

Dear Grade 4s and your Parents

Recommendation #1: The **13-Storey Treehouse** series by the Australian writer/illustrator team, **Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton**, have become immensely popular in recent years. The treehouse books go up in multiples of 13, so they have now reached the **117-Storey Treehouse**, with 130-Storey Treehouse due out later this year, I believe. During these times it's great to read books which are both light and funny. 😊

Here is the official website: <https://www.treehousebookseries.com/>

"Andy and Terry live in a tree. And when we say "tree," we mean "treehouse" and when we say "treehouse," we don't mean just any old treehouse, we mean the most amazing treehouse in the world! It's filled with things like shark-infested see-through swimming pools, secret underground labs, and marshmallow machines that follow you around and automatically shoot marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry.

The treehouse is also where they make books together. Andy writes the words and Terry draws the pictures...or they would if it weren't for all the invading pirates, giant gorillas, out of control inventions and evil vegetable attacks that keep distracting them!

Join them on their wild adventures in the Treehouse series."

Here is a link to a clip about their books, done by a kid named Archee, which gives you a little peek into what is in each of the books

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0ahD7HxqJE>

I have also **downloaded a few fun pdf** activities based on the books for you to do. You can read the extract from Chapter 1 of 104-Storey Treehouse, answer some comprehension questions on it, create your own joke book or do the maze, search and spot the difference.

Recommendation #2: **Good news** from **Animal Talk Magazine**: Because the school is a subscriber, we have been sent the link to the e-copy for May and June. We will only receive our hard copy in July.

So here's the link for you to enjoy it. If you **download the pdf**, you can also do the fun, kids' activities which are in the magazine. Enjoy reading all about beloved pets, Collegiate Girls. I know that this magazine is very popular among you. I'm sure that your parents will enjoy it too!

<https://www.coolmags.co.za/animaltalk/>

Recommendation #3: From **Megan McDonald**, author of the Judy Moody series, comes a series called **The Sisters' Club**. We have these books in our school library.

I discovered the website **Funbrain** recently, and my only reservation about it is the number of ads, but if you avoid clicking on them (I just close the bottom advert strip each time), they have some pretty good story samples which have been reproduced with the publishers' permission.

<https://www.funbrain.com/books/the-sisters-club/page/2>

On this link are the first 32 pages of this story about three sisters.

Here you can meet the author on her official website. She grew up as one of five sisters, so that must have been a good place to learn about how sisters relate to each other!

<http://www.meganmcdonald.net/content/meet-megan>

Here's a review of the book done by a school child in the US:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjEUVhBNpDU>

And there's a **fun pdf** I've downloaded based on the series to make you think about birth order in your family and having fun with Shakespeare.

I hope that you enjoy this week's reading and activities, Grade 4s. 😊

Mrs Bentley