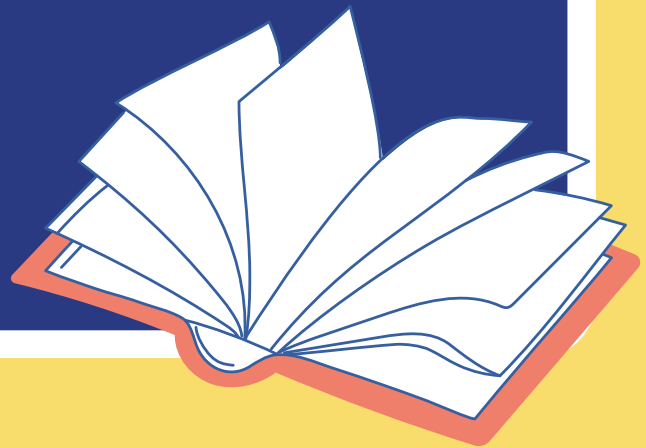
Kay's Anatomy / **Adam Kay**

Seven Worlds One Planet / **Jonny Keeling**

Guinness World Records

Prisoners of geography: our world explained in 12 simple maps / **Tim Marshall**

DK Big Ideas



BOOK BINGO

BONUS GAME JUST FOR FUN

Read together with friends or family

Listen to a book while travelling

Try a new genre or subject

Read for 20 minutes every day for a week

Read a book outdoors

Recommend a book to a friend or family member

Using a book as inspiration to do something creative

Read a story to someone

Read a book set in a different country

ARE YOU AN EXTREME READER?

Take a photo of yourself reading a book somewhere unusual this summer and enter our competition!



Email your entries to
lkesteven@reading-school.co.uk by
11th of September 2026

**Where will books take you this
summer?**

