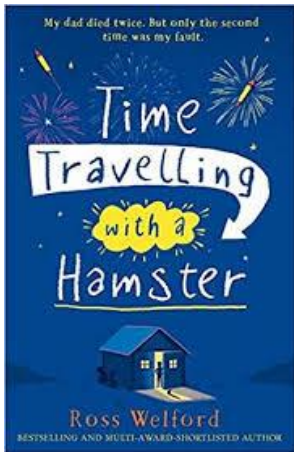


# All I want for Christmas is you

from Miss Minoli



## Time Travelling with a Hamster – Ross Welford

From the title to the very last line, *Time Travelling with a Hamster* will make you smile. Full of heart and humour, it is a hilarious tale about the dangers of time-travel.

Al Chaudhury is a little boy on a mission and he's taking his hamster with him.

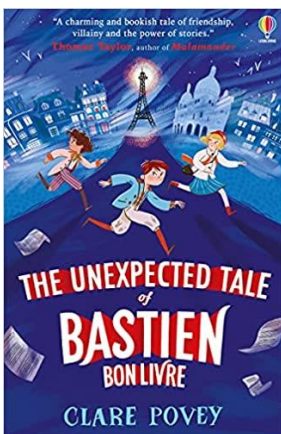
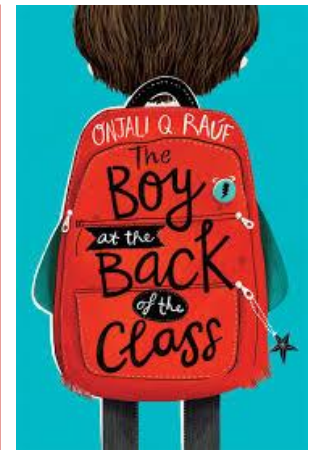
On Al Chaudhury's twelfth birthday, his beloved Grandpa gives him a letter from Al's late father. In it, Al receives a mission: to travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's life. Al soon discovers that time travel requires imagination. It also requires lies, theft, setting his school on fire and ignoring philosophical advice from Grandpa Byron. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer...

## The Boy at the Back of the Class – Onjali Q Rauf

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now, a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it.

He's eight years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite!

But the truth is, Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a war. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to be his friend.



## Miss Minoli loves...

### The Unexpected Tale of Bastien Bon Livre – Clare Povey

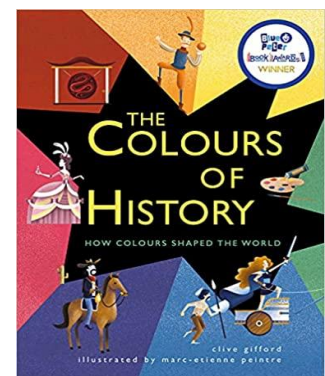
This book arrived in school recently for my secret reviewers to read and review.

They LOVED it!

The open door felt like an invitation, or a trap. Bastien wasn't sure which, but with no other choice, he stepped inside...and hoped he'd make it out again alive. Bastien Bonlivre is a boy with a big imagination, determined to finish the story his parents started.

## A bit of non-fiction...

### The Colours of History: How Colours Shaped the World – Clive Gifford



Why did Roman emperors wear purple? Which colour is made from crushed beetles? What green pigment might be used to build super-fast computers of the future? Find out the answers to these and many more questions in this book of colours throughout history.