
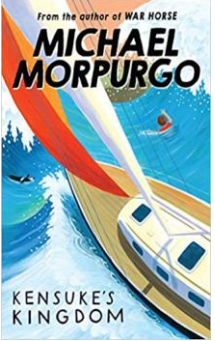

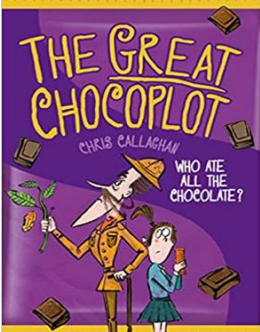

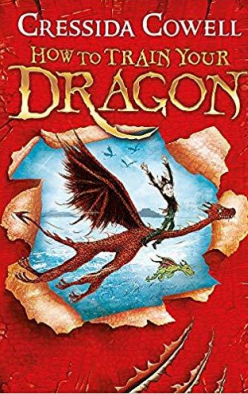

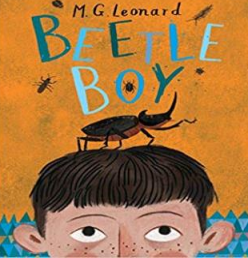

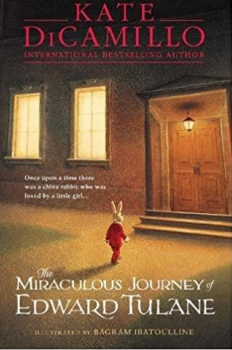


# Archbishop Benson Primary School

Year Group Novels and Coverage

## Year 4

Term and Topic	Class Novel	Blurb	Genre and Themes
<p><b>Autumn 1</b> Are you a thinker or an athlete?</p> 		<p>“I heard the wind above me in the sails. I remember thinking, this is silly, you haven’t got your safety harness on, you haven’t got your lifejacket on. You shouldn’t be doing this . . . I was in the cold of the sea before I could even open my mouth to scream.”</p> <p>Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone...</p> <p>Michael Morpurgo’s classic children’s book <i>Kensuke’s Kingdom</i> is a thrilling adventure story for ages 9+, and winner of The Children’s Book Award (2000). Now available in hardback and paperback.</p>	<p>Genre: adventure and historical fiction.</p> <p>Themes: faith, friendship, exploring, never giving up and the secrets to survival.</p> <p>Powerful vocabulary</p>
<p><b>Autumn 2</b> Who is going to save the planet?</p> 		<p>Jelly and her family live in Chompton-on-de-Lyte, where everyone loves a Chocablocka bar or two. So when the end of chocolate is announced, she can't believe it. Determined to investigate, Jelly and her gran follow a trail of clues to a posh chocolate shop and its owner, the pompous Garibaldi Chicolati. Gari's suspiciously smug, despite his failing business and yucky chocolate. Is it really the chocopocalypse, or is there a chocoplot afoot?</p>	<p>Genre: comedy, mystery, adventure</p> <p>Themes: chocolate, mystery, apocalypse, heroism, morals</p> <p>Female lead character</p>

<p><b>Spring 1</b> What did the ancient Romans ever do for us?</p> 		<p>Viking tribes who often fight against each other are unexpectedly united against a common enemy: monstrous dragons. Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, his dragon Toothless and best friend Fishlegs are about as useless as they come but Hiccup is the son of the tribe's leader and has something to prove!</p> <p>Setting The story is set in the wild and windy isle of Berk where the Tribe of Hairy Hooligans live. It is an island filled with heather, bracken or wild weather covering the land in mud or snow. During Thor'sday Thursday, celebrations mean an enemy tribe from Meathead Island sail across the Inner Ocean and set up camp at Black Heart Bay in Berk too.</p>	<p>Genre: historical fantasy.</p> <p>Themes: friendship, self-belief, myths/gods, humour, determination and resilience.</p>
<p><b>Spring 2</b> How do my headphones play sound?</p> 		<p>Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle - and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery?</p> <p>Setting The story is set in London. Uncle Max lives in a flat above a health food shop somewhere between Camden Town and Regent's Park. Dr Bartholomew Cuttle works in the Natural History Museum in South Kensington and their adventures take them through houses, streets and even the sewers of London.</p>	<p>Genre: mystery, adventure and science fiction.</p> <p>Themes: friendship, greed, courage, nature, love, loss, determination, bravery and insects.</p>
<p><b>Summer 1</b> Why is Cornwall a special place? Why don't we all live in castles?</p> 		<p>Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost... Kate DiCamillo takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. Along the way, we are shown a miracle--that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.</p> <p>Setting Abilene lives in a house on Egypt Street. She then goes on an ocean voyage where Edward is thrown overboard. Other settings include the house of the fisherman and his wife, a garbage dump, the countryside, the</p>	<p>Genre: Fantasy, adventure, drama</p> <p>Themes: loss, grief, bravery, friendship, love, family, fear, gratitude, life vs death, kindness</p> <p>home of Bryce and Sarah Ruth, Neal's Diner and a workshop.</p> <p>Excellent use of embedded clauses.</p>

**Summer 2**

How does science impact our lives?



Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk.  
Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang?

Genre: adventure, drama

Themes: friendship, bravery, diversity.