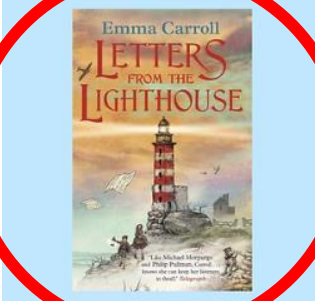
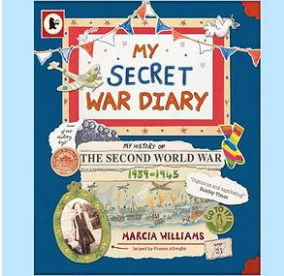


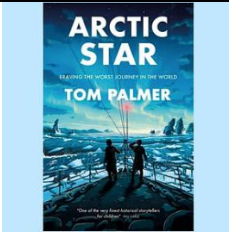
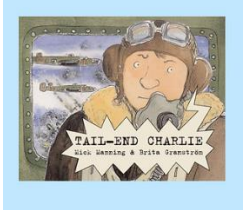


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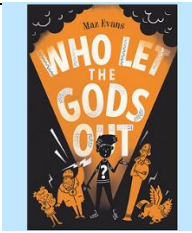
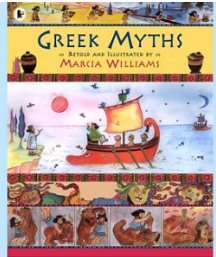
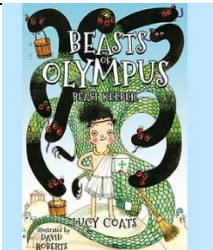
### WWII

	<p>This delightful new book is an excellent text for encapsulating experiences of World War II from the viewpoint of children. It tells the moving story of Olive and her brother Cliff as they leave the heavily bombed streets of London and become evacuees on the coast of Devon, sent to live with an enigmatic lighthouse keeper. Soon Olive finds herself caught up in a dark mystery linking the disappearance of her sister Sukie with a strangely coded message. Letters from the Lighthouse is an incredibly empathetic story that not only portrays the hardships of life during the war but also poignantly explores the anguishing encounters of refugees looking for safety in new places while carrying with them the heartbreak of leaving a war-torn home behind. We recommend this story for <b>upper KS2 classrooms</b>.</p>
	<p>This is a highly recommended diary-style text by the popular author-illustrator Marcia Williams. It recounts the experiences of a nine-year-old girl during the Second World War and is presented with cartoon style illustrations, flaps, envelopes and a wealth of details about life for children during the war. My Secret War Diary, by Flossie Albright is a superb text to use to inspire recount or diary writing.</p>
	<p>The female pilots of the Second World War are honoured in this exciting, empowering book that shows young girls can achieve anything. The year is 1927, and in America, England and Russia, three girls share a dream: to fly. But it won't be easy... Against the odds, Hazel, Marlene and Lilya follow their hearts, enrolling in pilot courses and eventually flying for their countries in World War II. Join the adventures of these women as they display feats of incredible bravery in this beautiful book of sensitive and moving illustrations.</p>
	<p>Part of the very popular Horrible Histories series, this book allows children to uncover all of the gory and foul facts about the Second World War. This edition of Woeful Second World War has been redesigned, giving a fresh appeal to a classroom classic.</p>

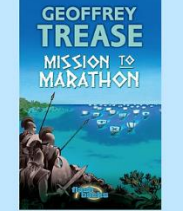
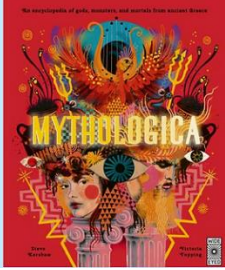
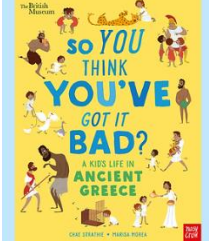
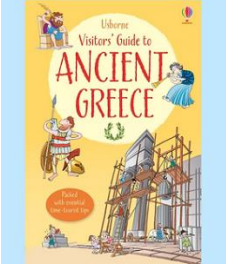
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	<p>This well-researched and highly readable novel takes its title from the name of the medal that honours the Arctic Convoys during World War II. The story provides an exciting and informative classroom resource for the teaching of WWII as a curriculum topic, besides being a book many children will choose for the sheer enjoyment of reading.</p>
	<p>Fiction meets non-fiction in this exciting retelling of experiences from an RAF Air Gunner during World War II, presented in a comic book style. Tail-End Charlie is an accessible book with a high visual appeal and a great way of hooking in younger or more reluctant readers.</p>

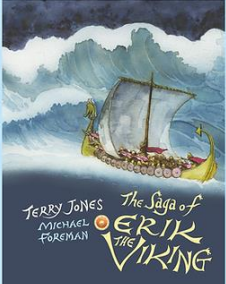
## Ancient Greek

	<p>This fast-moving narrative with plenty of laugh-out-loud moments is a huge hit, especially with upper KS2. The story is based on the exploits of a boy called Elliot, who falls into an adventurous mission and calls on the help of the Olympian gods. Full of comedy scenes and sad parts too, we think this is an excellent story to read aloud for a light-hearted take on how Greek gods would fare in the modern world.</p>
	<p>Sink your teeth into the weird and wonderful world of Greek mythology with Marcia Williams' visual retellings of right key stories. The dramatic stories are retold in a comic book style, with speech bubbles and many humorous details in both the text and illustrations that pupils will love. Encounter Pandora, Perseus, Athena, Heracles and a host of other heroes and gods too in this collection that make Greek myths easily accessible for children.</p>
	<p>This action-packed novel is the first in the popular Beasts of Olympus series. It serves as a fun introduction to the gods, goddesses and creatures of Greek mythology. Complete with link illustrations by David Roberts, this is a humorous page-turner to be read out loud or for independent reading <b>in lower KS2</b>. It also comes with a handy glossary to orientate readers in the world of Greek mythology.</p>

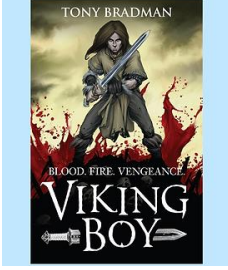
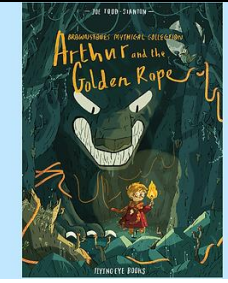
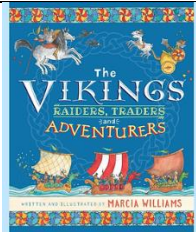
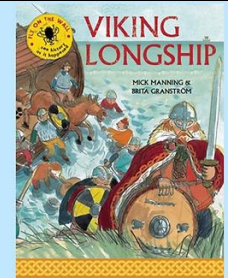
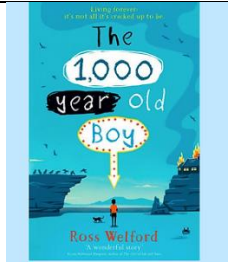
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	<p>Historical fiction set during the battle of Marathon, in which the Persians landed near the Ancient Greek city of Marathon in order to attack. When news of the impending invasion reaches Athens, young Philip is sent on a mission across the mountains to warn his family before it is too late. History lovers in <b>upper KS2</b> will enjoy this exciting adventure based on a key event in Ancient Greek history.</p>
	<p>Impressive from the outset, this large-format, boldly-stylized hardback book is a visual feast exploring the details of 50 Greek gods, goddesses, mortals and monsters. Each spread shows a new character, with poster-like images depicting the classical characters in a new light; vibrant, modern representations in an energetically layered collage style. Classics scholar Dr Stephen Kershaw provides a written description of each of the 50 characters, bringing out key characteristics, roles and relationships as well as a summary of the associated myths. <b>Suitable for upper KS2+.</b></p>
	<p>Through words and pictures, the book compares modern-day life to different aspects of daily life for the Ancient Greeks, including clothing, education, jobs, pets, food and pastimes, viewing each topic through the eyes of a child. An enjoyable information text that would appeal to <b>children in KS2</b>, this is the kind of book that helps young readers to move beyond hard facts and begin to reflect on what life might have felt like for those living in ancient times</p>
	<p>Written like a guide book for time travellers, this text is a perfect introduction to life in Ancient Greece. Full of details, images, weblinks and interesting facts, A Visitor's Guide to Ancient Greece is a handy book to have in the classroom to add a new dimension to your Ancient Greece topic as well as offering a stimulus for children to write their own tourist guides.</p>

## Vikings

	<p>Erik the Viking and his crew set sail on a quest aboard the great ship Golden Dragon. Along their way they will encounter monsters, magic and mythical creatures. This is an exciting adventure written in the style of the original Viking sagas and is excellent for reading out loud. The story won the Children's Book Award in 1984 and includes colour illustrations by Michael Foreman.</p>
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	<p>A popular choice in KS2 classrooms. The action-packed narrative follows the story of Gunnar, the son of a Viking chief, as he sets out to avenge his father's death after an attack by rival raiders. Combining elements of history and mythology, this is a gripping story that brings the gruesome Viking period to life with all of its peril and gore.</p>
	<p>This highly appealing text is a hybrid between picture book and graphic novel. It follows the story of young Arthur, who embarks upon a quest to seek out the help of the Viking gods in relighting a fire before the villagers back home freeze to death. In return for their help, Thor sets his own quest for Arthur to complete. A highly engaging book that offers an introduction to Norse mythology.</p>
	<p>Get stuck into the fascinating world of the Vikings with Marcia Williams' comic style history of the Norse invaders and settlers. The historic tales are retold in a comic book style, with speech bubbles and many humorous details in both the text and illustrations that pupils will love. Encounter stories of raids, voyages, gods, monsters and fearsome warriors.</p>
	<p>Viking Longship is a fascinating information text full of images, questions and captions that probe deeply into the world of Viking sea voyages. The book offers an appealing non-fiction text exploring Viking life from the point of view of the crew of a longship. With accessible text and engaging illustrations, this is a great addition to your library of books covering the Vikings topic.</p>
	<p>Award-winning author Ross Welford offers a funny and heartwarming tale about Alfie Monk, a 1,000-year-old boy who can remember the last Viking invasion of England. Back in his 'real' childhood in Viking times, Alfie has been frozen in time by an Elixir of life that has made him immortal. But immortality is not everything it's cracked up to be and now, 1000 years later, Alfie is on a quest to find the Viking pearl hidden somewhere off the coast of North East England.</p>



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	<p>She Wolf is a Viking adventure story set in the cold harsh winter of Northumbria, AD 866. Ylva (pronounced eel-va) witnesses her mother's tragic death, which instigates her hunger for revenge – after all, that is the Viking way. Her target: the three fingered man. Ylva has been taught to survive and with the Norse Gods on her side, she knows she doesn't need anyone else to help. But a chance meeting soon causes her mind to change. This is a suspenseful page-turner that throws readers into action right among wolves, bears, brutal hunters and the complexities of revenge culture.</p>
	<p>A hoard of information about the Vikings including aspects of their history, culture, mythology and legacy. Author Jack Tite digs deep into the topic to find the most interesting snippets of information, presented alongside stylised graphic illustrations and fold-out pages that give the pages an extra wow-factor, enabling an impressive tree of life diagram on one page, a lengthy longboat diagram on another and a detailed timeline on another still. Highly recommended.</p>