



## MRS B'S BOOKSHELF

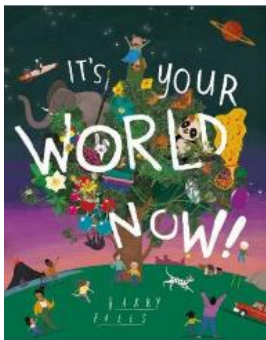
KS1

Welcome to St Joseph's first instalment of Mrs B's bookshelf! This will be a half-termly update of recommended reading provided by Mrs Butt. We hope you find this helpful and informative for supporting your child's love of reading at home.



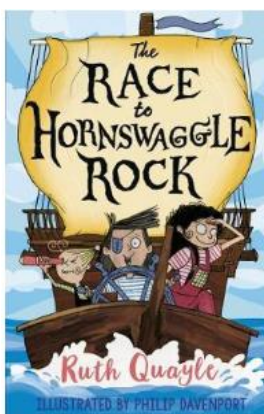
### THE SUITCASE BY CHRIS NAYLOR-BALLESTEROS

When a strange-looking animal arrives pulling a big suitcase, the other animals are curious. What on earth could be inside that suitcase? When the animals break into the suitcase and discover a very special photograph, they begin to understand what the strange creature has been through, and together they create a very special welcome present . . . A beautiful book about friendship and acceptance.



### IT'S YOUR WORLD NOW BY BARRY FALLS

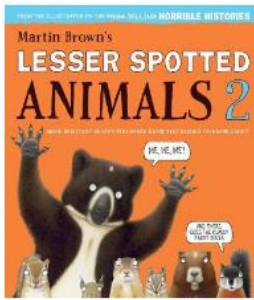
This is the perfect book to read out loud - helping children to appreciate the wonderful things that exist in the world, and the great things that they can do, as well as allowing them to understand some of the setbacks that may happen. And whatever happens, the child is reassured that their parents will always love them. This picture book is brilliantly-illustrated, funny and thought-provoking, celebrating where you might go and what you might do in life.



### THE RACE TO HORNSWAGGLE ROCK BY RUTH QUAYLE

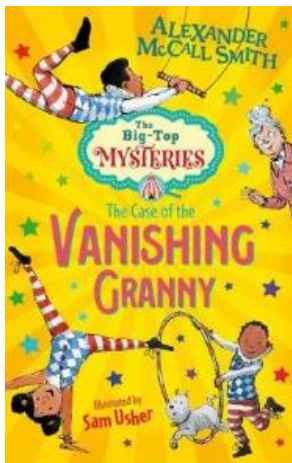
Vic is from a family of pirates, and they are preparing to enter the Race to Hornswaggle Rock, the hardest, most dangerous pirate contest in the country. But the dastardly Captain Guillemot has stolen their ship and thrown their parents overboard. Together with siblings Bert and Maud, and annoyingly resourceful friends Arabella and George, Vic must come up with a plan to steal the ship back from their arch-enemy, join the race and win victory. But there are fearsome pirate crews, hungry sharks and some lovesick parrots in the way - will they be the rulers of the seven seas or the scurviest losers to ever walk the plank?

## KS2



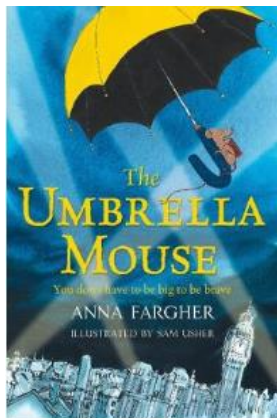
### LESSER SPOTTED ANIMALS 2 BY MARTIN BROWN

A superb example of a non-fiction text that can be read for pleasure as well as enhancing learning! An amusingly different approach to natural history, fully of witty asides and jokey commentary, but also with a serious message about loss of habitat through human interference, tourism and hunting. From the creators of the popular 'Horrible Histories' series.



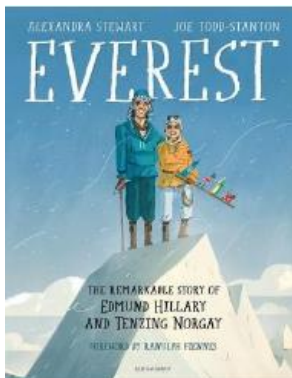
### THE CASE OF THE VANISHING GRANNY BY ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH

Billy, Fern and Joe Shortbread are the stars of their family circus, but they also have another talent ... they're experts at solving mysteries! When their circus moves into a new town they soon make friends with a young boy named Tom. But Tom can't enjoy the circus because his granny has disappeared, and he's worried he'll never see her again. With the help of their astonishing circus skills can the Shortbread circus stars crack the clues and find Tom's granny? A brilliant McCall Smith adventure story, brimming with wit, wisdom and larger than life characters.



### THE UMBRELLA MOUSE BY ANNA FARGHER

For ages 9+ A timeless tale of courage, resistance and friendship, The Umbrella Mouse is a heart-stopping adventure drawing on the true stories of animals caught in the conflict of WWII. 1944, and London is under attack. Young mouse Pip's safe and quiet world is turned upside down when her umbrella shop home is destroyed by a bomb. Orphaned and alone, she must begin a perilous quest to find a new home. But the only way to get there is by joining Noah's Ark, a secret gang of animals fighting the resistance in France, operating beneath the feet of the human soldiers. Danger is everywhere and as the enemy closes in, Pip must risk everything to save her new friends.



### EVEREST BY ALEXANDRA STEWART

Join these two unlikely heroes on the most amazing of adventures and discover the impact of hundreds of men and women that helped Hillary and Tenzing achieve their goal.

A fascinating and inspiring description of the extraordinary landscape of Everest and the surrounding mountains and the enormous dangers and the magic of mountaineering - especially when you take on the challenge of the highest mountain in the world. A brilliant non-fiction text.