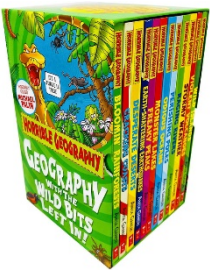


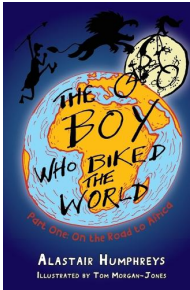
Wider Reading in Geography (KS3)

Reading can benefit you in so many different ways. It helps you to escape into different worlds and feeds your imagination. This alone can help you relax and escape from the stresses of the day. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Geography is such a broad and fascinating subject that the department have found it really hard to pick just 10 books to recommend to you to read over the course of your Key Stage 3 journey!



Horrible Geography Collection (12 book box set) - Anita Ganeri

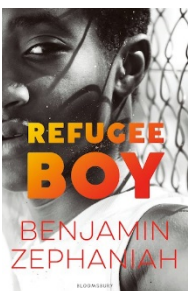
This series is packed with fascinating facts, enlightening cartoons and true tales of the violent, stormy and uninhabitable place that our world can sometimes be. Best of all, these books are full of real information that will, in the liveliest way, introduce this important subject.



The Boy who biked the world: part one: On the road to Africa - Alastair Humphreys.

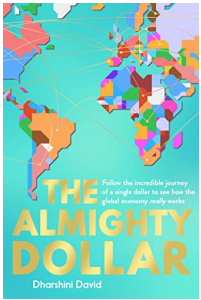
(There are three parts/books in this series)

Tom dreams of being an adventurer. Everyone tells him he's crazy, so he decides to prove them wrong by going around the world on his bike! The first book of Tom's adventures follows him across Europe and from the top to the bottom of Africa. In volume two, Tom heads north from the tip of South America and makes his way through the Americas. With a long 'uphill' struggle facing him, Tom has the massive Andes and raging Amazon to contend with in South America, deserts and grizzly bears in North America, and a colourful array of characters all along the way. With engaging illustrations, maps, and handwritten journal entries throughout, this book provides an immersive experience for any young adventurer.



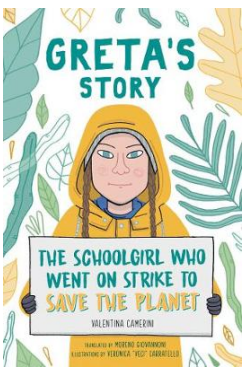
Refugee Boy - Benjamin Zephaniah

Alem's father is Ethiopian and his mother is Eritrean, and there is a dangerous conflict raging between the two countries. For his own safety, Alem's father brings him to England to escape the dangers at home. At first, Alem is delighted to be having a holiday with his dad, until he wakes up one morning to find his father has left him in England alone. Although Alem is heartbroken and everything about English culture is very confusing, he tries to see the positives of living in a cold, alien environment far from his home and family.



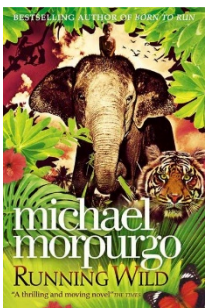
The Almighty Dollar - Dharshini David

Have you ever wondered why we can afford to buy far more clothes than our grandparents ever could...? But may be less likely to own a home in which to keep them all? Why your petrol bill can double in a matter of months, but it never falls as fast? Behind all of this lies economics. It's not always easy to grasp the complex forces that are shaping our lives. But by following a dollar on its journey around the globe, we can start to piece it all together. The dollar is the lifeblood of globalisation. Greenbacks, singles, bucks or dead presidents: call them what you will, they are keeping the global economy going. Half of the notes in circulation are actually outside of the USA - and many of the world's dollars are owned by China. But what is really happening as our cash moves around the world every day, and how does it affect our lives? By following \$1 from a shopping trip in suburban Texas, via China's central bank, Nigerian railroads, the oilfields of Iraq and beyond, The Almighty Dollar reveals the economic truths behind what we see on the news every day. Why is China the world's biggest manufacturer - and the USA its biggest customer? Is free trade really a good thing? Why would a nation build a bridge on the other side of the planet? In this illuminating read, economist Dharshini David lays bare these complex relationships to get to the heart of how our new globalised world works, showing who really holds the power, and what that means for us all.



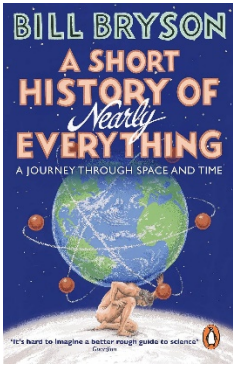
Greta's Story: The Schoolgirl Who Went On Strike To Save The Planet - Valentina Camerini

The story of Greta Thunberg, the schoolgirl who inspired a worldwide climate change movement. It's 20 August 2018, late summer in Stockholm, and it feels incredibly hot in the city. The TV news reports rising temperatures, and there have been numerous fires throughout Sweden. Fifteen-year-old Greta Thunberg decides she can't wait any longer: politicians have to do something to save the environment. Instead of returning to school, Greta takes a placard and goes on strike in front of Sweden's parliament building. Greta's protest began the Fridays for Future - or School Strike 4 Climate - movement, which millions have now joined around the world. Greta has spoken at COP24, the UN summit on climate change, and has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. This is her story, but also that of many other girls and boys around the world willing to fight against the indifference of the powerful for a better future.



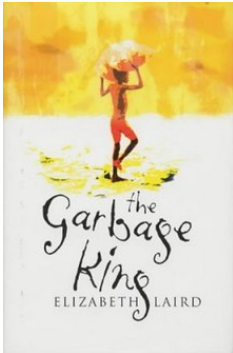
Running Wild - Michael Morpurgo

The epic and heart-rending jungle adventure from the nation's favourite storyteller Michael Morpurgo. For Will and his mother, going to Indonesia isn't just a holiday. It's an escape, a new start, a chance to put things behind them - things like the death of Will's father. And to begin with, it seems to be just what they both needed. But then Oona, the elephant Will is riding on the beach, begins acting strangely, shying away from the sea. And that's when the tsunami comes crashing in, and Oona begins to run. Except that when the tsunami is gone, Oona just keeps on running. With nothing on his back but a shirt and nothing to sustain him but a bottle of water, Will must learn to survive deep in the jungle. Luckily, though, he's not completely alone... He's got Oona.



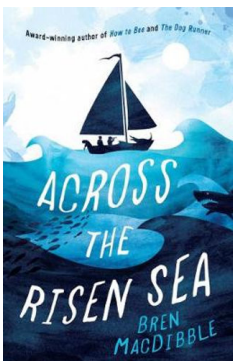
A Short History of Nearly Everything - Bill Bryson

Bill Bryson describes himself as a reluctant traveller, but even when he stays safely at home he can't contain his curiosity about the world around him. "A Short History of Nearly Everything" is his quest to understand everything that has happened from the Big Bang to the rise of civilisation - how we got from there, being nothing at all, to here, being us. The ultimate eye-opening journey through time and space, revealing the world in a way most of us have never seen it before.



The Garbage King - Elizabeth Laird

Inspired by the true story of an African childhood lived on the edge of destitution, award-winning Elizabeth Laird's new novel takes readers on an unforgettable emotional journey. When Mamo's mother dies, he is abandoned in the shanties of Addis Ababa. Stolen by a child-trafficker and sold to a farmer, he is cruelly treated. Escaping back to the city, he meets another, very different runaway. Dani is rich, educated -- and fleeing his tyrannical father. Together they join a gang of homeless street boys who survive only by mutual bonds of trust and total dependence on each other.



Across the Risen Sea - Bren MacDibble

When three strangers arrive on her island home, everything Neoma thought she knew about the world is turned upside down. Set in a near-future where rising sea levels have decimated the land, Neoma and her best friend Jaguar live in a close-knit community on the Ockery Islands. They live simple lives, fishing and scavenging. But when the strangers arrive and install some strange tech on the hillside, ignoring the islanders' protests, everything changes.



The Year the Maps Changed - Danielle Binks

Set in Sorrento, Victoria, in 1999, this is the story of Fred, whose family is a mess, and what happens when a group of Kosovar-Albanian refugees is brought to a government 'safe haven' not far from Fred's home. A coming-of-age story inspired by true events.