



# Reading Matters

Everything you Need2Know  
about Y5 reading at Athelstan

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Y5

## What will Y5 read this half term?



### There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom

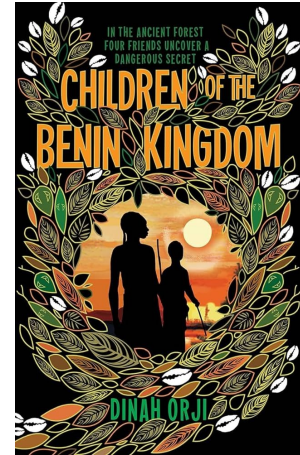
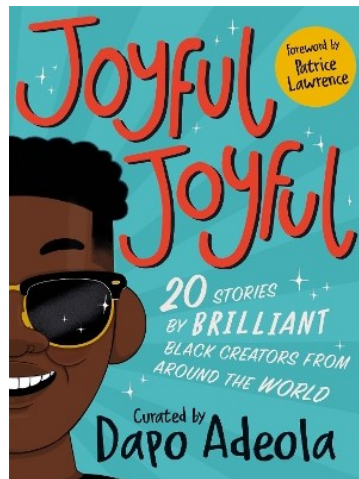
Louis Sachar

Bradley Chalkers is always in trouble—and I mean always. It's only when a new guidance counsellor called Carla comes to work at his school that he starts to be able to believe in himself. We love this book!

### Joyful Joyful

Curated by Dapo Adeola

This book compiles 20 short stories by amazing black writers from around the world. The last few pages even invite you to contribute your own story! Can you read a few of the stories and discover which authors you prefer?

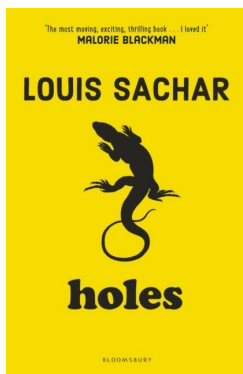


### Children of the Benin Kingdom

Dina Orji

Ada must travel deep into the forest to discover the ancient Edo kingdom of Benin, and to use everything within her power to heal the terrible divisions that are tearing the kingdom apart. Look out for our fabulous writing about this story this half term.

## More Y5 recommendations



### Holes

Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats is accused of a crime he didn't commit and ends up at Camp Greenlake Juvenile Detention Centre and forced to dig a hole every day. What secrets will he unearth?



### Relic Hunter, Genie Hunter

Joseph Coelho

Relic lives in an antique shop with his grandad and a load of lamps...filled with genies!

## The Book Fair is coming!

The Book Fair will be in school from 18th – 25th November.

What amazing titles will you spot on the shelves?

Don't forget, you could win a free book if you enter our design-a-bookmark competition by Monday 10th November.

