

# Age 7+

Have a go at creating some book bunting for your library or reading corner. Make sure that it is bright and bold.



## Fiction in Focus



Football  
Animals  
Ghosts  
Kings



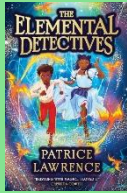
Crime  
Funny  
Poverty  
Moving



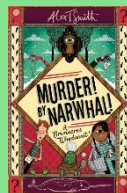
Graphic Novel  
Cats  
Funny  
practice



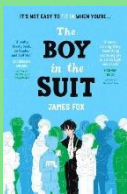
Moving  
Uplifting  
Community  
Resilience



Fantasy  
Magic  
Historical  
Mystery



Adventure  
Crime  
Mystery  
Funny



Family  
Moving  
Poverty  
Funny



Fantasy  
History  
Adventure  
Mythical



Adventure  
Friendship  
Magical  
Empathy

**Activity:** Find 3 books with a dragon on the front cover.

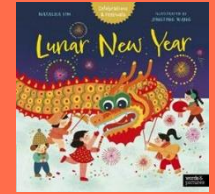
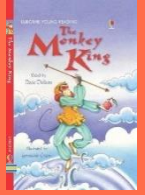
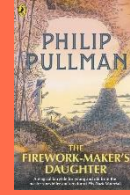
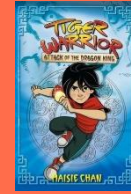
**Quiz:** What is the animal for the 2025 Chinese New Year? Find out which sign you were born under?

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Celebrate the CHINESE NEW YEAR with these books set in China or based on Chinese myths and legends.

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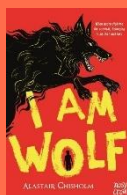
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# Age 11+

Have a go at writing a book review, use the prompt sheet on the Reading Resources section of [www.readingjackdaw.co.uk](http://www.readingjackdaw.co.uk)



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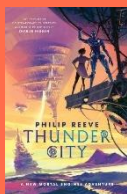
Gripping  
Dystopian  
Sci-fi  
Disability



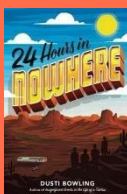
Families  
Moving  
Coming-of-age



Fantasy  
Witchcraft  
Nigeria  
Mystery



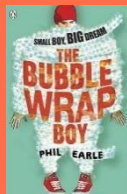
Gripping  
Steam Punk  
Adventure  
Robots



Funny  
Thriller  
Bullying  
USA



Gothic  
Victorian  
Crime  
Science



Funny  
Skateboarding  
Bullying  
Secrets



Funny  
Warm  
Stand-up  
Bullies



Families  
Neurodiverse  
Words  
Grief

**Activity:** Make a poster for a book that you have enjoyed.

**Quiz:** Can you name all 12 Chinese Zodiac animals? Which one were you and your friends and family born under?

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### Experience the lives of Refugees in these novels.

- A Dangerous Crossing, Jane Mitchell
- A Story Like the Wind Gill Lewis
- After Tomorrow, Gillian Cross
- Boy 87, Ele Fountain
- Boy, Everywhere, A.M. Dassau
- Illegal, E. Colfer & A. Donkin
- Jackdaw Summer, David Almond
- Now is the Time for Running, Michael Williams
- Refugee Boy, B. Zephaniah
- The Bone Sparrow, Zana Fraillon
- The Other Side of Truth, Beverley Naidoo
- Welcome to Nowhere, Elizabeth Laird
- When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit, Judith Kerr
- When Stars are Scattered, V. Jamieson & O. Mohamed

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# Age 13+

In a group have a go at the Library Bingo found in the Free Reading Resources section of [www.readingjackdaw.co.uk](http://www.readingjackdaw.co.uk)



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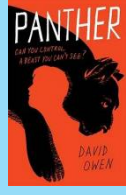
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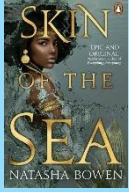
Thriller  
Murder  
Secrets  
Disability



Rom-Com  
Relationships  
Funny  
Family



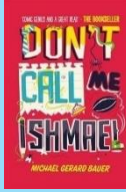
Depression  
Bullying  
Family  
Moving



Mythical  
Adventure  
History  
Slavery



Sci-fi  
Space station  
Relationship  
Intense



Funny  
Friendship  
School  
Life-affirming



Boy bands  
Demons  
Horror  
Funny



War- Ukraine  
Refugees  
Mental health  
Families



Religion  
Social media  
Self-expression  
Social rules



## Try one of these New Year Reading for Pleasure Resolutions in January

Read aloud to someone or a pet once a week.

Read for 15 minutes before sleeping 3x a week.

Join your local library

Browse your school library once a week.

Try reading a new author to you.

Chat about books with friends or even start a Book Club

**Activity:** Make one or more Reading Resolution, use the ones on this page to prompt you or create your own.

**Quiz:** Name 3 books to be published in 2025.

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## EMOJI EMOTIONS

Think of at least one book that matches each of these emotions

Happy



scared



sad



angry



Love



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## OTHER RESOURCES AT THE READING JACKDAW



Book Quests

50 Word Reviews

Monthly Newsletter

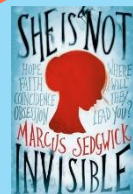
Booklists

Bookmarks

Posters

Author Quotes

Dewey labels



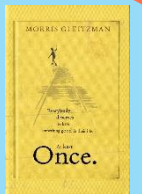
Jan 4<sup>th</sup>  
WORLD  
BRAILLE Day



Jan 20<sup>th</sup>  
MARTIN  
LUTHER KING  
Day



Jan 25<sup>th</sup>  
BURN'S NIGHT



Jan 27<sup>th</sup>  
HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
Day

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