

# Birch Hill Primary School

## Year of Reading

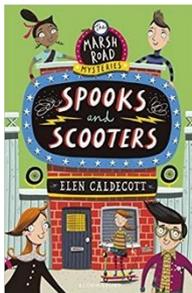
### Reading List Year 4

#### Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley



Ruskin Splinter is small and thin, with knock-knees, thick glasses and a squeaky voice, and the idea of him taming a dragon makes the whole class laugh. Big, strong Elvis is stupid but he looks like a hero. So who is more likely to get the big part in the school play? But when the mysterious beast, Krindlekrax, threatens Lizard Street and everyone who lives there, it is Ruskin who saves the day and proves he is the stuff that heroes are made of after all.

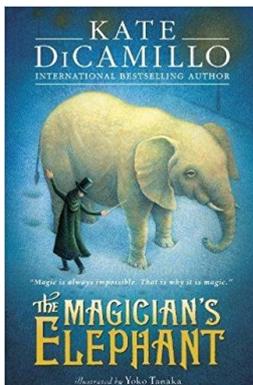
#### Spooks & Scooters by Elen Caldecott



Meet Piotr, Minnie, Andrew, Flora and Sylvie - true friends and even better mystery-solvers! Flora and Sylvie are going on the holiday of a lifetime with their dad. But - WHAT? - Dad cancels the trip only hours before the flight because - OH MY GOODNESS - someone has stolen precious blueprints of Dad's latest invention: an amazing new scooter. But who? And why? Time to call on the only five people who can possibly solve the crime! The third in a fantastic new series filled with friendship, adventure and mystery! Perfect for fans of the Laura Marlin Mysteries by Lauren St John, this is THE new mystery adventure series by Waterstones Book Prize shortlisted author Elen

Caldecott.

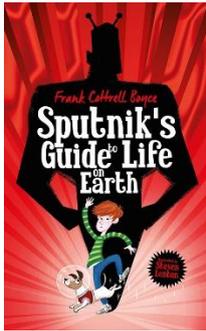
#### The Magician's Elephant by Kate DiCamillo



In this timeless fable, Kate DiCamillo evokes the largest of themes – hope and belonging, desire and compassion – with the lightness of a magician's touch. Another classic in the making by Kate DiCamillo. *What if? Why not? Could it be?* When a fortune-teller's tent appears in the market square of the city of Baltese, orphan Peter Augustus Duchene knows the questions that he must ask: Does his sister still live? And if so, how can he find her? The fortune-teller's mysterious answer (*An elephant! An elephant will lead you there!*) sets off a chain of events so remarkable, so impossible, that you will hardly dare to believe it is true. With atmospheric illustrations by fine artist Yoko Tanaka,

here is a dreamlike and captivating tale that could only be told by Kate DiCamillo.

### **Sputnik's Guide Life on Earth by Frank Cottrell Boyce**



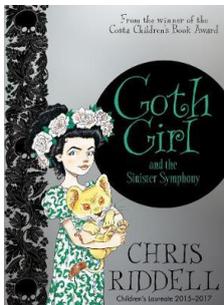
The Blythes live on a small farm and sometimes foster children. Now Prez has come to live with them. But, though he seems cheerful and helpful, he never says a word. Then one day Prez answers the door to a small, loud stranger carrying a backpack who goes by the name of Sputnik. The family pat Sputnik on the head, call him a good boy and it seems they all think Sputnik is a dog. It turns out that Sputnik is writing a guidebook to Earth called Ten Things Worth Doing on Earth, and he takes Prez on a journey to find them.

### **The Journey by Francesca Sanna**



With haunting echoes of the current refugee crisis this beautifully illustrated book explores the unimaginable decisions made as a family leave their home and everything they know to escape the turmoil and tragedy brought by war.

### **Goth Girl and the Sinister Symphony by Chris Riddell**



Lord Goth is throwing a music festival at Ghastly-Gorm Hall, with performances from the finest composers in the land. Ada can't wait, but it's quite distracting when her grandmother is trying to find her father a fashionable new wife, there's a faun living in her wardrobe and Maltravers is up to his old tricks. Ada must make sure everything goes to plan, and luckily help is at hand from a very interesting house guest ...