CARR JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunities at Carr Junior School

At Carr Junior School, we want every child to Aim High and Shine Bright. An important part of this is making sure that pupils benefit from a wide range of opportunities, both within and beyond their everyday classroom learning.

Throughout their time at Carr, children will take part in educational visits, performances, sporting activities, clubs and special events. They will have opportunities to learn new skills, discover new interests, meet people from different careers and backgrounds, and take on positions of responsibility within school. These experiences help children build confidence and develop a broader understanding of the world around them.

Our 50 Things to Experience offer is a promise to our pupils. It brings together 50 meaningful experiences that children will have the opportunity to take part in during their time at Carr. These include visiting York and the Minster, watching a pantomime, taking part in Bikeability and first-aid training, learning about different careers, performing on stage, attending a residential and supporting the local community. The full offer is included after this letter.

The 50 Things offer is not a checklist that families are expected to complete or fund independently. It is our framework for making sure that school life is rich, balanced and memorable, and that children are encouraged to experience things they may not otherwise have the opportunity to try.

Our Reading Roots are carefully selected collections of ten books for each year group. Across Years 3 to 6, the selections include classic and contemporary fiction, non-fiction, poetry and graphic novels, giving children access to a diverse range of authors, characters, subjects and styles. The books have been chosen because they are worth discovering, sharing and enjoying, rather than because they are linked to a particular topic.

Copies are available in school for children to borrow, so families are not expected to purchase them. Your child's Reading Root is kept at the back of their reading record, where they can keep track of the books they have read. Any child who reads all ten Reading Roots books for their year group will receive a special badge to recognise their achievement. The four year-group Reading Roots are also included at the end of this letter for reference.

Not every opportunity will appeal to every child, but we want all pupils to feel encouraged to try new things and discover what interests and inspires them. By the time children leave Carr, we hope they will have developed not only strong knowledge and skills, but also wider interests, happy memories and the confidence to embrace new experiences.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Laura Winston (Head of school)



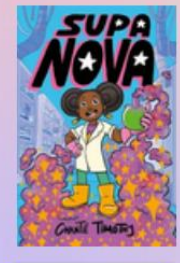
Year 3 Root



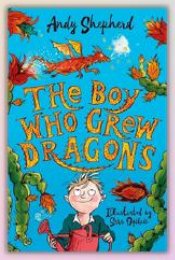
Scarlet: Defender of the Universe
by Dotty Suttin and James Davis



Revolting Rhymes
by Roald Dahl



Supa Nova
by Chanté Timothy



The Boy Who Grew Dragons
by Andy Shepherd



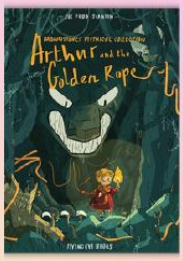
The Nothing to See Here Hotel
by Steven Butler



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
by CS Lewis



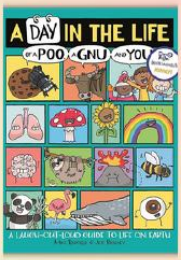
Wisp
by Zana Fraillon



Arthur and the Golden Rope
by Joe Todd Stanton



The Spy Who Loved School Dinners
by Lucy Brandt



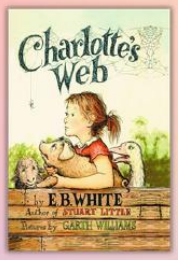
A Day in the Life of Poo, a Gnu and You
by Mike Barfield

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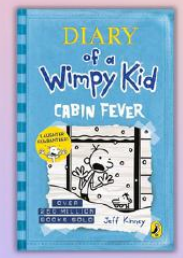
Year 4 Root



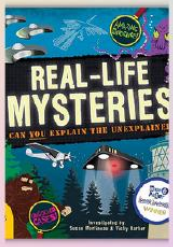
Charlotte's Web
by E.B. White



Bunny Vs Monkey
by Jamie Smart



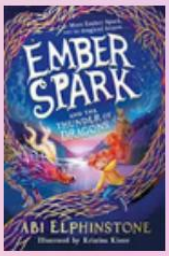
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever
by Dav Pilkey



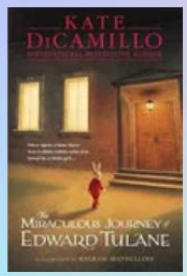
Real Life Mysteries
by Susan Martineau



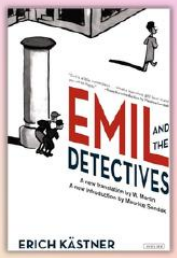
Cosmic
by Frank Cottrell-Boyce



Ember Spark and the Thunder of Dragons
by Abi Elphinstone



The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
by Kate DiCamillo



Emil and the Detectives
by Erich Kastner



The Girl Who Stole an Elephant
by Nizrana Farook



The Land of Roar
by Jenny McLachlan

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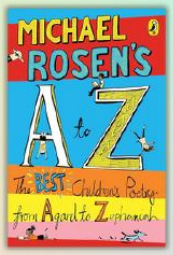
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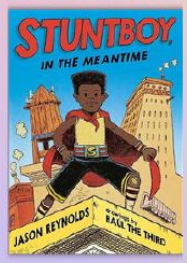
Year 5 Root



Impossible Creatures
by Katherine Rundell



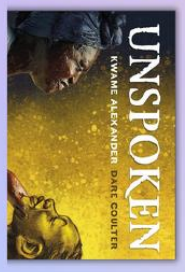
Michael Rosen's A-Z: The Best Children's Poetry from Agard to Zephaniah
by Michael Rosen



Stuntboy, In the meantime
by Jason Reynolds



City of Spies
by Iszi Lawrence



Unspoken
by Kwame Alexander



The Lost Magician
by Piers Torday



Varmints
by Dan Santat



The Last Chance Hotel
by Nicki Thornton



The Awakening Storm
by Jaimal Yogis



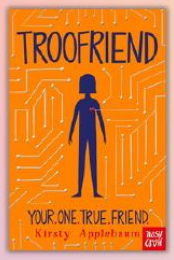
Twitch
by M.G. Leonard

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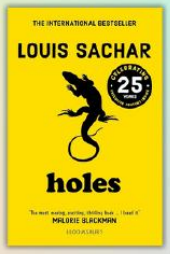
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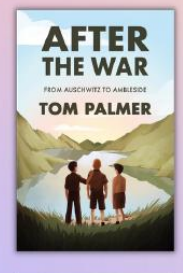
Year 6 Root



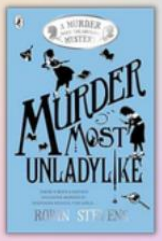
Troofriend
by Kirsty Applebaum



Holes
by Louis Sachar



After the War
by Jason Reynolds



Murder Most Unladylike
by Robin Stevens



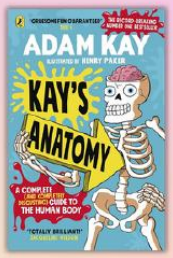
When Stars Are Scattered
byVictoria Jamieson



The Arrival
by Shaun Tan



Beetle Boy
by MG Leonard



Kay's Anatomy
by Adam Kay



The London Eye Mystery
by Siobhan Dowd



Strike
by Mitch Johnson

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