



St Michael's CE VA Primary School Lyme Regis



Reading Newsletter

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Welcome to our third Reading Newsletter!

Welcome to our latest Reading Newsletter, a place to find out what we are doing to promote a love of reading. As a school, we are passionate about reading and want children to enjoy and love books as much as we do. We aim to create a whole school culture of a love for reading and to develop independent readers who have a good understanding of texts - both fiction and non-fiction!

As always, your support is hugely appreciated! – Mrs Townley



Supporting Readers at Home



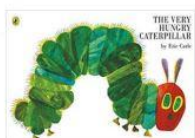
Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



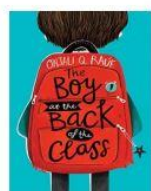
Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!



Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.

For more ideas see the OU website:
www.ourfp.org



Leaders have prioritised developing a love of reading at the school. Pupils can talk about books they have enjoyed reading or those that they have had read to them.

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Author in the Spotlight



About Michael Rosen

I was brought up by my mum and dad. When I was born, my dad was in the American Army in Germany but when he came home, he became an English teacher in secondary schools. In 1948, when I was two, my mum trained to be a primary school teacher. When they were young, my parents had been very poor – my father especially. They had been brought up in what is now called Tower Hamlets, my mum in Bethnal Green and my father in Whitechapel.

My parents were very, very, very interested in education, schools, learning and books. They were very keen that my brother and I should do well at school. But at the same time, I have to say they were very funny, humorous people who loved jokes, stories and songs. My father loved to sing songs in lots of different languages as well as saying bits of poetry or plays – especially Shakespeare. This meant that my head was full of all kinds of words and expressions.

When I finished university, I went to work for the BBC. First of all I worked on radio plays and documentaries, then I went to work for a children's programme called 'Playschool' and after that, I worked in BBC Schools Television where I wrote a programme helping very young children to learn how to read. It was called 'Sam on Boff's Island'. My first book for children was called *Mind Your Own Business* and it came out in 1974. Quentin Blake did wonderful line drawings for it.

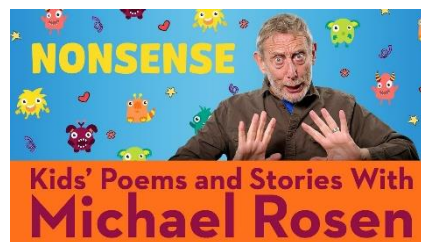
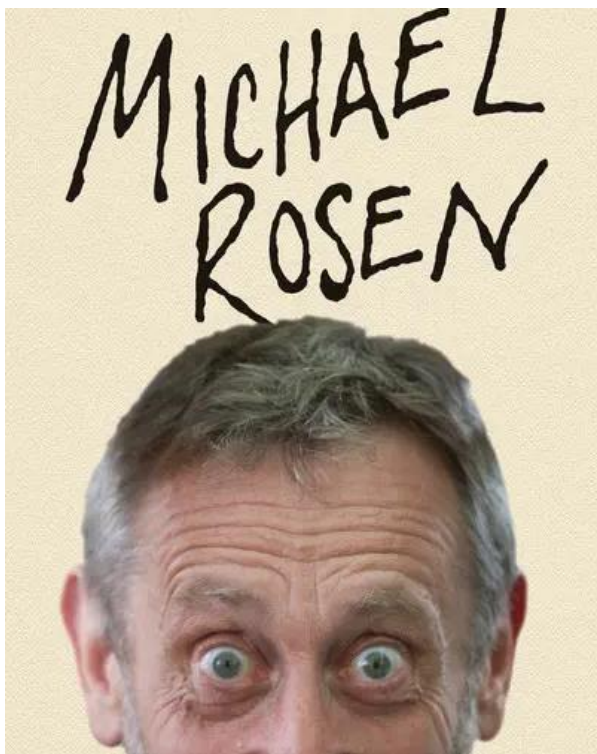
Ever since then, I've been doing these things:

- writing books
- writing articles for newspapers and magazines
- coming to schools, libraries and theatres and performing the poems in my books – they're like shows really
- helping children in schools write poems and stories and other kinds of writing too
- making radio programmes, mostly about words, language or books
- appearing on TV, either reading books, or talking about books
- teaching at universities about children's literature
- running workshops for teachers about poetry, reading, writing of all kinds, 'reading for pleasure' across whole school communities

In any week, I might be doing all of these things! To tell the truth, I don't really know what I'm doing tomorrow, unless I look in my diary to see.

I have also helped bring up seven children, one of whom, Eddie, died.

I support Arsenal Football Club.



There is an official Michael Rosen video channel on YouTube. All videos and playlists on this channel have been approved by Michael Rosen and are safe to watch.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MichaelRosenOfficial>



This year, I've done a residency at BookTrust and did videos and live streaming with them. [See full details on their website.](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/writer-in-residence/previous-writers-in-residence/michael-rosen/#!?q=&sortOption=MostRecent&pageNo=1)

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Also this year, I've worked with the British Library in London and made some videos with them:

<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/cook-up-your-own-fairy-tale>

Reading in Class

Below are the texts that the children have been reading in class this term.

Anning Class (Reception)



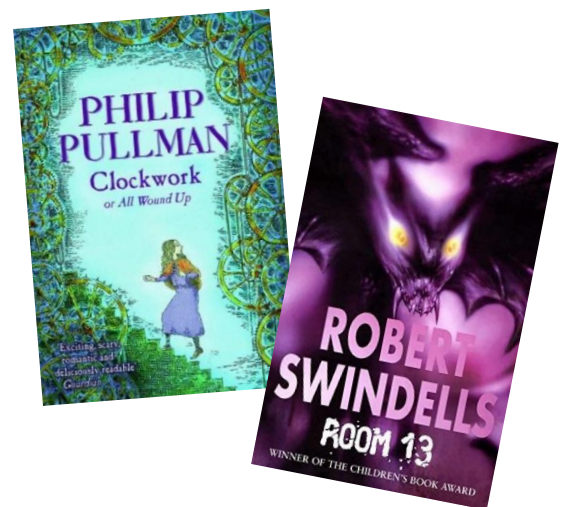
Lister Class (Year 1 & Year 2)



Coram Class (Year 3 & Year 4)



Langmoor Class (Year 5 & Year 6)

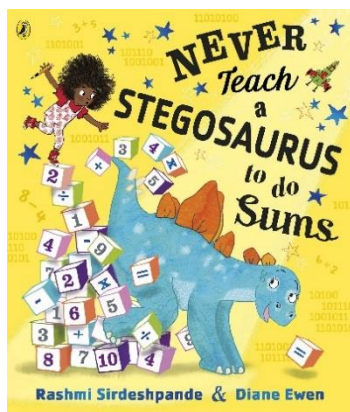


Recommended Reads

Subject in the Spotlight



Never Teach a Stegosaurus to Do Sums -By Rashmi Sirdeshpande

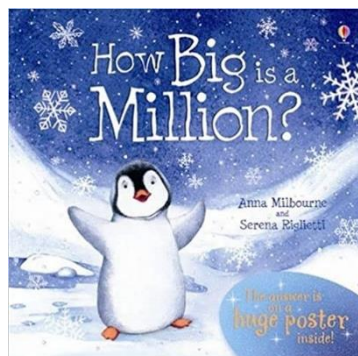


A laugh-out-loud 'what if . . .?' adventure that celebrates maths being fun in this riotous read.

If a Stegosaurus knew how to do sums - well, what would happen? Maybe she'd learn to code, to invent, to fly to the moon!

Reading Age 4–5-year-olds

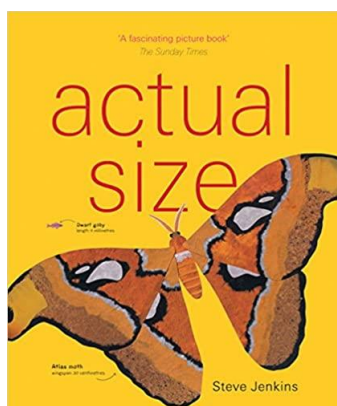
How Big is a Million? - By Anna Milbourne



Pipkin the smallest penguin is always asking questions, but what he wants to know most of all is how big is a million? So he sets off to find out, and along the way meets a hundred penguins, sees a thousand snowflakes and meets one new friend before being amazed to finally find out how big a million really is.

Reading Age 2–6-year-olds

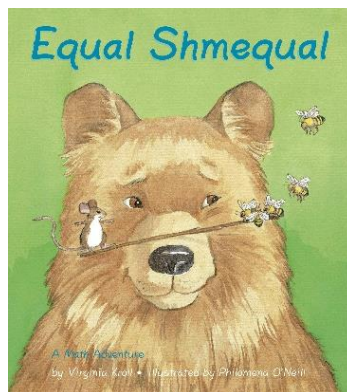
Actual Size -By Steve Jenkins



Just how big is a crocodile? What about a tiger, or the world's largest spider? Can you imagine a tongue that is two feet long or an eye that is bigger than your head? Sometimes facts and figures don't tell the whole story. In the new paperback edition of this visually stunning book, Steve Jenkins illustrates animals both large and small at their actual size.

Reading Age 5–8-year-olds

Equal Shmequal (Charlesbridge Math Adventures) -By Virginia Kroll

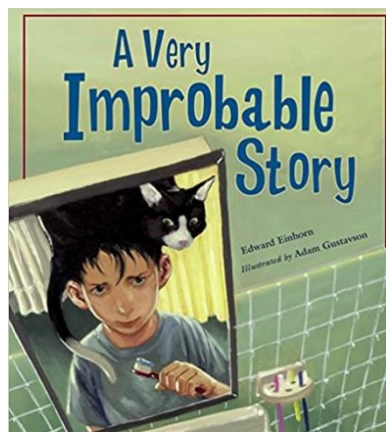


Mouse and her friends want to play tug-of-war, but they'll need to use some everyday math to figure out how to make teams that are equal. As Mouse looks at various solutions she is not sure what it means to be equal. Nothing works until Mouse starts to think about it mathematically and divides the teams based on weight. Wonderful illustrations capture Mouse and her animal friends from

whiskers to tails as they work to measure and equalize their teams based on size, weight, and effort.

Reading Age 5–8-year-olds

A Very Improbable Story: A Math Adventure - By Edward Einhorn



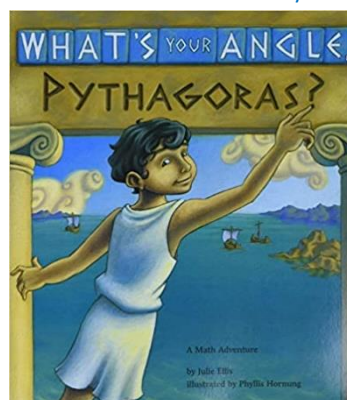
What are the odds? Ethan wakes up one morning to find a very strange cat stuck on his head. The cat, Odds, refuses to budge until Ethan wins a game of probability. Without looking, Ethan must pick out a dime from his coin collection or two matching socks from his dresser, or do something else improbable. If he

doesn't, Odds is there to stay, and Ethan has a 100% chance of missing his big soccer game.

A very improbable story about a challenging math concept.

Reading Age 7–9-year-olds

What's Your Angle, Pythagoras? (Charlesbridge Math Adventures)-By Julie Ellis



Children can test their math skills and learn the Pythagorean Theorem alongside young Pythagoras in this STEM adventure.

Pythagoras' curiosity takes him from Samos to Alexandria, where he meets a builder named Neferheperhersekeper, who introduces him to the right angle.

While building, Pythagoras uses geometry to learn how to measure angles and discovers all he needs to know about right triangles.

Reading Age 7–10-year-olds

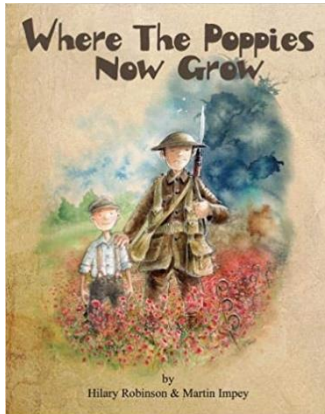




Recommended Reads

November

Where The Poppies Now Grow: -By Hilary Robinson



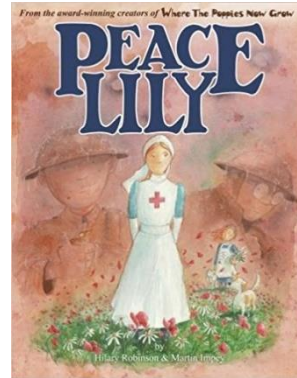
Nominated for a number of prestigious awards, this poetic new book brings the memories associated with World War I to a level suitable for younger children.

Perfect for use around Remembrance Day, *Where the Poppies Now Grow* tells the story of best friends Ben and Ray, who swap their simple lives on countryside farms for the raging battlefields of France.

This book is rare in its ability to make both the narrative and illustrations poignant and evocative without being too frightening or graphic for young children.

Reading Age 4–11-year-olds

Peace Lily- By Hilary Robinson & Martin Impey



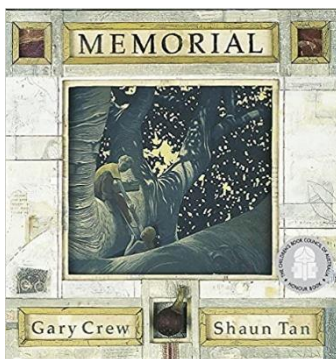
Peace Lily is a rhyming story that celebrates the humanity and compassion that thrive even in the darkest of times.

Lily is a nurse at Passchendaele, working in a hospital tent to treat those wounded in battle.

This is a moving story that explores the important contribution made by women on the front-line during World War One.

Reading Age 4–11-year-olds

Memorial- By Gary Crew & Shaun Tan



For something a little bit different from the usual WW1 stories, try this picture book that explores the topic of remembrance over time.

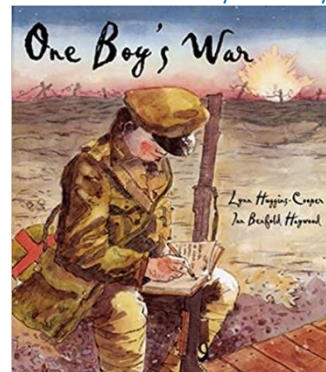
The story depicts a fig tree planted in 1918 as a war memorial in Australia. Generations later a local council threatens to cut down the tree when its roots cause problems with the

developments in the town.

The story leaves plenty of space to discuss what remembrance means and the importance of stories and conversations in keeping memories of the past alive.

Reading Age 6–11-year-olds

One Boy's War- By Lynn Huggins-Cooper



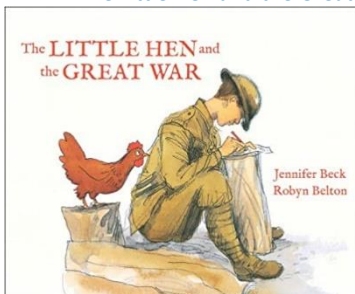
Sixteen-year-old Sydney is overwhelmed by the excitement of the 1914 recruitment campaigns and the bravado of men leaving for the Great War.

Bursting with enthusiasm, he runs away to join up, but soon finds himself a long way from home in a frontline trench where reality - and the rats - begin to bite.

Told through Sydney's optimistic letters home and his journal, this is his honest portrayal of the disillusionment and degradation of life and death in the trenches of World War I.

Reading Age 7–11-year-olds

The Little Hen and the Great War -By Jennifer Beck



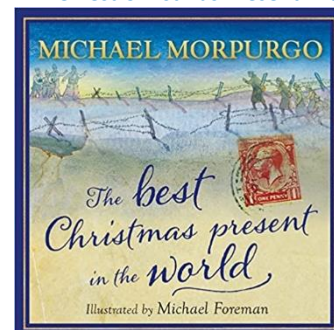
A young soldier is fighting in the trenches of wartime France when he finds a hen, skinny, scruffy, and starving. He tucks her into his jacket and takes her with him. The other soldiers laugh when they see him looking after her and sharing his meagre rations of food, but when

the hen thrives and begins to lay eggs for them, they realise that perhaps survival and hope are possible after all.

A beautiful story of unexpected friendship in the midst of fighting and devastation.

Reading Age 5–8-year-olds

The Best Christmas Present in the World - By Michael Morpurgo



In *The Best Christmas Present in the World*, War Horse author Michael Morpurgo revisits the trenches to tell the haunting story of Christmas 1914 when soldiers on both sides put down their weapons in honour of Christmas Day.

A typically spellbinding tale from the former Children's Laureate. This vivid and

emotive war story is matched by the stunning artwork from Michael Foreman (*War Boy*, *War Game*).

Reading Age 7–10-year-olds





Recommended Reads

December

The Crayons' Christmas- By Drew Daywalt & Oliver Jeffers



The Day the Crayons Quit meets *The Jolly Postman* in this fun, interactive book from Drew Daywalt & Oliver Jeffers, delighting fans of the much-loved crayon stories by adding a festive twist.

The crayons are back and this time they have mail.

Open the envelopes, boxes and packets to find out what the postman has been delivering to each colour! Peach Crayon receives a dressing-up package from his mum. Crayon-owner Duncan begins to feel left out, until the crayons give him a brilliant festive surprise of their own. There are activities to press out, assemble and play with inside the various packets and envelopes.

Reading Age 6–9-year-olds

Leah's Star- By Margaret Bateson-Hill & Karin Littlewood

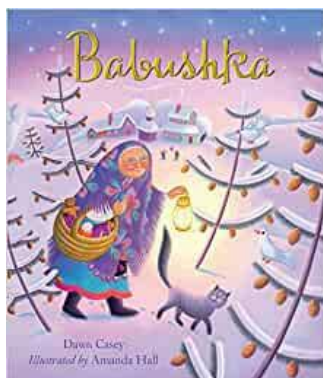


A tender retelling of the Nativity story through the eyes of Leah, the innkeeper's daughter. The streets of Bethlehem are bustling with people and Leah's family are rushed off their feet housing travellers at her father's inn. When a woman arrives who is just about to have her baby, Leah's father finds them a place to rest in his stable. Wide-eyed with wonder, Leah witnesses a series of very special events including some

rather unusual visitors from afar. The story is full of humanity and at its heart it depicts a young girl's personal encounter with the very special baby at the centre of the nativity story.

Reading Age 5–7-year-olds

Babushka- By Dawn Casey & Amanda Hall



There is something for all year groups in this magical Christmas folktale from Russia. Babushka is busy tidying her house when three unexpected guests arrive looking for a new-born baby king. When Babushka decides to follow the men, she finds that the snow has covered their tracks and she doesn't know which way to go. Babushka keeps on searching, giving gifts from her basket to every

suffering child that she passes. Babushka is a beautifully illustrated story from another culture that brings together the festive themes of generosity and what it means to pursue your beliefs even when it seems difficult.

Reading Age 5–7-year-olds

Silent Night- By Lara Hawthorne



The Christmas carol 'Silent Night' is familiar to many, but how often do people pause to think about what the words mean? Lara Hawthorne brings the classic Christmas song to life in this beautifully illustrated hardback picture book. Dedicating each double-page spread to a different rhyming couplet from the original carol, this book tells the story of the nativity through vibrant illustrations that are teeming with a mood of joy and good news.

The brightly drawn characters and settings in the story are placed against a deep black sky with clusters of stars. Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus are depicted as dark-skinned and there are plenty of nods to middle Eastern patterns in the stylised designs.

Reading Age 3–6-year-olds

Grandpa Christmas- By Michael Morpurgo & Jim Field



Every year at Christmas time, Mia and her family have a tradition to read out a letter that her Grandpa once wrote to her. In the letter, Grandpa fondly reminisces about the lovely activities they used to enjoy together, such as looking for frogs in the garden or planting flower seeds. At the same time, Grandpa expresses his worries about the world

and his heartfelt wishes for it to be a better place for Mia to live her life in. The natural world is in danger, Grandpa muses, and it is up to people like Mia to look after our beautiful planet and make sure we protect our environment as much as we can.

Reading Age 3–8 year-olds

The Night I Met Father Christmas- By Ben Miller & Daniela Jaglenka Terrazzini



It's Christmas Eve and everyone in Jackson's family is busy getting ready for the big day. Jackson thinks he knows all the old stories about Father Christmas, including the secrets of flying reindeer and the physics-defying magic of delivering presents all around the world in just one night. But when Father Christmas reaches Jackson's house in the middle of the night and has a bit of a mishap, Jackson embarks upon a thrilling adventure that allows him to see a whole new side to the jolly man with the red suit. As Father Christmas opens up

to Jackson about his personal history, an exciting story unfolds that will take readers on a festive adventure laced with the perfect balance of humour and tenderness.

Reading Age 7–12 year-olds



Ten top tips for reading stories to your child



1. Make reading to your child feel like a treat.
Introduce each new book with excitement.
2. Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
3. Show curiosity in what you're going to read:
Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.
4. Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much.
If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation:
Oh I think what's happening here is that...
5. Chat about the story:
I wonder why he did that?
Oh no, I hope she's not going to...
I wouldn't have done that, would you?
6. Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
7. Link stories to your own experiences (e.g. This reminds me of...)
8. Read favourite stories over and over again.
Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
9. Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices.
Your child will love it.
10. Read with enjoyment. If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.



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Learning to read is the most important thing your child will learn at our school. Everything else depends on it, so we do all we can to make sure every child learns to read quickly.
We want your child to love reading – and to want to read for themselves.

You can help.

Throughout the year we will run a series of meetings for parents to learn how we are teaching your children to read and learn how you can help at home.

Further details will be sent out on a separate letter shortly.

Recommended Reads

Anning Class

(Reception)

Fiction

Fair Shares Paperback - By Pippa Goodhart & Anna Doherty



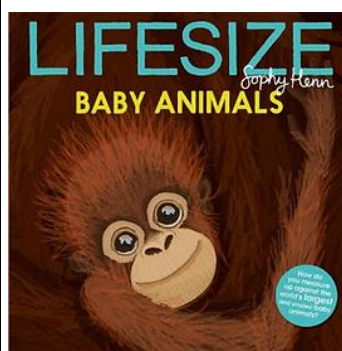
When Bear and Hare try to reach some juicy pears, they realise they need some help. Hare finds three chairs but is it fair that Hare has two chairs and Bear only one?

When they have the same, Hare still can't reach the pears! So a little friend teaches them that fair isn't always everyone getting the same thing.... with hilarious results!

A beautifully simple picture book that considers, what is fair? The answer is not always as simple as you'd think!

Non-Fiction

Lifesize Baby Animals- By Sophy Henn



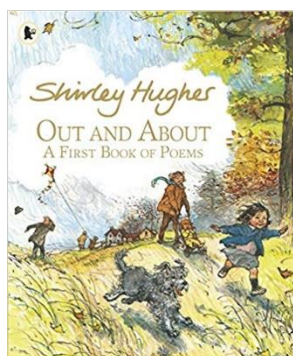
Let's go on a LIFESIZE adventure!

Step into the book and see how you measure up against some of the world's most amazing BABY animals. Go eye to eye with a baby blue whale, snuggle up with some red panda cubs and open the FOLD-OUT PAGES to discover a LIFESIZE baby African elephant!

This interactive non-fiction adventure features LIFESIZE illustrations of some of the smallest and largest baby animals in the world and invites children to think about how they compare with these amazing creatures.

Poetry

Out and About: A First Book of Poems Paperback – By Shirley Hughes

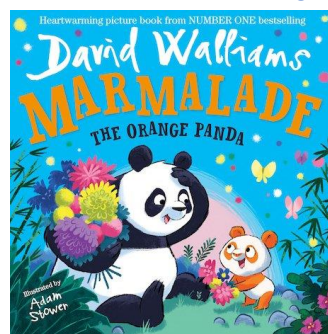


A collection of poems about weather and seasons by much-loved children's author Shirley Hughes.

A brother and sister enjoy exploring together throughout the seasons and experience the simple pleasures of the various weather conditions. With gentle rhymes and timeless illustrations, this poetry book is a real classic.

Linked to current topic in class

Marmalade: The Orange Panda – By David Walliams



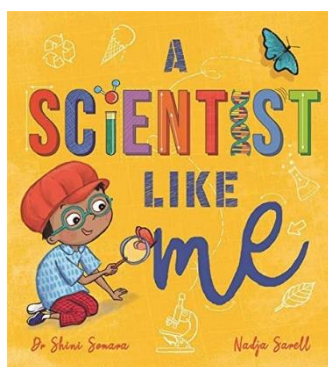
One morning, deep in the forest, a beautiful baby panda was born. The panda was different to all the others, as he had dazzling orange fur. 'I will call you Marmalade,' his mummy whispered.... Meet Marmalade, the little panda who goes on a big adventure as he sets off to explore the forest one day to find where he belongs. Along

the way, he meets all sorts of animals...until he sees he has come full circle and is back home with his mum, which is where he always did belong, of course!

This gorgeous and endearing story is a celebration of family love, being yourself and finding your place in the world. It is the perfect story to share with your special someone—big or little.

Science inspired

A Scientist Like Me - By Dr Shini Somara



Electrifying illustrations and an empowering story combine to introduce young readers to the world of science, observation and problem-solving.

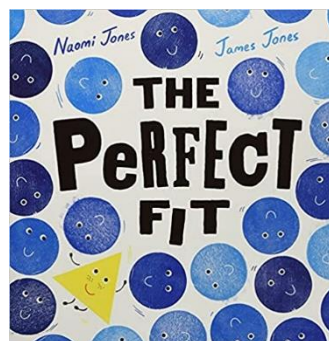
There's NOTHING that Ruben doesn't find fascinating. Why do leaves change colour? What makes ice cream melt? On a trip to the beach with his mum, he discovers how the world works and the brilliant scientists who

have helped us understand it. Maybe he can try out some awesome experiments and become a scientist too?

With pages encouraging kids to try out their very own science experiments such as germinating seeds and writing with invisible ink.

Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion

The Perfect Fit - By Naomi Jones



No matter how hard she tries, Triangle doesn't roll like the circles, or stack like the squares...so she sets off to find friends that look exactly like her.

But when she finds the other triangles, playtime isn't as fun. She misses the shapes that roll and stack; she misses being different.

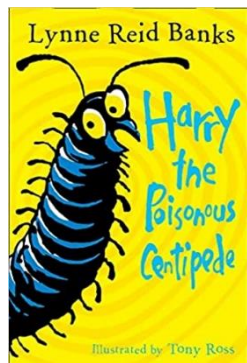
So she starts a new quest, one that gets all of the different shapes playing and having fun together!

Recommended Reads

Lister Class
(Year 1 & Year 2)

Fiction

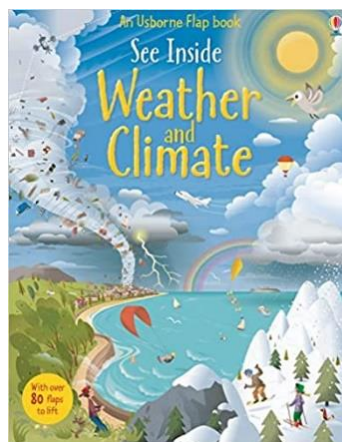
Harry the Poisonous Centipede: A Story to Make You Squirm -
By Lynne Reid Banks



"It's a Hoo-Min!" crackled George.
"Walking on its hairy-biter feet!"
But now it was Harry who felt brave.
"Come on! Let's peep at it!"
They crawled the rest of the way up the tunnel towards the light.
Harry is a poisonous centipede but he's not very brave. Still, he is the star of this seriously squirmy story. Harry likes to eat things that wriggle and crackle, and things that are juicy and munchy! But there are some things that a poisonous centipede must never try to eat – dangerous things like flying swoopers, belly wrigglers, furry biters and the most dangerous of all... Hoo-Mins!

Non-Fiction

See Inside Weather & Climate - By Katie Daynes

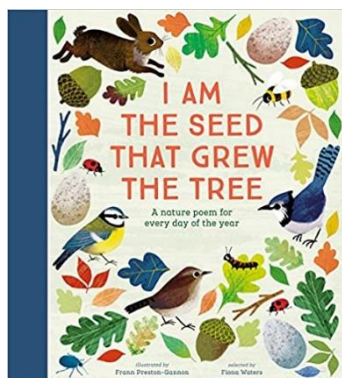


A lift-the-flap information book that introduces readers to the science of weather.

Filled with facts from how hurricanes and floods happen to how global warming is affecting the Earth's climates.

Poetry

I Am the Seed That Grew the Tree: A Nature Poem for Every Day of the Year- By Fiona Waters & Frann Preston-Gannon

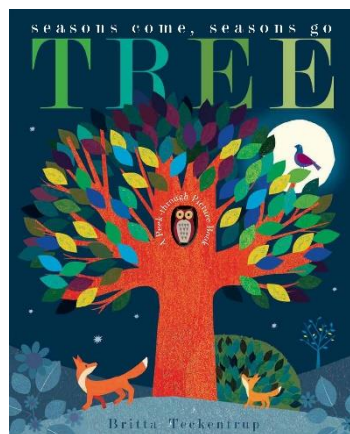


This beautiful poetry anthology that includes a new nature poem for every day of the year. The collection of 366 poems (to make sure leap years are covered too!) contains a really interesting mix of poems from well-known favourites from Christina Rossetti and Walter de la Mare to more modern offerings by Benjamin Zephaniah and Carol Ann Duffy, with each poem reflecting the seasonal changes associated with that day's position in the year.

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Linked to current topic in class

Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go- By Patricia Hegarty

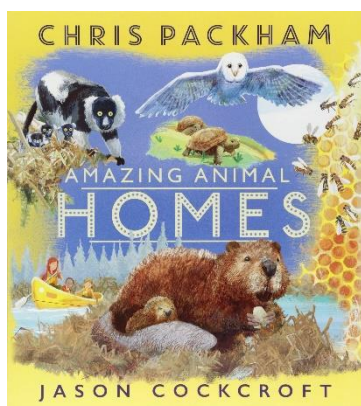


Explore the beauty of the changing seasons in this timeless peek-through book with beautiful artwork from Britta Teckentrup and accompanying rhyming text.

Following the life-cycle of a tree through spring, summer, autumn and winter, children will easily learn to recognise the signs of the seasons with this simple yet striking picture book.

Science inspired

Amazing Animal Homes: Look inside some of nature's most extraordinary animal homes. - By Chris Packham



Just like us, animals need a place to call home. From a beaver's dam and a honey bee's hive to a red ovenbird's nest and a snail's shell, explore the amazing homes of some incredible creatures from all over the world.

Uncover extra information about these fascinating animals in the Find Out More section at the back of the book. An excellent source of

expert wildlife information for all young nature lovers, this animal book is the perfect introduction to the natural world for children.

Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion

The Perfect Shelter - By Clare Helen Welsh



At first, nobody knew. It seemed as if today would be like yesterday forever, the perfect day to build a shelter in the woods.

Then, my sister changed – she was more tired than before. More quiet.

When we learn that she is sick, really sick, it feels as though a storm has engulfed our whole family.

But, we will ride out this storm. And though today may be different from yesterday, today is the perfect day to build a shelter, together.



Recommended Reads

Coram Class
(Year 3 & Year 4)

Fiction

The Creakers- By Tom Fletcher



Lucy wakes up one morning to discover something very strange indeed. All the grown-ups in her town have disappeared.

All the other kids in Whiffington are so excited! No more grown-ups means no more school! No more bedtime! No more rules!

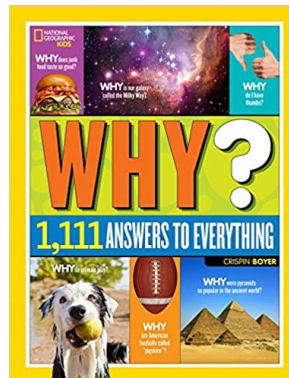
But Lucy wants her mum back - and nothing is going to stop her.

So - along with her friends Norman and Ella - Lucy sets off on an unbelievable adventure into a topsy-turvy,

back-to-front and inside-out new world . . . The world underneath her bed. The world of . . . The Creakers!

Non-Fiction

NGK Why?: Over 1,111 Answers to Everything (National Geographic Kids) - By National Geographic Kids



The concept is simple. Got a question? Well now you have an answer! 1,111 of them, in fact.

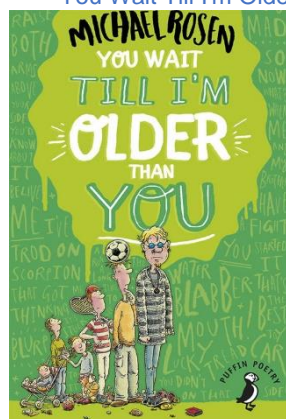
Want to know why your snout is yellow? Flip to the human body chapter. What's on the inside of a turtle shell? The animal section's got you covered.

What's in the deepest part of the ocean? Why doesn't Earth just float off into space? Check, check, and check. With hundreds of topics

ranging from silly to serious, we've got the expert information you need in a fun and entertaining format that will keep kids digging for answers. Answers include all kinds of fascinating extra info like top ten lists, weird-but-true facts, explorer profiles, and cool activities.

Poetry

You Wait Till I'm Older Than You! - By Michael Rosen



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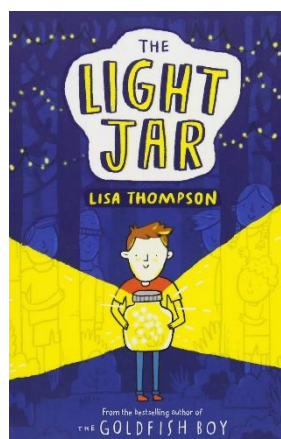
GET OFF, GET OFF, GET OFF!

Well what would you say if your brother kept whacking you with a spoon, or the spider made it all the way up the toilet bowl or your mum made you wear that horrible shirt?

Find out in this fantastically funny collection of poems all about growing up.

Linked to current topic in class

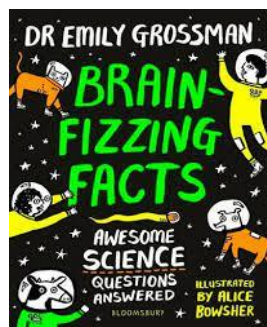
The Light Jar: a twisty mystery by the bestselling author of The Goldfish Boy -By Lisa Thompson



Nate and his mother are running away, hiding out in a tumbledown cottage in the middle of a forest. When Mum heads off for provisions, and then doesn't return, Nate is left alone and afraid, with the dark closing in all around him. But comfort can come from the most unexpected of places - a mysterious girl trying to solve the clues of a treasure hunt and the reappearance of an old friend from his past. Will Nate find the bravery needed to face the troubles of his present and ultimately illuminate the future? A story of fear and hope, loneliness and friendship

Science inspired

Brain-fizzing Facts: Awesome Science Questions Answered - By Dr Emily Grossman

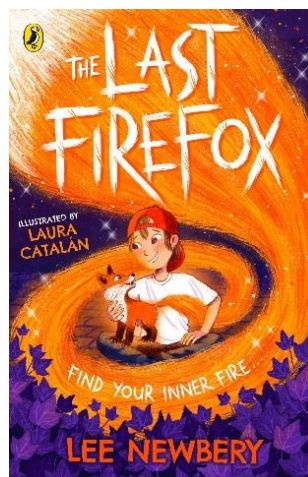


This brilliant book will have eyebrows raised and jaws dropping as it uncovers the amazing scientific explanations behind all sorts of questions that can pop into our heads. Can an egg bounce? How can a giraffe's ridiculously long neck contain the same number of bones as a human's? How much does the Internet weigh?

Written by science superstar and STEM Ambassador Dr Emily Grossman, this book will answer all science questions you may or may not have wondered about. This is the perfect book for children who love learning about science or who need an extra nudge when it comes to STEM subjects. After all, who wouldn't want to find out how a hippo can use its own sweat as sunscreen?!

Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion

The Last Firefox - By Lee Newbery



Between bullies at school and changes at home, Charlie Challinor finds life a bit scary. And when he's made guardian of a furry fox cub called Cadno, things get a whole lot scarier.

Because Cadno isn't just any fox: he's a firefox - the only one of his kind - and a sinister hunter from another world is on his trail.

Swept up into an unexpected adventure to protect his flammable friend, Charlie's going to need to find the bravery he never thought he had, if he's

going to save the last firefox . . .

Recommended Reads

Langmoor Class

(Year 5 & Year 6)

Fiction

Which Way to Anywhere - By Cressida Cowell

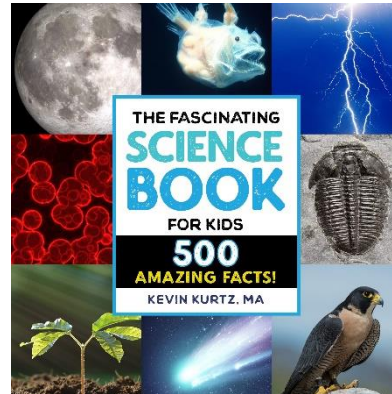


K2 O'Hero is a seemingly ordinary boy - after all, he and his twin sister Izzabird have been sworn to keep their family's magical history a secret. Not even their infuriating stepsiblings, Theo and Mabel, know that magic exists. They believe K2 to be the most hopeless person they have ever known. But K2 has a secret gift: he draws maps of worlds that are beyond the wildest of imaginations. Worlds with six hundred moons, burning rivers and dark, twisty jungles alive with plants that hunt by the smell of fear. But what K2 doesn't

know, is that the maps he draws are *real*. When their baby sister Annipeck is kidnapped, the warring stepsiblings will have to use K2's gift to find a crossing point into one of those worlds and embark on a daring rescue mission. With a terrible beast and a petrifying robot assassin in their way, they must learn to work together quickly - because the future of their family is at stake ...

Non-Fiction

The Fascinating Science Book for Kids: 500 Amazing Facts! (Fascinating Facts) - By Kevin Kurtz



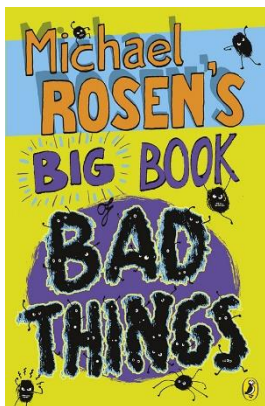
Do you love dinosaurs and dolphins, mountains and meteors? *The Fascinating Science Book for Kids* has it all!

This fun facts book for kids includes 500 stupendous science facts that offer hours of learning. Alongside full-colour pictures on every page, you'll find weird and wonderful facts

about topics like prehistoric life, the deep sea, weather, minerals, the human body, the solar system-and even your own backyard!

Poetry

Michael Rosen's Big Book of Bad Things-By Michael Rosen



Here are tales of childhood, from the horrors of being late for school, to making a raft, and going to a cafe, as well as poems to ponder - just think, how great would Satnav trousers be!

Touching, light-hearted and funny, Michael's poems will delight readers young and old.

Linked to current topic in class

The Light Thieves- By Helena Duggan

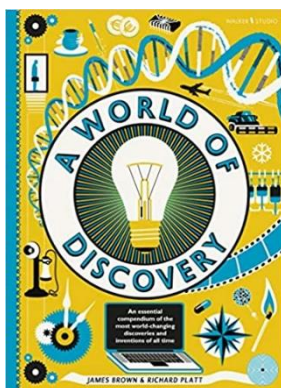


Something strange has happened, and the earth has shifted from its axis. The sun is burned with a blemish and no one knows how it appeared. The people of the world have been told that this will eventually mean the sun will disappear - it would seem the world end is nigh. This new fragile world is dominated by tech genius and billionaire Howard Hansom. And rather conveniently, he declares he can reverse this disastrous fate for the planet. But of course, this means everyone will need to live in his

artificial town, which will tip the balance of the world and put the earth back where it should be.

Science inspired

A World of Discovery - By Richard Platt



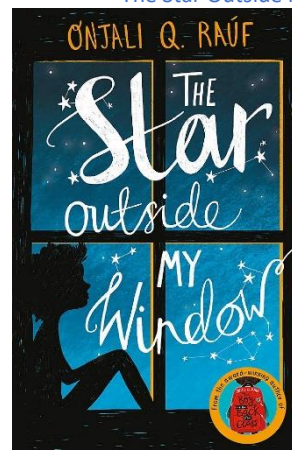
In the stylish miscellany, print-maker James Brown travels through the past and present, showing the amazing breakthroughs in science and technology that have changed our lives for ever.

Discover fascinating facts and figures about space travel, the human body, time, the computer and much more with Brown's bold, bright colours and beautiful contemporary designs.

Each illustration is presented alongside an engaging fact-filled explanation by celebrated author Richard Platt. Covering more than 30 diverse and fascinating topics, this is the perfect book for the whole family to enjoy.

Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion

The Star Outside My Window- By Onjali Rauf

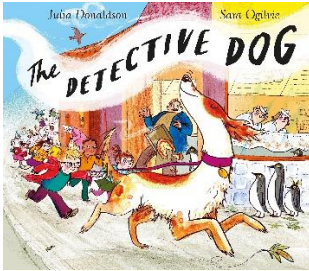


Following the disappearance of her mum, 10-year-old Aniyah suddenly finds herself living in foster care. With her life in disarray, she knows just one thing for sure: her mum isn't gone for ever. Because people with the brightest hearts never truly leave. They become stars. So when a new star is spotted acting strangely in the sky, Aniyah is sure it's her mum, and she embarks on the adventure of a lifetime to make sure everyone else knows too -- an adventure that involves breaking into the Royal Observatory of London, a mischievous scurry of squirrels and the biggest star in Hollywood...



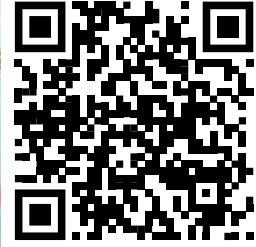
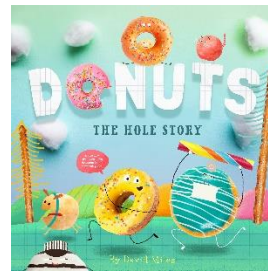
Sit back and listen

Anning Class (Reception)



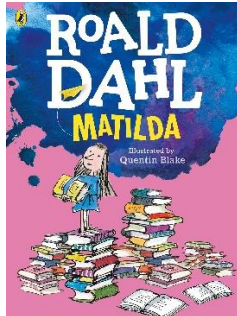
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Lister Class (Year 1 and Year 2)



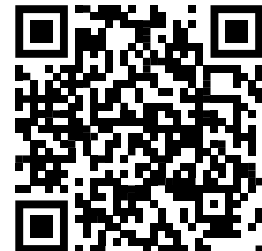
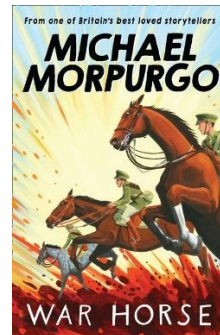
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Coram Class (Year 3 and Year 4) Chapter 1



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLYS8AXR8u8>

Langmoor Class (Year 5 and Year 6) Chapter 1



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gT68nk59R8o>

Something for everyone Poetry



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otG5htWGFSQ>

Book Trailers



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8gtAtb7-J8>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tW7csRfd3V0>

Something for everyone Our school Christian Value in focus Compassion



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZeLMw6UBxr8>

Something for everyone Our school British Value in focus Tolerance



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Books locally

Lyme Regis Book Shop

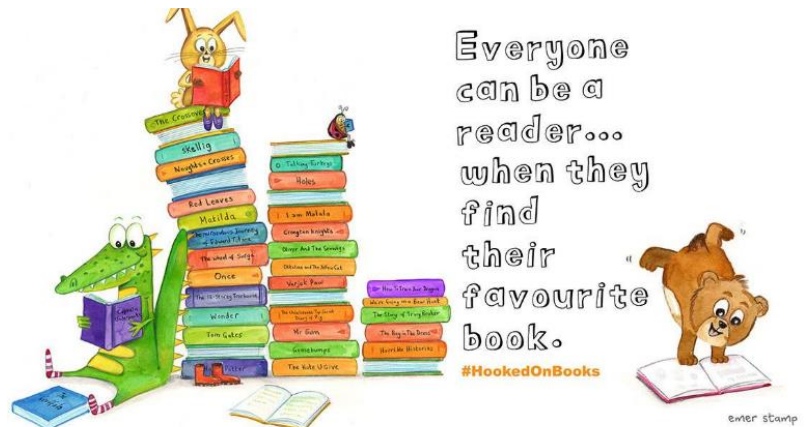
Lyme's local independent bookshop where customer service and values bring you the best in a spacious and tranquil environment. Browsers are welcome and advice and help are always available from knowledgeable and friendly staff.

Their stock covers all subject areas, and you will find strong sections on geology and fossils (we are at the heart of the Jurassic Coast), local walks and by authors with local links including Laurence Anholt and John Fowles.

Opening times

Monday- Saturday- 9:30am to 5:30pm
in Summer, 5pm in the Winter

Sunday-10:00am to 4pm



Lyme Regis Library

Opening times

Monday- 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm

Tuesday- 9:30pm to 1pm

Wednesday- 2pm to 5pm

Thursday- Closed

Friday- 2pm to 6:30pm

Saturday- 9:30 am to 12:30pm

Sunday- Closed



Reading Fun !

Guess the book

Can you play detective and guess the book from the snippet of cover?

This time there are 11 covers to work out!



Answers from Autumn 1

- 1= Charlie and the chocolate factory- By Roald Dahl
- 2= War horse – By Michael Morpurgo
- 3=Lost and found- By Oliver Jeffers
- 4=Charlotte’s web- By E . B. White
- 5= The Tiger who came to tea – By Judith Kerr
- 6=Mega Monster- By David Walliams
- 7=Diary of a Wimpy Kid – By Jeff Kinney
- 8=Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s stone- By J. K. Rowling



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Quizzes

How well do you *really* know books?

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<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/quizzes/>

Reading Fun !



If you are interested in stories with happy endings you would be better off reading some other book. ??



I just love chariot race days. The NOISE! The EXCITEMENT! The sheer heart-banging THRILL of it all! ??



We need YOU!



Calling all reading Heroes!

We are looking for volunteers to read with children across the school. Our parent readers have been a key component of improving reading throughout school over the past years.

If you are able to offer an hour or two of your time each week to come and hear children read in school, please get in touch with Mrs Townley through office@stmichaelslyme.dorset.sch.uk



Competition Time!

-The Royal Mint Museum short story competition

– this year's topic is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Children aged 8-11 can enter stories of up to 500 words and the winner will see their entry illustrated by a professional, be awarded a Royal Mint silver coin and win equipment and books for their school's library. Stories must be submitted before 3rd December.

<https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition/>

-Into Film awards – these awards showcase talent by filmmakers aged 5-19. Multiple categories based on themes and age groups. The deadline is 6th December.

<https://www.intofilm.org/awards>

- Book Trust competitions - They run various giveaways - from book bundles to signed copies and very special merchandise - so take a look below to find out which treats you could get your hands on at the moment. Keep your fingers crossed...

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/competitions/>

-Victoria Park's annual Park and Write story competition

is open to all ages from five upwards. There are two age categories for children: 5-10 and 11-18. Stories can be up to 750 words, and there's a different theme each year. The closing date is 23rd December. <https://victoriaparkashford.co.uk/>



I'd love to know if you have tried anything out as a result of our 'Reading Newsletter!' Come and chat with me on the playground, write a recommendation for our display and tell your friends about what you've been reading!

Happy reading!

Mrs Townley