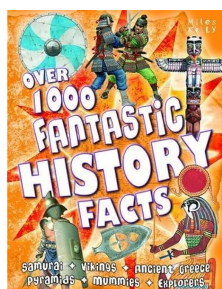


## Book Review from KS2!

### Jacob and Daniel

Watch [this video](#) of Jacob and Daniel telling us about two books that they have recently read and enjoyed.



## The Twelve Days of Christmas Reading Challenge

A Partridge in a Pear Tree: read a story set in the countryside, the forest or a jungle.

Two Turtle Doves: doves often symbolise peace, spirituality and hope. Read a book with one of these themes.

Three French Hens: read a book set somewhere other than the U.K.

Four Calling Birds: read a book where one of the characters is an animal.

Five Golden Rings: read a book where there is treasure or something else precious.

Six Geese a Laying: snuggle down! Make a cosy reading den with lights and decorations. Enjoy your choice of book with a family member.

Seven Swans a Swimming: read a book which features water – this could be a pond, lake, stream, river or sea.



Eight Maids a Milking: read a book where the main character is female.

Nine Ladies Dancing: read a book that brings you joy and happiness.

Ten Lords a Leaping: read a book which has a character with power, for example a king, queen or pharaoh.

Eleven Pipers Piping: read and perform a winter themed poem.

Twelve Drummers Drumming: read a book where the main character is male.

## December's Recommended Reads:

EYFS:



Late on Christmas Eve, after the town has gone to sleep, a boy boards a mysterious train that waits for him: the Polar Express bound for the North Pole. When he arrives there, Santa offers him any gift he desires. The boy modestly asks for one bell from the reindeer's harness. It turns out to be a very special gift, for only believers in Santa can hear it ring.



Year 1&2:

It's Christmas Eve and Theo - left at home with a babysitter - sees an odd-looking star out of his window and decides to make a wish. He wishes that he had some friends to keep him company. Moments later the Christmas decorations begin to disentangle themselves from the tree behind him, ready to wreak a little havoc...



Year 3&4:



If you believe that some things are impossible, you should stop considering reading right away. Because this book is *full of impossible things*. Are you still there? Good.

Then let us begin....

*A Boy Called Christmas is a tale of adventure, snow, kidnapping, elves, more snow and an 11-year-old boy called Nikolas who isn't*

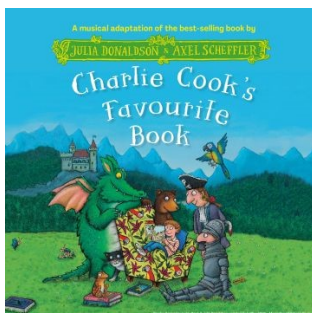
Year 5&6:

It's 25 days until Christmas . . .

And 10-year-old Harper gets a surprise when Mum announces she's bringing her new boyfriend Nick home for the holidays!

*Nick seems nice enough. But why do strange Christmassy things happen whenever he's around? Like snow falling only in the family's garden? Or a reindeer suddenly appearing on the roof?!*

*Harper's convinced that Nick must be Father Christmas! And if her mum and older brother won't believe her, she'll just have to find a way to prove it her-*



A Little Angel Theatre and Lowry Co-Production Based on the original book Charlie Cook's Favourite Book - written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler Charlie loves reading. Especially books about pirates. But his sister hates it - it's boring! Can Charlie convince her that reading is fun? Perhaps if she read a book about a pirate, who is reading a book about Goldilocks, who is reading a book about a knight...

Come and delve into a range of books with Charlie Cook, brought to life with puppetry and enchanting songs, and perhaps you will be able to help his sister discover the wonderful world inside a book...

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