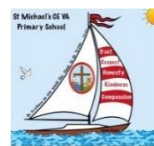




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Reading Newsletter

Issue 4

Spring 1st half term 2023

Welcome to our fourth 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



What is National Storytelling Week?

National Storytelling Week takes place every year and is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. This year it is being celebrated between 30 January and 5 February 2023.

Everyone has a special and unique story to tell. Storytelling helps us to connect with others and our heritage, develop oracy skills and build confidence.

National Storytelling Week is a fantastic opportunity to get to know other people and celebrate their experiences. It's a wonderful way to learn about family history and different cultures while boosting literacy skills. Stories teach us about the world, allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, help us to relax and can help develop speaking, reading and writing skills.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/celebrate-storytelling-week-at-home/>

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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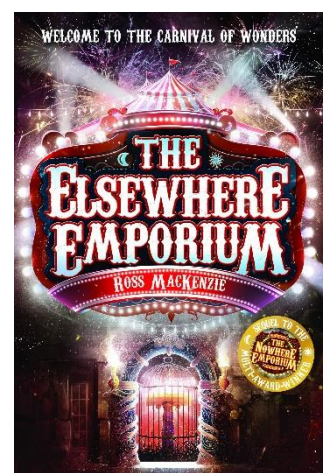
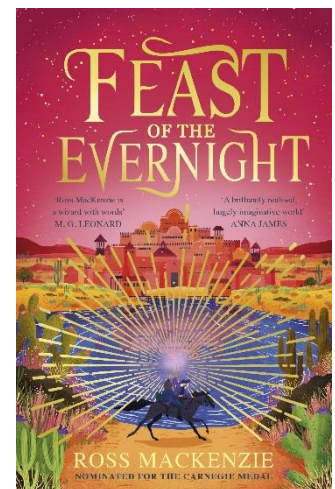
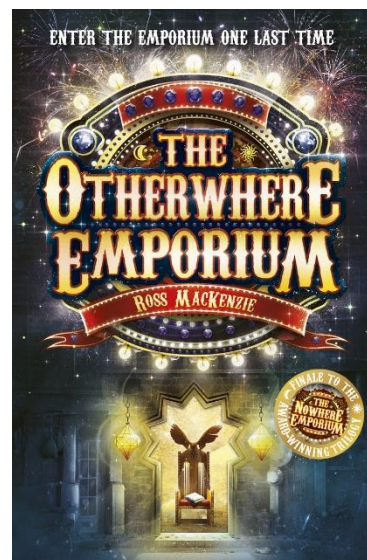
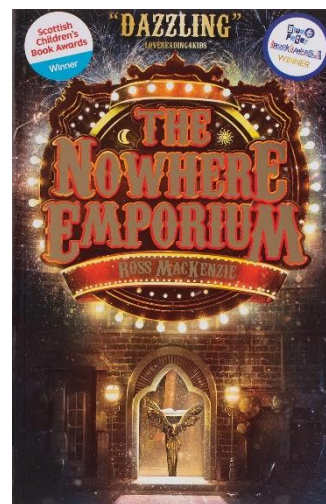
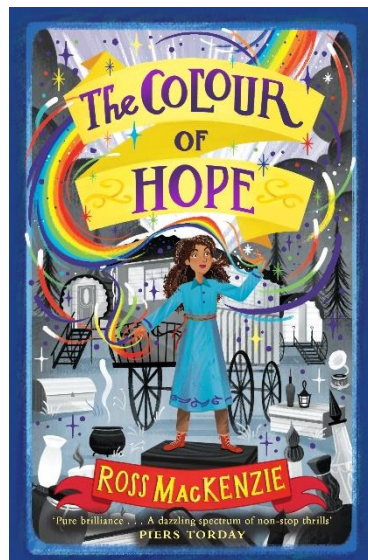
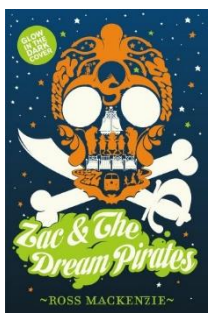
Author in the Spotlight

Ross Mackenzie

I am a multi award-winning author of books for children, including *The Nowhere Emporium*, which won both the Blue Peter Book Award and Scottish Children's Book Award.

Stories have always been important to me. I can remember vividly how I felt as a child, curled up in bed, eager to set off on the next great adventure. I became a writer for children because I love the magic of great stories and my dream is that readers will one day feel the same way about my books.

I live in Renfrew with my lovely wife and two beautiful daughters - though I spend much of my time exploring other worlds.



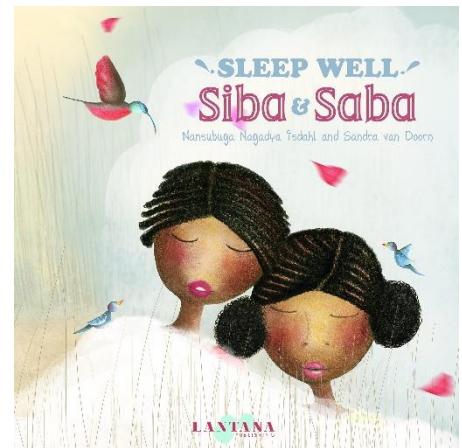
Reading in Class

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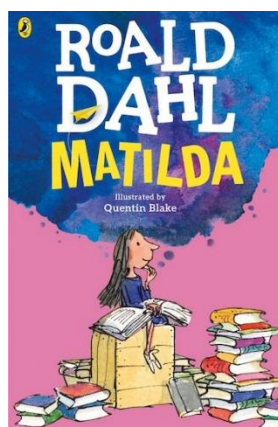
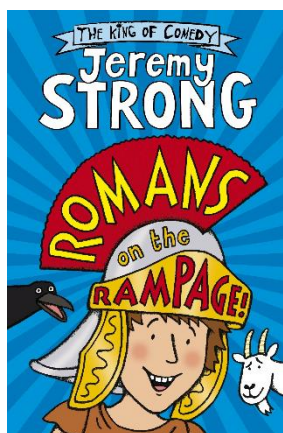
Anning Class (Reception)



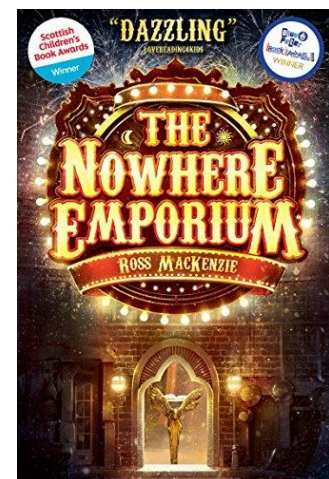
Lister Class (Year 1 & Year 2)



Coram Class (Year 3 & Year 4)



Langmoor Class (Year 5 & Year 6)

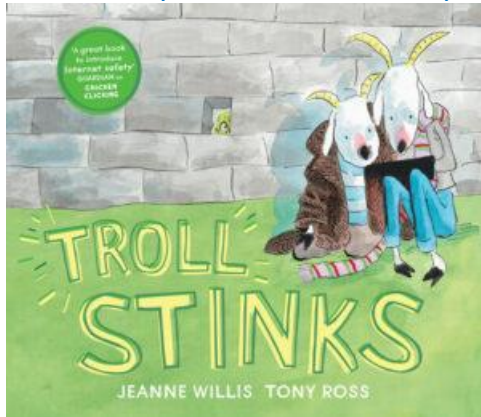


Recommended Reads

Subject in the Spotlight



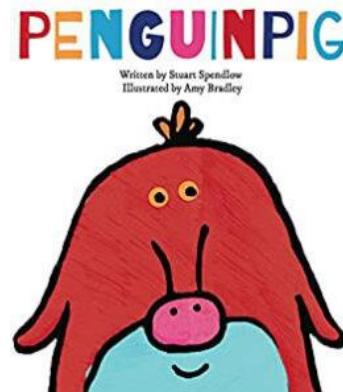
Troll Stinks!- By Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross



This is a great choice of book for exploring the topic of e-safety and cyberbullying with young children. Billy the Goat and his friend Cyril are playing with a phone when they decide to send mean messages to the troll living under the bridge. Soon the two friends discover that their online actions have had a big impact on troll's feelings and that their messages were not such a fun idea after all.

Reading Age 5–9-year-olds

PENGUINPIG – By Stuart Spendlow & Amy Bradley



Written by a teacher, PENGUINPIG is designed to teach the concept of e-safety to young children and is a great choice of book for EYFS and KS1. The story features a little girl who becomes intrigued by a penguinpig that she encounters online. When she takes the decision to go out and meet the penguinpig for herself, she finds that things are not always as they seem on the internet and that from now on she must think before she clicks.

Reading Age 4- 7-year-olds

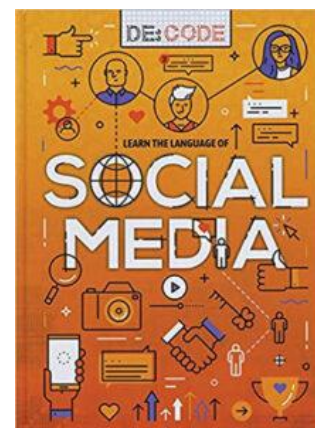
Ant Clancy: Games Detective – By Ruth Morgan



Designed to appeal to children with a love of gaming, Ant Clancy: Games Detective is a fast-paced adventure story that could be enjoyed by any reader who likes an action-packed mystery story. Ant is the only person in Westford Abbey who can't get into playing Ray-Chay, the new virtual reality game that everyone else is obsessed with. Soon something goes very wrong with the game, which somehow spills over into real life, and Ant is the person who will get to the bottom of what's happening and try to put things right. As the story unfolds, the line between the gaming world and reality is blurred even further in the race to uncover the truth.

Reading Age 8-12-year-olds

Learn the Language of Social Media – By Kirsty Holmes



A stylishly designed colourful glossary of words relating to social media. Organized alphabetically, the book explains a range of terms from bitmojis and boomerangs to memes and moderators, all in an informative and accessible way. Whether you are a netiquette nerd or you don't know your YOLO from your YouTube, this a great guide to have to hand as you equip pupils in KS2 to cope with the fast-changing world of social media.

Reading Age 8-12-year-olds



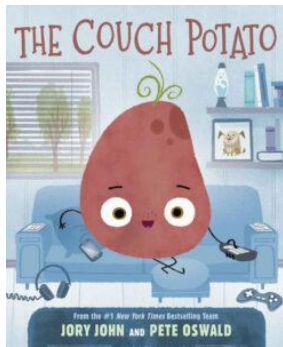


Recommended Reads

January

Whether it's books to begin a new year, stories that explore fresh starts or tales of resolutions and new challenges, here are some books about new beginnings and starting afresh.

The Couch Potato by Jory John & Pete Oswald

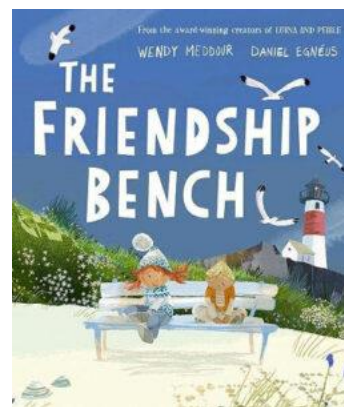


If you've ever made a New Year resolution to improve your fitness or spend more time outdoors, you might just relate to the journey of this hilarious spud. With everything he needs within arm's reach of the sofa, this potato has it all – multiple TV screens, hundreds of video games and even a button that activates a snack-fetching gadget. He can't see any reason at all to leave the couch... that is, until the electricity cuts out.

The potato steps foot outside and embarks on a new-found appreciation of fresh air, exercise and the sounds and sights of the great outdoors. After some deep introspection, the potato sets himself a resolution to achieve a better balance between screen time and time spent enjoying the outdoor world.

Reading Age 4–11-year-olds

The Friendship Bench by Wendy Meddour & Daniel Egneus

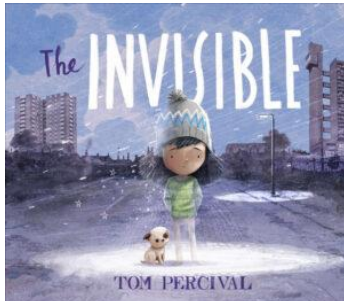


This is a beautiful picturebook that **celebrates new beginnings and the power of human connection**. Tilly moves to a new home by the sea. She's sad to learn that her precious dog Shadow is not allowed to go into her new school on her first day. Tilly faces the challenge of a new start all alone. At playtime, the teacher notices that Tilly seems lonely and suggests trying the Friendship Bench. A

boy already occupies the bench and the pair form a bond as they work together to transform the old, broken bench into something beautiful.

Reading Age 4–10-year-olds

The Invisible by Tom Percival



A moving, powerful story that shines a light on those that feel invisible in our world. Isabel and her loving family are forced to leave their home due to poverty. Feeling alone and invisible to the world, Isabel begins to notice the many other people living in similar circumstances – in fact, there are other 'invisible'

people everywhere. Isabel is stirred to action and decides to make a difference to her new community in the little ways she can. By gradually improving small things that cost nothing, she starts a community movement and, before long, colour floods into her life and the lives of others once again.

Reading Age 4- 8 year-olds

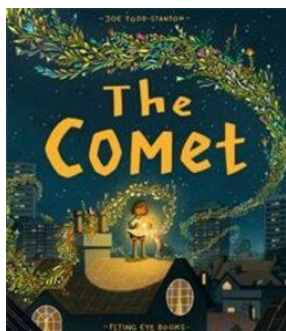
After the Fall – By Dan Santat



We've all heard about Humpty Dumpty's catastrophic fall, but what about how he got back up again? In this humorous picture book, Humpty Dumpty recounts his brave and arduous journey back up to the top of the wall again. We like the way in which this cleverly illustrated story acknowledges that things go wrong sometimes but that it can be our individual response to such misfortune that often harvests resilience and hatches us into

something stronger than ever before.

Reading Age 4–11-year-olds



The Comet – By Joe Todd-Stanton

From the award-winning Joe Todd-Stanton, comes an exquisite and heartfelt picture book touching on the bewildering experience of moving house. This beautiful story explores how this can affect a child's sense of belonging, but also how it can open them up to new and wonderful experiences. When Nyla has to leave her home in the countryside to start life again in the city, all she can think about is everything she misses from before. So when a comet comes crashing through the city streets and starts to glow and grow, Nyla can't resist a chance to head somewhere that feels closer to what she had before. But what starts as an escape could be just the thing to make her finally feel at home.

Reading Age 4–9-year-olds

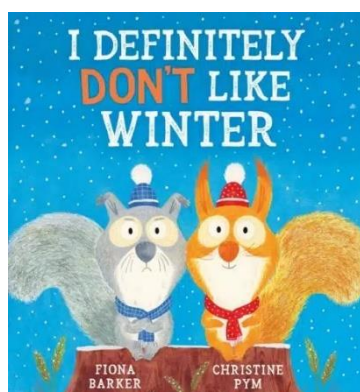
Recommended Reads

Anning Class

(Reception)

Fiction

I Definitely Don't Like Winter – By Fiona Barker & Christine Pym



Hank and Hoog are best friends – they do EVERYTHING together. Until one morning, when a single, crisp, brown leaf falls to the ground...

Hank is so annoyed! Falling leaves mean winter is coming, and Hank definitely does not like winter. BRRRRRRR!

But Hoog is overjoyed! Hoog loves winter – the snow, the

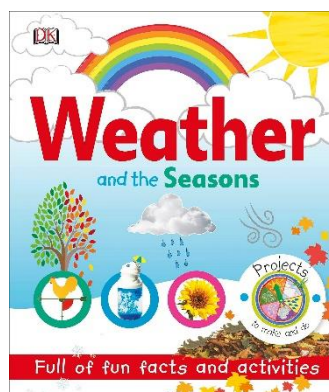
snuggles, all of it! AHHHHHHH!

Will these two friends learn to put their differences aside? You bet they will! They may not agree on winter, but there's something they both definitely like: each other.

And there's nothing more important than being best friends.

Non-Fiction

Weather and the Seasons (Projects to Make and Do) -By DK



From sun and snow, to thunder and lightning, children will find out what goes on up in the sky, and why. They'll discover simple answers to difficult questions - What makes a rainbow? Why do the seasons change? With vibrant photography and playful illustrations, *Weather and the Seasons* introduces geography in a way that's fun and accessible to early learners.

Then they can get creative and

explore weather and seasons further with simple hands-on crafts and activities, bringing the information to life. Children will love making an ice sun-catcher and seeing how it melts, or making their own weathervane to check wind direction. Amazing facts combined with fun activities.

Poetry

Ready for Spaghetti- By Michael Rosen & Polly Dunbar

From two of the biggest names in children's publishing, this is an inspiring guide to wordplay for young readers, their parents and teachers.

I'm ready for spaghetti

Will you getti the spaghetti?

Don't say, "Not yetti spaghetti!"

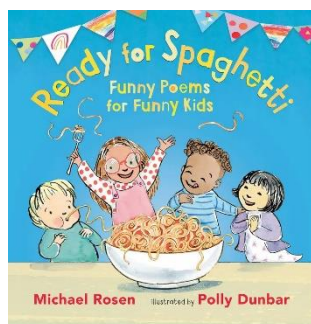
'cos I'm all setti for spaghetti.

Fizzing with rhythm, energy and laughter, the 30 poems in

Ready for Spaghetti delight in the details of children's daily routines.

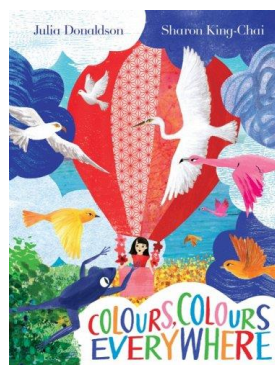
"Up, up, uppity-up!", the first poem announces, while the artwork shows a child leaping out of bed, ready to begin their morning;

"Hush and a hush, soft and low", chants the final poem, as children snuggle under their blankets after their day's adventures.



Linked to current topic in class

Colours, Colours Everywhere- By Julia Donaldson

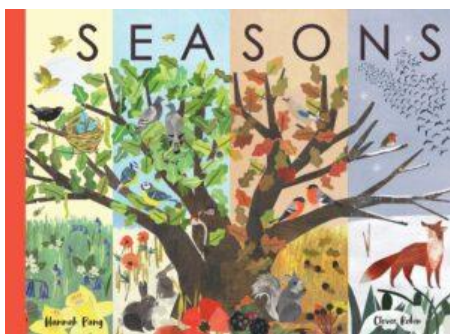


A stunning book about colours full of gorgeous, breathtaking landscapes, with amazing flaps to lift and holes to peep through. From Julia Donaldson, bestselling author of *The Gruffalo*, and Sharon King-Chai, who together created the award-winning *Animalphabet* and *Counting Creatures*.

Follow a little girl as she paints her own adventure with her bright blue tree frog companion. With luscious green trees to climb and red hot air balloons to sail away in, children will delight in the rhyming text and vibrant artwork while learning about different colours.

Science inspired

Seasons- By Hannah Pang & Clover Robin



Nature is like a magical picture that changes with the seasons. Watch six breathtaking landscapes transform in front of your eyes in this beautifully illustrated book. Interactive split pages create an

immersive experience that allows readers to take a visual journey across the globe, from the Arctic tundra to the African plains. With simple facts and stunning, collaged artwork, this is the perfect book for nature lovers, young and old. Step through a magical year in nature.

Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion

My Must-Have Mum – By Maudie Smith



When Jake's mum upcycles every last thing in the apartment, Jake begins to worry that the only thing left to change is... him! Jake's mum is not like most mums. Say there's a skip in the street, most mums will pass right by without a second glance. Not Jake's mum. "Look at this, Jake!" she'll shout. "We must have this!

We must have this, too! And

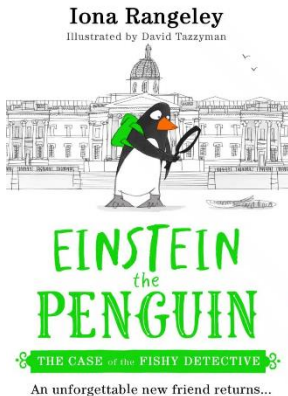
we simply must have this!" That's Jake's mum for you. She's a must-have mum. Soon Jake begins to worry that his mum will want to change him too. Should he be this way? Or that way? Or another way altogether? A heartwarming story about the unbreakable bond between a mother and her son, and a little boy who learns that he is perfect just the way he is.

Recommended Reads

Lister Class
(Year 1 & Year 2)

Fiction

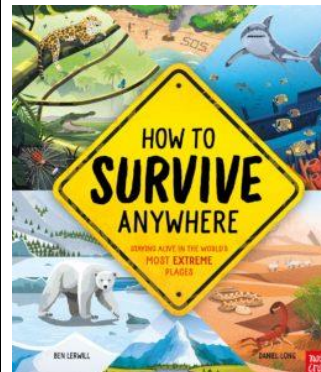
Einstein the Penguin: The Case of the Fishy Detective – By Iona Rangeley



Imogen and Arthur have been missing their friend, the penguin, Einstein, since he went back to Australia. So when an opportunity for him to return arises, they jump at the chance. But then Einstein and his friend Isaac are kidnapped. It's time to turn detective again . . .

Non-Fiction

How to Survive Anywhere – By Ben Lerwill & Daniel Long

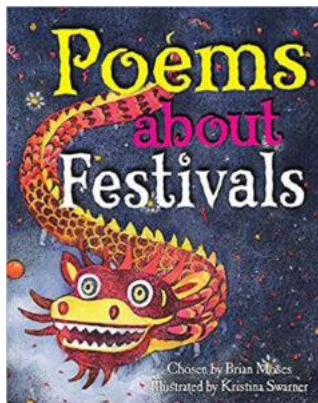


'How to Survive Anywhere' is a fantastic non-fiction book that takes the reader on a journey to the most extreme places in the world, and even into space!

The extreme places referenced in the text are some of the most well-known in the world including, the African Savannah, The Antarctic and the Amazon Rainforest. The book not only offers new and interesting facts about each place but also a deeper understanding of what it would truly take to survive in each.

Poetry

Poems About Festivals- By Brian Moses, Kristina Swarner & Various Poets

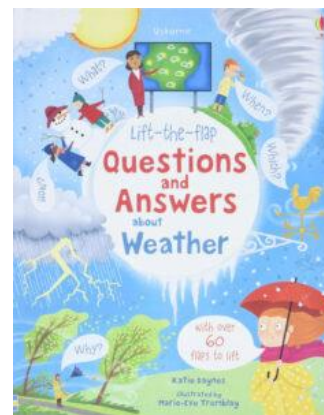


Poet Brian Moses selects an appealing variety of poems about different festivals in this illustrated anthology suitable for Key Stage 1.

Different styles of poetry capture the spirit of a range of festivals, from Pancake Day and Holi to Eid-ul-Fitr and Chinese New Year.

Linked to current topic in class

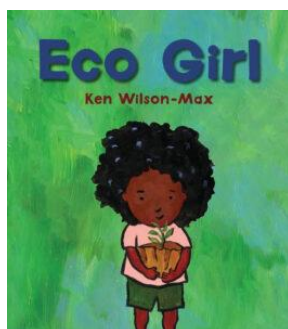
Lift-the-Flap Questions and Answers About Weather – By Katie Daynes & Marie-Eve Tremblay



A lift-the-flap information text all about different types of weather and why they occur. Presented in a Q-and-A format with extra projects and quizzes to try, this is great for reading aloud to a class but young children will also enjoy looking through the bright, interactive pages independently.

Science inspired

Eco Girl – By Ken Wilson-Max



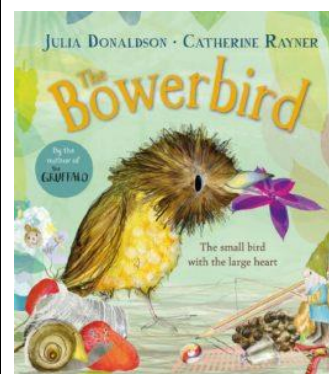
Inspired by his father's passion for trees, Ken Wilson-Max's picturebook is a delightful introduction to conservation and care for the natural environment.

Eve is lively and thoughtful, living at the edge of a big, old forest. She loves everything about it, the trees most of all, especially the Baobab, the African "tree of life". On her birthday, Eve and her parents visit

Grandma, deep in the forest, where she gets a magical surprise. Unwrapping the bark from around a parcel that Grandma has carried to a special place, she finds a Baobab seedling to plant and take care of. Following family tradition, it will grow next to the trees that her father, grandma and great-grandma nurtured, connecting her forever with the forest she loves.

Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion

The Bowerbird – By Julia Donaldson & Catherine Rayner



The Bowerbird is the irresistible tale of Bert – a small bird with a very big heart, from Number One bestselling Julia Donaldson and Kate Greenway Medal-winning Catherine Rayner. Bert the bowerbird is looking for love. He has made the most perfect bower, complete with a pretty purple flower, and is hoping it will help him to meet the bird of his dreams. But when Nanette comes along, she is far from impressed. Poor Bert is hurt, and flies off to bring her presents a-plenty. But will it ever be enough, and is Nanette really right for Bert?

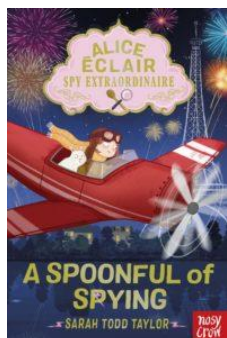


Recommended Reads

Coram Class
(Year 3 & Year 4)

Fiction

A Spoonful of Spying (Alice Eclair) – By Sarah Todd Taylor



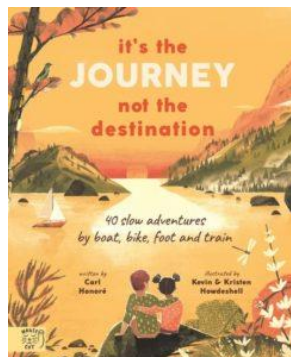
Alice Eclair, Spy Extraordinaire will whisk you away on a fabulous adventure, full of daring action and delicious cakes! Baker by day, spy by night – Alice Eclair leads an exciting double life!

Alice Eclair, Spy Extraordinaire is a heroine for modern times and a brilliant role model for young girls. She is strong-willed, determined and resourceful. Yet, she is fallible at the same time. This is part of what makes her so endearing.

Alice is just finding her feet in the spy game and is working hard to gain the respect of her fellow spies and prove herself. And somehow, she does all of this without her mum finding out. Very clever indeed!

Non-Fiction

It's the Journey not the Destination – By Carl Honore & Kristen and Kevin Howdeshell

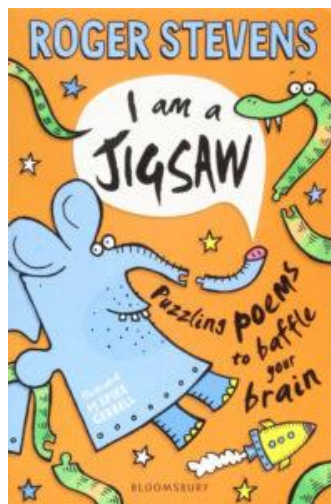


It's the Journey, not the Destination is a non-fiction book that encourages the reader to travel the world but at a slower pace, to take the time to explore through walking, cycling or traveling by boat or train.

Split into four sections, this book focuses on 40 slow adventures to take, each through the four different ways to travel. Within each section is a map of the world, with a split pin identifying the location, then a further route map reference for each individual place.

Poetry

I am a Jigsaw: Puzzling Poems to Baffle your Brain- By Roger Stevens

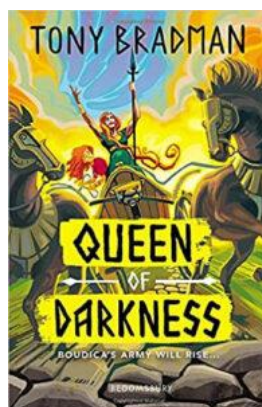


A collection of poems for children who love solving brainteasers and cracking codes. The illustrated anthology includes riddles, acrostics, kennings and paradiddles (you'll have to read the book if - like me- you didn't already know what a paradiddle poem is...).

There is also a section of the book designated to how to write different types of puzzle poems. A brilliantly fun introduction to poetry designed to get puzzle-loving children engaged with a variety of poetic forms.

Linked to current topic in class

Queen of Darkness- By Tony Bradman

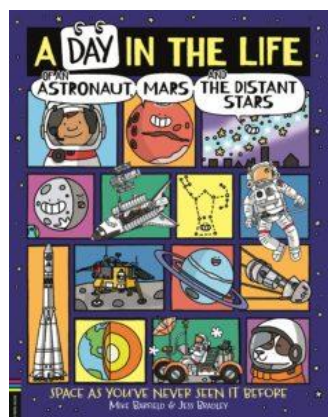


With the Celtic tribes of Ancient Britain leaving no records, we only have the Roman accounts of what happened during Boudicca's revolt. Tony Bradman has taken details from Tacitus' description of the Iceni queen and the battles she led in order to create a vivid and gripping story told by Rhianna, who witnesses the events of a turbulent time in British history. This story aims to give young readers an understanding of the motivations

that led to the uprising and shows a darker side to Boudicca's story, giving an opportunity to open up discussion on a range of ideas.

Science inspired

A Day in the Life of an Astronaut, Mars and the Distant Stars – By Mike Barfield & Jess Bradley

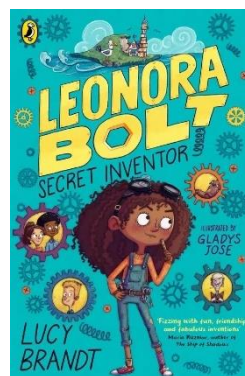


Take a colourful and comical tour through our galaxy and beyond with this fun new comic collection from Mike Barfield and Jess Bradley. Discover the poisonous clouds of Venus, the rings of Saturn and the raging storm on Jupiter. Venture inside nebulae, black holes, supernovas and far-flung galaxies. Find out about the historic figures who pioneered space travel, the animals who ventured to the stars so humans could follow and the ground-breaking technology

that took them there.

Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion

Leonora Bolt – By Lucy Brandt



WARNING: EPIC INVENTIONS AND SECRET SOCIETIES AHEAD . . .
Leonora Bolt spends her days creating incredible inventions in her TOP SECRET laboratory, under the watchful eye of her terrifying uncle. Everything changes one day when a strange boy washes up on an inflatable lobster and reveals that Uncle Luther has been stealing her inventions and selling them on the mainland. Leonora, armed with her most important inventions, must leave Crabby Island for the first time EVER to embark on an unforgettable journey that will test her brainpower to its limits.

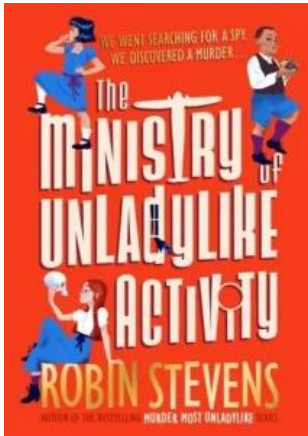
Recommended Reads

Langmoor Class

(Year 5 & Year 6)

Fiction

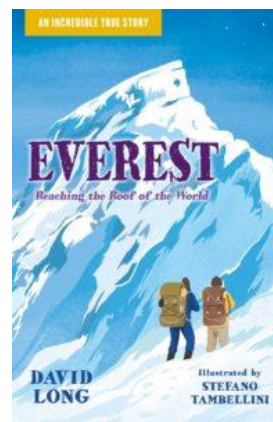
The Ministry of Unladylike Activity- By Robin Stevens



At the start of our story, May has been packed off to Deepdean School from Hong Kong due to the war, but this young firebrand won't settle for safety – she wants to become a spy, fight the Nazis and find a bit of excitement. Pretty soon she has absconded from school, made a new friend, Eric, masqueraded as an evacuee, and been sent to Elysium Hall, from where someone is sending information to Berlin....

Non-Fiction

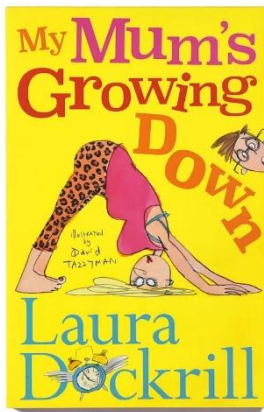
Everest - By David Long & Stefano Tambellini



Nearly everyone has heard of Mount Everest. Towering over the Himalayas, it is probably the most famous mountain in the world. Equally, Edmund Hillary and the Sherpa, Tenzing Norgay, became household names when they became the first climbers to reach the top and descend safely again in May 1953. But what of all the climbers who tried and failed? What are the challenges and obstacles facing a team trying to reach the 8,849 metre-high summit of the 'Peak of Heaven'?

Poetry

My Mum's Growing Down- By Laura Dockerill



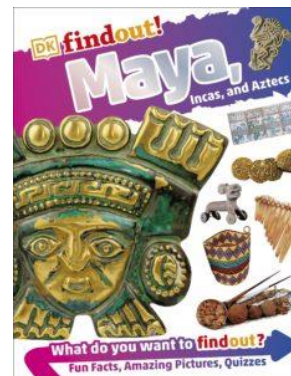
My Mum Is A Grown Down is a larger than life collection of poems for a KS2 audience about one wild, hysterical and hilarious Mum.

She says 'I've worked so hard for years and I deserve a rest!' As she scribbles with crayons and pours custard down her dress, She's dangling from the banister with her head upside-down! Does your Mum do this? Help! My Mum's growing DOWN!

Mum is a gamer, a party animal and a free spirit making life hard work for her nine year old son. These poems are a glimpse into their parent child relationship; their antics and adventures.

Linked to current topic in class

DKfindout! Maya, Incas, and Aztecs- By DK

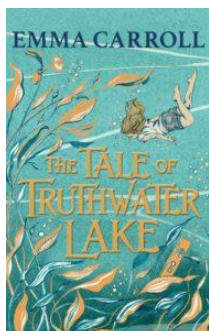


Find out about the incredible ancient civilizations of the Americas, right up until the Spanish conquest. Discover the monumental pyramids and mountain cities of the Maya, Inca, and Aztec people. Explore the sites of Chichen Itza, Machu Picchu, and Tenochtitlan, learn the pictures of the Mayan language, unearth the history of chocolate, and find out how naughty children were punished with chillis! Peer into the

past with amazing illustrations, see some of the most impressive ancient structures in the world, and stock up on facts to amaze your friends with. Packed with information, artefacts, and colourful illustrations, DKfindout! Maya, Incas, and Aztecs brings their worlds to life.

Science inspired

The Tale of Truthwater Lake – By Emma Carroll



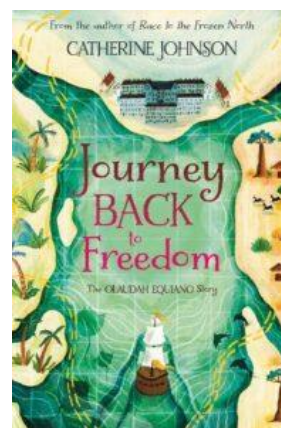
Emma Carroll never fails to disappoint. The Tale of Truthwater Lake is a gripping and fast paced adventure story, set in part, in the future and in part in the past.

The story revolves around Polly and her brother, Joel who are growing up in 2032 when climate change is causing a prolonged summer heatwave, with daily government warnings sent to warn people to stay indoors. The children live with their parents

in a small flat in Brighton and are sent away to their aunt's house in the country for a few weeks in the summer holiday – although not before Polly has to be rescued by her brother from a late night swim resulting in some online bullying.

Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion

Journey Back to Freedom – By Catherine Johnson & Katie Hickey

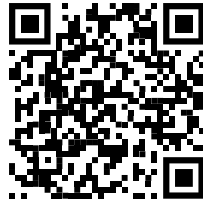
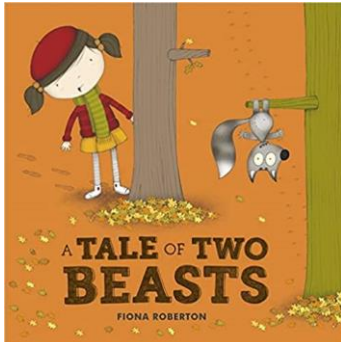


Olaudah Equiano was cruelly snatched from his home in Essaka, Africa, aged only 11, in 1756. Initially taken with his older sister, Ifeoma, they soon became separated. Olaudah never heard from her again. From there he was taken to England, first enduring a long voyage where he was treated horribly, along with the other slaves. He was sold several times before being taken to America to be a house slave. The master was cruel and the slaves were too scared to even speak to each other. Next he was bought by an English naval officer and taken to sea. Here he finally made friends and began to learn to read and write, as well as experiencing many adventures and great peril.



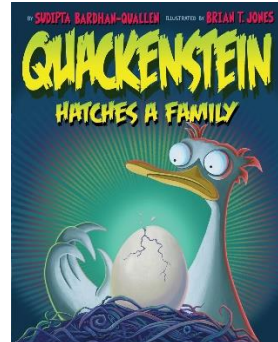
Sit back and listen

Anning Class (Reception)



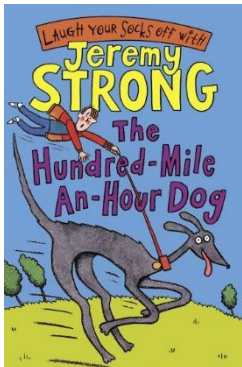
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Lister Class (Year 1 and Year 2)



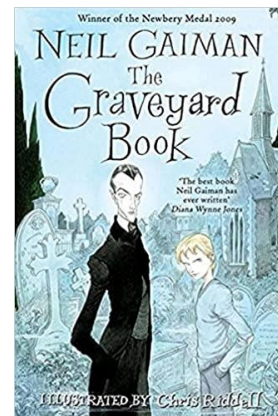
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Coram Class (Year 3 and Year 4) Chapter 1



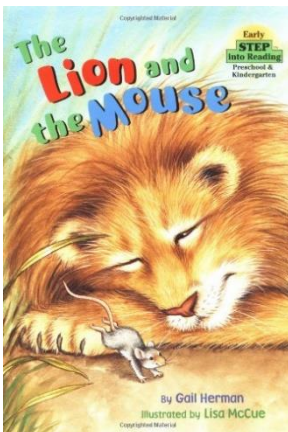
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Langmoor Class (Year 5 and Year 6) Chapter 1



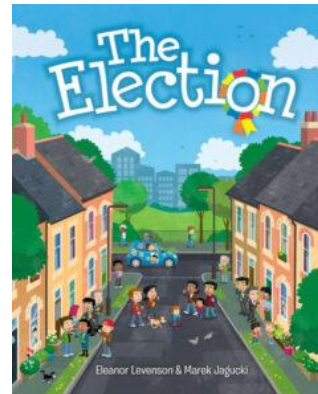
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Something for everyone Our school Christian Value in focus Trust



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

Something for everyone Our school British Value in focus Democracy



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Books locally

Lyme Regis Book Shop

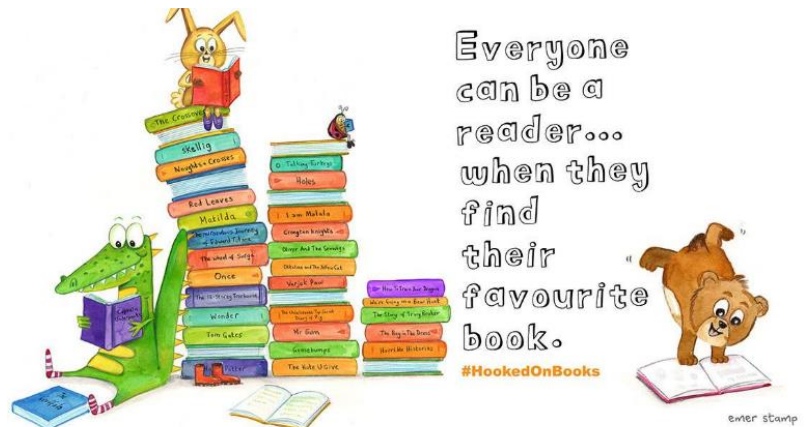
Lyme's local independent bookshop where customer service and values bring you the best in a spacious and tranquil environment. Browsers are welcome and advice and help are always available from knowledgeable and friendly staff.

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

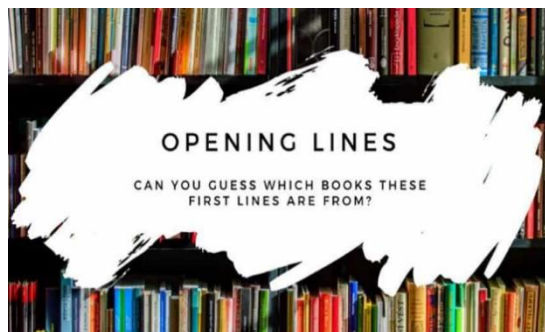
Friday- 2pm to 6:30pm

Saturday- 9:30 am to 12:30pm

Sunday- Closed



Reading Fun !



Guess the book

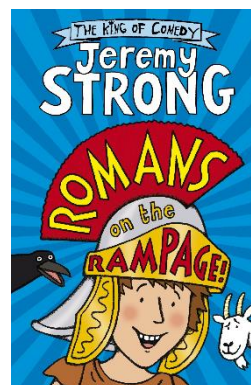
Answers from Autumn 2

- 1= The Borrowers- By Mary Norton
- 2= The Iron Man- By Ted Hughes
- 3=The Magic wishing tree- By Enid Blyton
- 4=The Hungry Caterpillar- By Eric Carle
- 5= The cat in the hat- Green Eggs and ham – By Dr Seuss
- 6=Where the Wild things are – By Maurice Sendak
- 7=George's marvellous medicine – By Roald Dahl
- 8=The Gruffalo – By Julia Donaldson
- 9- Stig of the dump- By Clive King
- 10- The Ice Monster- By David Walliams
- 11- Rosie's walk – By Pat Hutchins

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



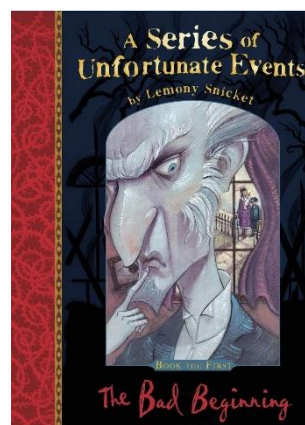
Romans on
the
Rampage- By
Jeremy
Strong



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



A series of
unfortunate
events-
Lemony
Snicket



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