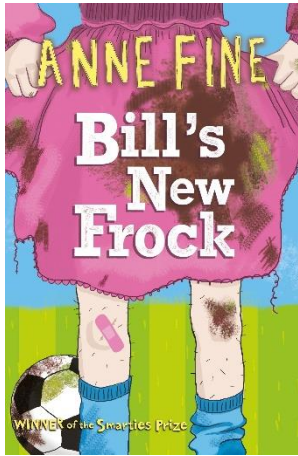


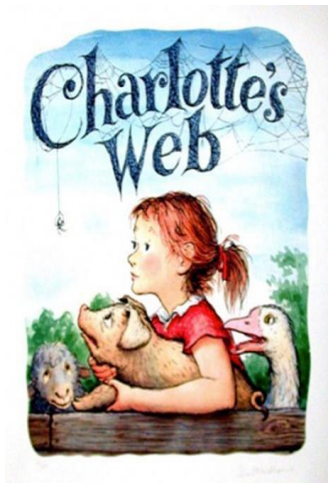
## Brilliant Books to Share with Your Year 4 Child and Questions You Can Ask

We have compiled a list of books which you might like to read with your child. We have taken inspiration from books recommended by the leading literacy expert, Pie Corbett. The books in this list provide intrigue and challenge for your year 4 child. Children of this age need a great storyline, but should also be experiencing deep and rich books. All of these books are available from major book shops. We recommend that you spend **between 15 and 20 minutes** per day reading with your child.



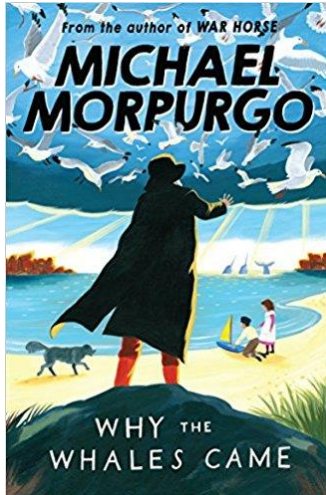
### **Bill's New Frock** Anne Fine (Egmont)

- You can read the first sentence with your child and then discuss how might things be different for Bill.
- Talk about the various things that happen to Bill as a girl.
- Discuss the line 'I am a person' in Chapter 7. What does your child think this might mean?



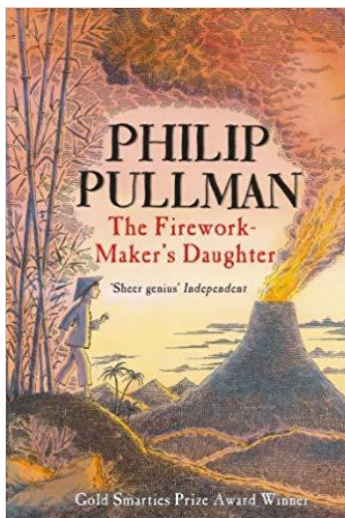
### **Charlotte's Web** EB White (Puffin)

- With your child, track the different characters, gathering clues about their different natures.
- Discuss how Wilbur's character develops.
- Discuss the implications of the key events in the book.



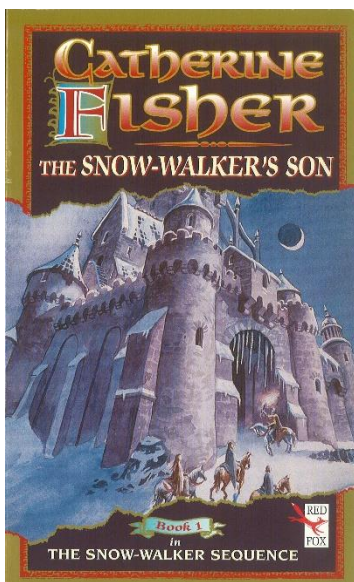
### Why the Whales Came Michael Morpurgo (Egmont)

- What is a narwhal? With your child, do some research.
- Also research together using the internet to discover why families left Samson Island.
- Discuss how your child's view of the Birdman changes and why.
- Talk about whether whales should be hunted.



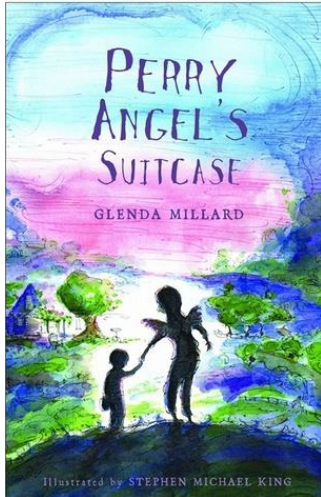
### The Firework Maker's Daughter Phillip Pullman (Random House)

- Ask your child what they think is the big challenge that Lila faces.
- Discuss how the author shows how Lila feels in Chapter 5. 'Illusions': what does this mean in Chapter 5?
- What sort of person is Lila? Invite your child to gather evidence to support their opinion.
- Also, read The Scarecrow and his Servant (Random House) by the same author.



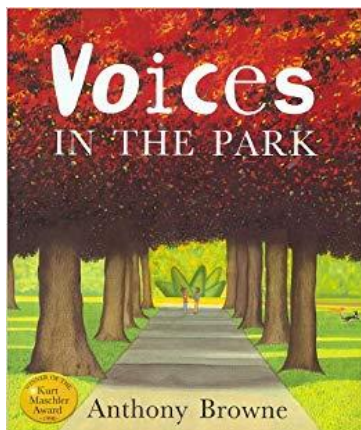
### The Snow-Walker's Son Catherine Fisher (Red Fox)

- Along with your child, track the two main characters, Kari and Jessa, showing how their characters develop.
- Discuss at the end the role of heat and cold in the story. Can your child predict what might happen in the next story, The Empty Hand (Red Fox)?



**Perry Angel's Suitcase** Glenda Millard (Phoenix Yard Books)

- Discuss with your child how everyone feels before Perry arrives and then discuss Perry's behaviour, thinking about why he acts as he does.
- Discuss the suitcase. Pause in Chapter 10 to discuss why Perry gets onto the raft. Ask your child what advice can be learned from Chapter 10.
- Discuss the viewpoints of those involved at the end of each chapter. There are other books in this series, all equally magical.



**Voices in the Park** Anthony Browne (Random House)

- With your child, read the book through several times and ask how they feel about each character and why. (E.g. Is the mother really a bad mother? Where is the dad? Why does she wear a bowler hat? Is it right that the girl makes the dad a cup of tea?)
- Discuss relationships and ask your child what they think is the most important picture and why they think so.
- Study The Tunnel (Walker Books) by the same author