

A note from our Reading Team

We are very **proud** of all of the quality reading the children have been doing both in school and at home. We are also impressed with **increased engagement with Accelerated Reader** and have been enjoying **hearing children read** as part of their everyday learning.

Each **class at Cavendish Close is named after an author** and, in today's newsletter, we would like to recommend some books written by those authors.

"The world can be a scary place at times, but **reading is your golden ticket to somewhere better!** Hold on to it tightly! There's never been a better time to escape into books and stories or to create new worlds of your own. Good luck and happy reading!" (Thomas Taylor, the author of *Malamander* and *Gargantis*. (He is also the illustrator for the Harry Potter novels).



Questions to ask your child when they are reading to you at home

Before reading the book

- What do you think this story will be about?
- What might happen in the story?
- What genre will this story be? E.g. fantasy, comedy, horror.
- What does the blurb tell us?

During the reading of the book

- What has happened so far? Is it what you expected to happen?
- What might happen next?
- How do you think the story might end?
- Who is your favourite character? Why?
- Who is the character you like least? Why?
- Find 2 sentences, which describe the setting.
- Is the plot fast or slow moving? Find some evidence in the text, which supports your view.

At the end of the book

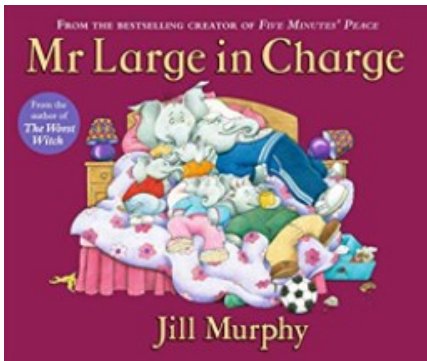
- Which part of the story is your favourite / least favourite? Why?
- Would you change any part of the story? How?
- Would you change any of the characters? How?



Children, remember to...

- **Read your reading book(s) 3 times a week** and get your diary signed—make sure you talk about your book with an adult in school or at home—you will move up your chart and be in with a chance of winning a book!
- **Complete an Accelerated Reading Quiz after every book you read**—will your class be the winning class?
- Choose some books to **read on Myon**—will your class win?

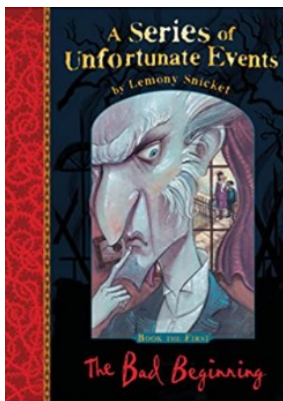
Some of our class author book recommendations



Mr Large in Charge: Jill Murphy

Mrs Large isn't feeling too good. So Mr Large sends her back to bed. "I'll take charge," he says. Mrs Large settles down for a nice rest while Mr Large and the children get busy hoovering, dusting and tidying. But Mrs Large's day doesn't turn out to be quite as restful as she had first hoped! With a foreword and gorgeous foil lettering on the cover and spine, this is a beautiful book to treasure.

Age Range: 3-8



The Bad Beginning (A Series of Unfortunate events): Lemony Snicket.

The Bad Beginning is the first novel of the children's novel series 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' by Lemony Snicket. The novel tells the story of three children: Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire, who become orphans following a fire and are sent to live with Count Olaf, who attempts to steal their inheritance.

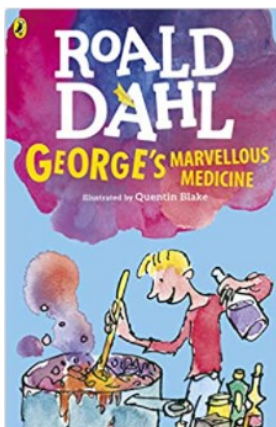
Age Range: 8-12



The Wizards of Once: Book 1: Cressida Cowell

From two opposing tribes – the Warriors and the Wizards – come two opposing characters, Xar, a young Wizard boy who has no command of magic and will fight anyone he can in order to get it, and Wish, a Warrior girl who is imbued with all kinds of magic that she should never have had access to. Xar and Wish should never meet and never become friends. But they do and together they brave the hidden dungeons in Warrior Fort to uncover a great mystery.

Age Range: 8-11



George's Marvellous Medicine: Roald Dahl

George Kranky's Grandma is a miserable grouch. George really hates that horrid, old, witchy woman. One Saturday morning, George is in charge of giving Grandma her medicine. George knows exactly what to do! He produces a magic medicine: one that will either cure her completely . . . or blow off the top of her head!

WARNING: Do not try to make George's Marvellous Medicine yourselves at home. It could be dangerous!

Age Range: 7-9

We don't just read books, reading is everywhere! How about sharing different types of texts like: Newspapers, recipes, comics, magazines, websites, leaflets, poems, jokes.