

Hutton Rudby Primary School Staff

Desert Island books



Miss Palmer

'These are my favourite books and the reasons why I love them so much!'

Book	Blurb	The reasons I love this book!
A Fish Out Of Water by Helen Palmer	A little boy who overfeeds his goldfish begins an adventure that brings even the police and a fire engine to cope with a fish out of water!	This story is a childhood favourite of mine and my mum used to read it to me all the time when I was little. I used to giggle all the way through this book. The boy hilariously learns the consequences of not following instructions when he feeds his goldfish too much. His goldfish grows bigger and bigger until it is the size of a whale! It is a very funny book and it taught me how to look after my own goldfish.
Laura's Star by Klaus Baumgart	Laura is often lonely but one night she sees a falling star and runs downstairs to find it lying damaged, on the pavement outside. Laura takes it to her room, mends it, and lays it tenderly on her pillow. She tells the star all her secrets but when she wakes in the morning, the star is gone.	Laura's star is a book very close to my heart. It is so magical and I used to read this book at night for a bedtime story. She has just moved house and is beginning to make friends when a sparkling star falls out of the sky right in front of her! The reason why I love this book so much is because Laura gets to form a friendship with the star and mends its broken point. From a young age this book taught me about how important friendships are and how to always be kind to others.
Charlie and The Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl	A young boy wins a tour through the most magnificent chocolate factory in the world, led by the world's most unusual candy maker. When Willy Wonka decides to let five children into his chocolate factory, he decides to release five golden tickets in five separate chocolate bars, causing complete mayhem.	This book in an all-time classic! It is so exciting to read about how Charlies luck changes when he finds that precious golden ticket. I was obsessed with this story as a child because the idea of living in a chocolate factory would be my ultimate dream. Chocolate is one of my favourite foods and I have a huge sweet tooth. I love the part where Violet Beauregarde turns purple and gets bigger and bigger!
The Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson	The witch and her cat are happily flying through the sky on a broomstick when the wind picks up and blows away the witch's hat, then her bow, and then her wand! Luckily, three helpful animals find the missing items, and all they want in return is a ride on the broom. But is there room on the broom for so many friends? And when disaster strikes, will they be able to save the witch from a hungry dragon?	The Room on the Broom is an amazing story based on teamwork and friendship. I still laugh at the way the animals cram onto the witches broom and 'Whoosh' into the sky. I liked this book because the witch was portrayed as a friendly witch who cared for the animals. My favourite part is when they all disguise as a mud monster to scare off the dragon. I also love the fast pace rhyming throughout the story.

Rainbow Magic Fairy Books	The Rainbow Fairies are in charge of sending out invitations to King Oberon and Queen Titania's ball. Whilst giving out invitations they accidentally forgot to invite Jack Frost, the coldest and meanest person in all of Fairyland. As revenge, Jack Frost casts a spell on all of the Rainbow Fairies, causing them to be sent to every corner of the human world which causes Fairyland to lose all its colour	I was gripped by this collection of books. Each book told a new part of the magical adventure story in a quest to save all of the Rainbow Fairies. I used to love the names of the fairies, especially because one of them had my name! I was 'The Rock and Roll' fairy. The books inspired me to write my own fantasy fairy stories when I was a child!
The Mr Men books by Roger Hargreaves	Each book in the original Mr. Men series introduces a different title character and his single dominant personality trait to convey a simple moral lesson. The Mr. Men characters frequently reappeared in other characters' books. The books' simple stories, with brightly coloured, boldly drawn illustrations, make them very popular, with sales of over 100 million worldwide across 28 countries	These books bring back very early memories before I had started primary school. A very embarrassing and funny fact is that I knew all the Mr Men characters before I knew my numbers. My favourite ones were Mr Topsy Turvey, Mr Bump and Mr Tickle. I used to make up my own actions for each character as I loved their different personalities. An amazing set of books!
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis	Narniathe land beyond the wardrobe door, a secret place frozen in eternal winter, a magical country waiting to be set free. Lucy is the first to find the secret of the wardrobe in the professor's mysterious old house. At first her brothers and sister don't believe her when she tells of her visit to the land of Narnia.	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is a distinct favourite of mine. The idea of walking into a wardrobe only to find a mystical land at the end is truly amazing! When they meet the Lion Aslan, they realize they've been called to a great adventure and bravely join the battle to free Narnia from the Witch's sinister spell. I used to imagine what it would have been like to step into Narnia and meet all of the talking animals, especially the funny Beavers!
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	A timeless heroine, Alice is quick witted, determined, and resourceful. In her extraordinary adventures she meets a series of unforgettable characters, from the bossy White Rabbit to the grinning Cheshire-Cat and the mad Hatter, all of whom are as famous as Alice herself.	I loved this book when I was older in primary school. 'The Queen of Hearts' is a fantastic character with her red love heart lips and a dress made of playing cards. This is why I dressed up as her for 'World Book Day'. I loved the cheekiness of the White Rabbit and the Mad Hatters tea party. The best bit is when Alice drinks the 'Drink Me' potion causing her to shrink in size to help her get through the tiny door. It is such an imaginative and book filled with so many creative ideas!

'These are my desert island books. They all have a special meaning to me and give me so many cherished and happy memories. I hope you love them just as much as I do. Enjoy!'

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