



Lydgate Infant School

Reading Newsletter

Summer 2023



Welcome to our Lydgate Reading Newsletter! It's a chance to find out about high quality books as well as an opportunity to get tips and up to date information about helping your child with their reading journey.

A special message to our school from award-winning author-illustrator...

Bethan Woolvin



Hello to all the elves and fairies of Lydgate Infants!

It's Bethan here, and by now it probably feels like ages since I was busy painting your library mural! I wanted to say a really big thank you for letting me doodle all over your library walls. I had a great time, and I loved meeting you all and hearing your compliments about my artwork!

You'll be pleased to know that I spilt absolutely no paint on the floor, but I can't say the same for my hair as I was washing green and orange paint out of my hair all week.

Have you been into the new library yet? Do you feel like you're sitting in the middle of a magical forest? When I was planning your library mural, I wanted you to look at the walls and feel like you'd been transported to an imaginary world! A bit like how books can transport you to different places, imaginary or real. When you read a book, do you ever feel like you're there, inside the book, watching the story unfold? I really love that feeling, especially when I'm reading.

I also like to make sure I have good company when I'm reading. My two dogs, Podrick and Panko like to curl up on my lap while I read, and sometimes I'll read aloud to them (they like it when I use funny voices). Do you like to read with someone else? Perhaps, you could read a book to one of the magical elves or fairies in your new library, I bet they would love that.

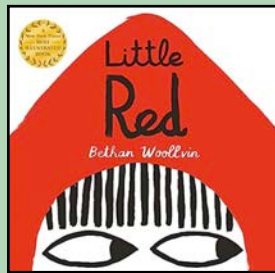
Speaking of the elves and fairies. Have you given them names yet? If you want them to stick around, it's probably best to give them a name. Maybe, you could have a look in your library and see if there are any books about elves or fairies which might give you some name ideas?

Anyway, I must go. I'm working on a new book and I'm desperate to get my paints and brushes out! Thank you again for welcoming me into your school, it was so great to meet you all.

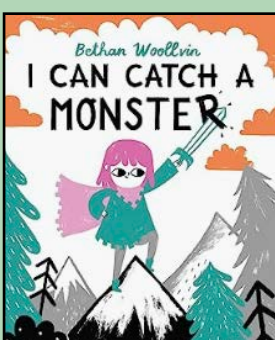
Keep on reading!

Bethan Woolvin

(P.S - Sorry Josh. I know you really wanted me to paint a dragon, but I didn't have space!)



Bethan is a children's author and illustrator based in Yorkshire. She won the Macmillan Prize for Illustration for her debut picture book, Little Red.



Did you know that Bethan's new book has just been published? Luna and the Sky dragon is out now!

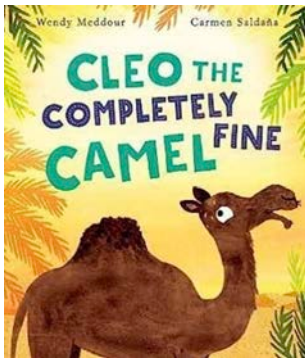


Our School Library

Award-winning, local author-illustrator, Bethan Woollvin joined us in school in May to design and paint a mural on the walls of our newly refurbished library. We think it looks incredible! Pupils were able to chat to Bethan and ask her questions as she sketched and painted. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to see an artist at work. Bethan also kindly popped into assembly and read aloud her picture book, *Hansel and Gretel*! A huge thanks to LiSA for their support with funding the library refurbishment and mural.

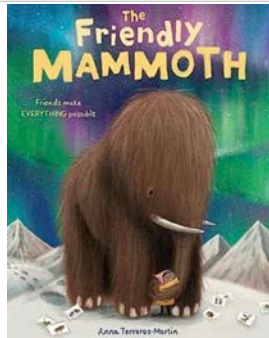


Picturebook Recommendations



Cleo the Completely Fine Camel by Wendy Meddour and Carmen Saldana

Cleo is a COMPLETELY FINE camel. Really, everything is just great. Honestly. A sweltering hot day? Well, Cleo has never felt better! Is she thirsty? No really she's fine. A desert sandstorm? Not a problem, because Cleo is FINE (even while buried under two feet of sand). It's only when an ostrich who tells it like it is turns up that Cleo has the courage to admit that, just maybe, she's not fine at all. (F2-Y2)



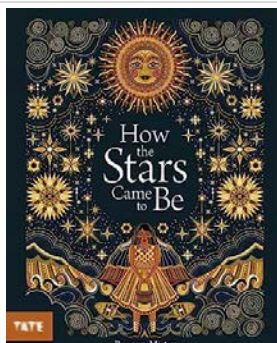
The Friendly Mammoth by Anna Terreros-Martin

A sprinkle of magic, and a whole lot of snow, transport lonely Mansi and a friendly mammoth from the museum back to the Ice Age. Once there, they explore the world as it once was, meet the animals that have long-since disappeared, and learn that sharing what you love is one of the best ways to make new friends. (F2-Y2)



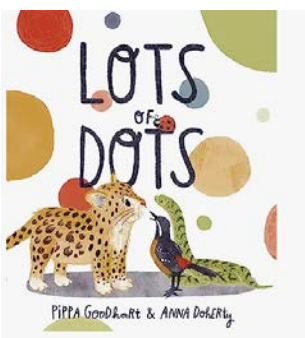
How to Make a Story by Naomi Jones and Ana Gomez

When Milo decides he's going to tell a story, it seems like a great idea. A story of his very own, made up by him! The only problem is that he's not sure how to start ... or what to put in the middle ... or how to end it. With a little help from his family and a lot of real-life inspiration, Milo's story is soon off to a flying start. If only his little brother and sister weren't getting in the way. But then Milo learns the most important lesson of all about stories - that they are made to be shared. (F2-Y2)



How the Stars Came to Be by Poonam Mistry

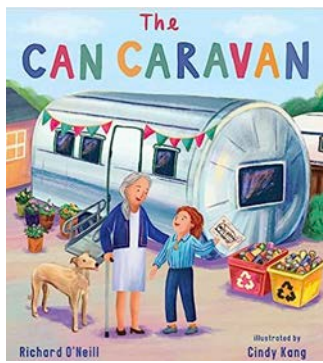
The Fisherman's Daughter loved to dance in the sunlight, and bathe in the glow of the moon, but when the moon disappeared for a few nights each month, she worried about her father and how he would find his way home from the sea in the darkness of the night. One night the sun finds her sobbing and so he takes one of his rays and smashes it onto the ground, creating the stars and gives the girl the task of putting them into the dark night sky. This beautifully illustrated story gives us a new folk tale, and a new way to look up at the night sky. (Y2)



Lots of Dots by Pippa Goodhart and Anna Doherty

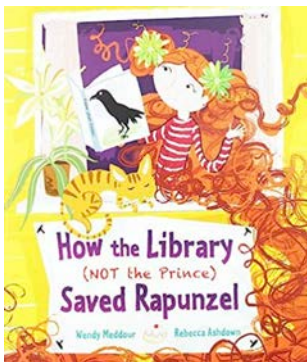
Jaguar is feeling lonely being all on her own. Why doesn't anyone else look like just like her? When clever Ladybird comes to play, she points out that they have more in common than Jaguar might think - they both have simply spectacular spots! Snake and Rockhopper are dotty too, and so the top secret dotsy club is formed! Zebra is so sad when he can't join the club because of his stripes. The club will just have to become a PATTERNS club so he can join in the fun too! But what is a game that all the animals can play together? Monkey has an idea, but he's all plain - he can't join the patterns club! Yet, Monkey doesn't mind one bit. He is part of the best secret club of all, the Everybody Club, and anyone can join. Everyone Club is the best of all. (F2, Y1)

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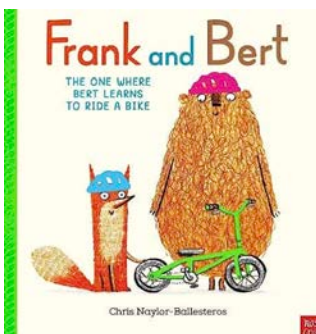
The Can Caravan by Richard O'Neill

When Janie's neighbour Mrs Tolen goes into hospital with a broken hip, it looks as though she will have to move out of her old caravan and into a house. Janie is desperate to help, but all seems lost until her school visits a local recycling plant. All it takes from there is imagination, a supportive community, and lots and lots of hard work to transform Mrs Tolen's old caravan into a safe and secure new home! The latest picture book by Romani storyteller Richard O'Neill celebrates the traditional Traveller virtues of resilience, adaptability, loyalty and independence. (F2-Y2)



How the Library (NOT the Prince) Saved Rapunzel by Wendy Meddour and Rebecca Ashdown

Rapunzel sits on the sixteenth floor of an inner city block, bored, dreaming and looking out at the rain. No one can rouse her from her apathy, not the milkman or the postman or the baker or her aunt – or even the prince. But when at last a letter is delivered, it contains news that has Rapunzel on her feet again. She has a new job at the library! And suddenly her life is busy, sparkling, exciting and stimulating. "For despite her long hair and her ravishing looks, she loved nothing better than reading good books!" (Y1-Y2)



Frank and Bert: The One Where Bert Learns to Ride a Bike by Chris Naylor Ballesteros

Bert is CERTAIN he can ride his bike as well as Frank, but he is very wobbly! And even when they BOTH try riding Frank's bike . . . it still goes very wrong! Will the best friends make it all the way down from the big hill? Of course! All they need is a little bit of confidence and trust in each other! (F2-Y2)



Milo's Monster by Tom Percival

Milo loves spending time with his best friend, Jay. But when a new girl called Suzi moves in next door, Milo starts to feel left out. The jealous feeling gets stronger and stronger – until suddenly, a GREEN-EYED MONSTER pops up beside him! Soon, the monster is poisoning Milo's thoughts. It won't leave him alone! Can Milo find a way to free himself from the monster and repair his friendship. This is an inspiring story about dealing with feelings of jealousy. It's the ideal starting point for helping children to build strong friendships and say goodbye to jealous feelings. (F2-Y2)

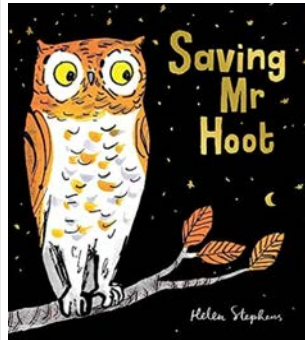


The Perfect Present by Petr Horacek

Tom and Mot are best friends. On their birthday, Tom gives Mot a feather – but could it be a feather from the most spectacular bird in the world? Mot gives Tom a marble – or is it the smallest planet in the universe? Tom would like to give a whale, a dolphin, a sea monster, an elephant, while Mot would give rivers, mountains, forests and even the sun! But after a joyful day playing together, what is the best present of all? This beautiful story of imagination and friendship is perfect for sharing. (F2-Y1)

Whole School Text Focus

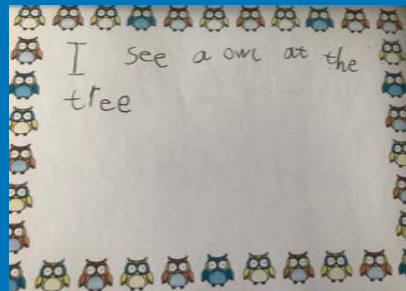
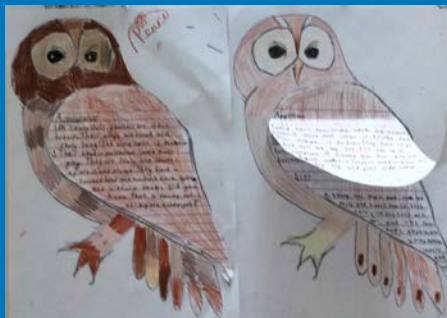
For a week in July, all classes in school engaged with the same text: *Saving Mr Hoot* by Helen Stephens. We explored the book in detail and then followed the children's interests. Some classes wrote stories about owls, others wrote poems or fact files. Lots of lovely arts and crafts emerged, too!



Saving Mr Hoot

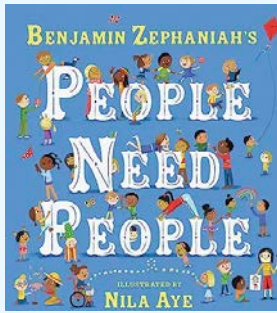
A beautiful owl lives in the tree outside Ben's house. Ben calls him Mr Hoot. Nobody believes Ben when he talks about Mr Hoot. So when grown-ups want to chop down Mr Hoot's tree, Ben has to act fast to save him. This is a book that empowers children to make a difference and encourages us all to look after our local natural environment.

Here are just a few of the wonderful things that the children have created...



BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH

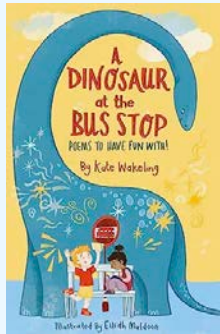
Poetry Recommendations



People Need People by Benjamin Zephaniah and Nila Aye

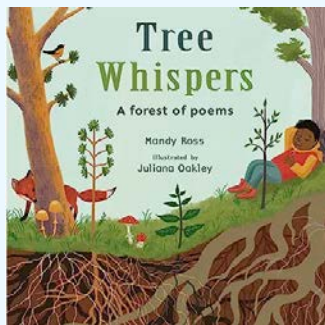
To walk to
To talk to
To cry and rely on,
People always need people...

From the creators of Nature Trail comes an uplifting picture book about the power of people, and the importance of connecting with others. This timely poem reminds us all to be kind to one another. (F2+)



A Dinosaur at the Bus Stop: Poems to Have Fun With by Kate Wakeling and Eilidh Muldoon

Choose your favourite sound, bob like a robin, soak up the stillness of the forest, jump like a startled kangaroo or go to a monster jamboree. But keep an eye out for a dinosaur at the bus stop! Funny, gentle, thoughtful, magical – this is an outstanding collection for younger readers (Y1, Y2)



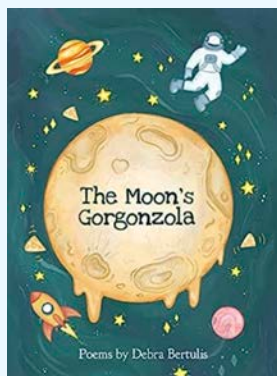
Tree Whispers: A Forest of Poems by Mandy Ross and Juliana Oakley

"Our leaves rustle, Our roots whisper. If you were a tree, what would you whisper to me?" These fascinating poems, beautifully illustrated by Juliana Oakley, imagine the songs the trees are singing to us and the verses they speak. With a strong environmental message, the book awakens us to the rich, unique and irreplaceable biodiversity of tree life and the many species that depend on it – including ourselves. (Y1, Y2+)



Watch Me Bloom: A Bouquet of Haiku Poems for Budding Naturalists by Krina Patel-Sage

This is a collection of 24 poems, each based on a different floral species found in the UK. Children will learn the names of the flowers as they take a seasonal journey beginning with snowdrops 'pushing up through snow' and ending with poinsettia 'bringing festive warmth' at Christmas. There's a double page spread at the end (Floral Fun Facts) which provides further botanical information (scientific, cultural and etymological). (Y1, Y2)



The Moon's Gorgonzola by Debra Bertulis and Zoe Williams

In this vibrant bouncy new collection, Debra focuses on poetry for younger children. It's a wonderful collection of reflective and soothing poems, poems for performance, rhyming poems, silly poems, puzzle poems and 'carpet' poems. Debra says, 'I wanted the book to have a great sense of fun to light the poetry spark that is in all of us! I write about everyday life and the strange, funny, sometimes sad things that can happen in school and at home. (Y1, Y2+)

NILA AYE

Reading For Pleasure

Why is Reading for Pleasure important?

Children who read for pleasure have a wider vocabulary and general knowledge, an enriched imagination and more developed narrative writing (Senechal et al., 2018). Reading for Pleasure is more important than either wealth or social class as an indicator of success at school. It can increase empathy, improve relationships with others and improve wellbeing throughout life (The Reading Agency 2015).

Book Chat



The Open University

Chatting with your child as you read together develops their language, comprehension and pleasure. We recommend watching this [short video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKFdKs_2wJY) about book chat from the superb reading team at The Open University https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKFdKs_2wJY

Supporting Readers at Home

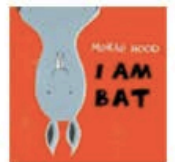
Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



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: <https://www.researchrichpedagogies.org>

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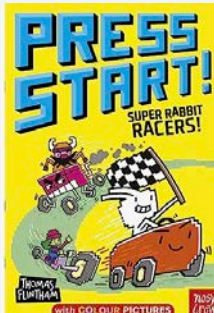


For more information visit:
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Graphic Novel Recommendations

Emerging research shows that comics and graphic novels are motivating, support emerging readers and enrich the skills of accomplished readers. Find out more about the benefits of reading comics and graphic novels here:

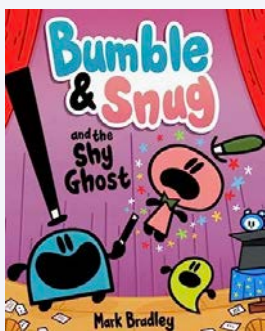
<https://teach.com/resources/why-comics/>



Press Start! Super Rabbit Racers

by Thomas Flintham

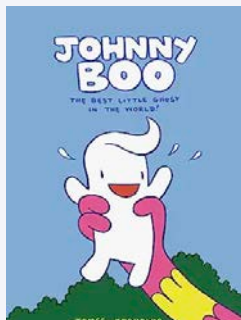
Evil King Viking is competing in the Super Cup Grand Prix to win the power of super speed. Super Rabbit Boy and his friends must work together to stop him! Can they dodge King Viking's fireballs, Robo Bobo's long Robo-arms, Princess Pirate's super-secret boxing gloves AND each other to win all four races? Or will King Viking stop them in their tracks. You'll have to read and find out..! (Y2+)



Bumble and Snug and the Shy Ghost

by Mark Bradley

Bumble and Snug are back for their third adventure! They are excited to show off their magic tricks at the Bugbopolis Talent Show together with their new friend, a little ghost. They'll need to practise first, from pulling rabbits out of a hat to picking the right cards and levitating. There's just one problem, the ghost turns invisible when she's shy! When the little ghost gets overwhelmed and vanishes before they can begin their act, Bumble and Snug will have to save the show. (Y1, Y2+)



Johnny Boo: The Best Little Ghost in the World

by James Kochalka

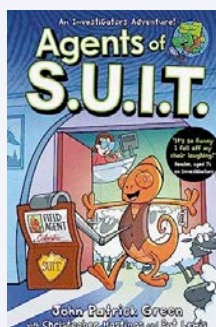
Johnny Boo is the best little ghost in the whole world, because he's got Boo Power. This means that he can go "BOO" really loudly. His pet ghost, Squiggle, has Squiggle Power, which means that he can fly and do really fast loop-the-loops. Together they have the world's greatest ghost adventures! When the giant pink and yellow Ice Cream Monster bumbles into their lives, they go into a mad panic... until they discover that he's actually quite friendly (Y1, Y2)



Cat and Cat Adventures 3: Journey into Unibear City

by Susie Yi

The cats high-tail it back to the spirit realm to investigate a magical mystery: The Dragon Witch's magical artifact collection has gone missing, and the whole forest is covered in mysterious slime! Squash and Ginny follow clues to a secret tunnel that leads beneath Unibear City. Deep underground, they discover a conniving plot by a dangerous new foe. They rush to recover the artifacts, stop the slime, and save the day. (Y1, Y2+)



Agents of S.U.I.T

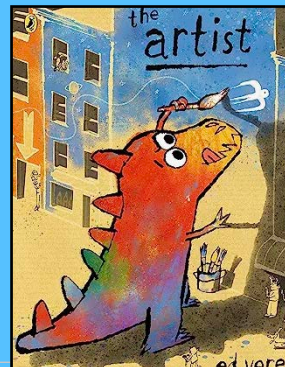
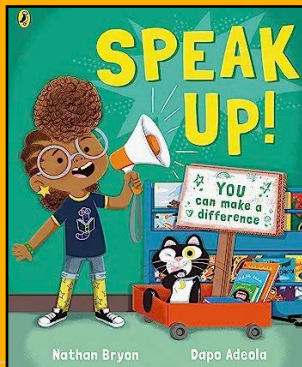
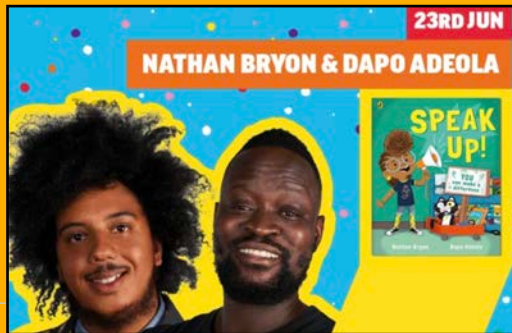
by John Patrick Green, Pat Lewis and Christopher Hastings

Meet Cilantro the Chameleon! Newly appointed Agent of S.U.I.T! Cilantro finally has a chance to prove herself . . . but her first big case is OUT OF THIS WORLD. As she begins to uncover a sheep-led worker's rights revolt and an alien invasion conspiracy, can Cilantro earn her V.E.S.T. and catch the bad guys? (Y2+)

Mark Bradley

Puffin Summer School Virtual Visits

We all enjoyed the Puffin Summer School virtual visits this half term. The first visit was with the superbly entertaining author-illustrator duo, Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola. Nathan read aloud their new picture book, *Speak Up!*, and Dapo showed us how to draw a bookworm. In the second visit, author-illustrator Ed Vere read aloud his new picture book, *The Artist*, and taught us how to draw the main character.



Speak Up!

by Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola

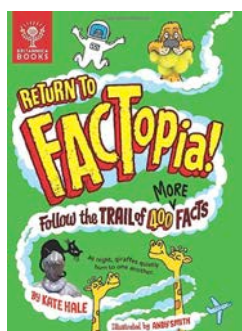
Bookworm Rocket loves to collect new books on her weekly visit to the library, and to read all about inspirational figures like Rosa Parks. She is heartbroken when she discovers the library will be closing down! Can she use what she's learnt from Rosa and speak up to save the day? This empowering, heartwarming picture book is a love letter to libraries and the power of reading. And it shows the incredible power we ALL have when we find our voice and speak up about the things that matter. (F2-Y2)

The Artist

by Ed Vere

From the award-winning Ed Vere comes a joyful and inspirational celebration of beauty, mistakes and the artist in all of us. A brave little artist goes on one epic adventure to share her art, and in doing so learns that it doesn't matter if you colour outside the lines, that art is full of heart. (F2-Y2)

Information Book Recommendations



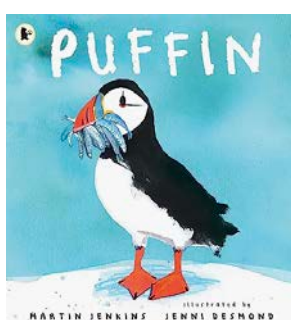
Return to FACTopia! by Dr Kate Hale and Andy Smith

Did you know that scientists can tell how old a whale is from its earwax? Or that sharks existed before trees? Welcome to FACTopia, a world of perfectly amazing facts verified by Encyclopaedia Britannica! Every fact in the book is connected to the next in an ingenious trail of information; hop from topic to topic in unexpected and hilarious ways, and discover extraordinary facts about fungus, dreams, dogs, tyrannosaurs, planets, diamonds, bumblebees, robots, jellyfish, Egyptian mummies, and more! (Y2+)



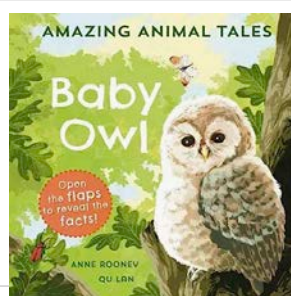
The Mellons Build a House by Robin Jacobs and Nik Neves

The Mellon family have outgrown their flat. It's time to move, but none of the houses they look at are quite right, so they decide to build their own house. Masha is an architect. She designs a house that accommodates the Mellons' needs, their budget, and most importantly, the environment. It is an eco-house. A timely and essential read for aspiring young architects and construction-enthusiasts.(Y2+)



Puffin by Martin Jenkins and Jenni Desmond

Everyone recognizes the puffin with its black-and-white feathers and brightly coloured bill. But how does the puffin live? What happens down in its burrow? And how on earth does it carry all those fish in its bill? Discover the amazing world of the puffin in an exciting collaboration between the award-winning pair of author Martin Jenkins and illustrator Jenni Desmond. This new title in the celebrated Nature Storybook series is packed with interesting facts to inspire a love of the natural world. (F2-Y2)



Amazing Animal Tales: Baby Owl by Anne Rooney and Qu Lan

Baby Owl snuggles with his siblings in the safety of the nest. But as he grows, it's time to take care of himself. He must find the courage to spread his wings and fly! This heartwarming story about an owlet finding his independence has big flaps to open and lots of owl facts to discover. Readers will love interacting with the big non-fiction flaps, where they can guess which owl egg will hatch next! (F2, Y1)



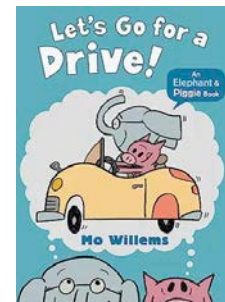
Ada Lovelace: Poet of Science by Dianne Stanley and Jessie Hartland

Two hundred years ago, a daughter was born to the famous poet, Lord Byron, and his mathematical wife. Like her father, Ada had a vivid imagination and a creative gift for connecting ideas in original ways. Like her mother, she had a passion for science, math, and machines. It was a very good combination. A hundred years before the dawn of the digital age, Ada Lovelace envisioned the computer-driven world we know today. And in demonstrating how the machine would be coded, she wrote the first computer program. She would go down in history as Ada Lovelace, the first computer programmer. (Y2+)

Chapter Book Recommendations

Let's Go for a Drive (Elephant and Piggie) by Mo Willems

Told entirely in speech bubbles with a repetitive use of familiar phrases, this is perfect for children just learning to read. Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. In this book, Gerald and Piggie want to hit the road, but the best-laid plans of pigs and elephants often go awry (4+, 7+)



Bear and Bird

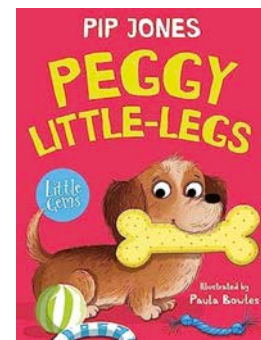
by Jarvis

This is a collection of four, funny, affectionate short stories. Bear and Bird are best friends! And while they don't always understand each other, they both agree: all they want is to make the other happy. So, when Bear forgets to pack for a picnic (but pretends that he didn't), Bird doesn't let on that she knew all along. And when Bird discovers that Bear has more of a certain talent than she does, well, Bear finds a touching way to make her feel better. (5+)



Peggy Little-Legs by Pip Jones

Peggy the sausage dog feels really sad when she finds she's too small to really compete with the other dogs at puppy school. Her little legs and long body make it hard for her to jump high or run very fast. But when one of her school friends has a dangerous fall, it's Peggy who comes to the rescue, proving that heroes come in all different sizes! (5+)



Izzy the Inventor by Zanna Davidson and Elissa Elwick

Izzy the Inventor LOVES science and does NOT believe in magic. That is until the day her Fairy Godmother appears and sends her to Fairytale Land to rescue Prince Charming from the Mountain of Doom, with an enthusiastic unicorn as her guide. To succeed, Izzy must use her science skills to outwit trolls, goblins and a bottomless lake of despair. But her quest will also teach her about the power of friendship and that we all need a little magic in our lives. (5+)



Rose's Dress of Dreams

by Katherine Woodfine and Kate Pankhurst

Young Rose dreams of sewing beautiful dresses for the women of Paris. But when a chance encounter with royalty changes her life, Rose must draw on all her skills to create the most breathtaking dress of them all. Based on the life of Rose Bertin, the woman credited with creating haute-couture, this is a story to inspire bold children everywhere. (7+)



Chapter Book Recommendations

AdventureMice: Mermouse Mystery

by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

Pedro is getting used to the thrilling life of the Adventuremice. But one stormy night, he finds something he's only ever dreamed of seeing: a real, live mermouse! This little mermouse is lost, and Pedro and the Adventuremice need to get him safely home. They must summon all their bravery and brilliance, plunge into the depths of the ocean and find the mysterious Mermouse City. It won't be straightforward, but it will be another exciting, friend-filled adventure for Pedro and the team! (5+, 7+)



Wigglesbottom Primary: The Sports Day Chicken

by Pamela Buchart and Becka Moor

Year 2 at Wigglesbottom Primary is never boring. They don't expect to run a race against a chicken at Sports Day, or eat green toxic slime at lunch (it's halloween custard!) or that Anne Marie Moor is an ant queen and one of her subjects is called Lady Gaga. BUT THEY LOVE EVERY MINUTE OF IT! (5+, 7+)



Ivy Newt by Derek Keilty and Magda Brol

It's Ivy's birthday, and her parents, the King and Queen of the Sand Witches, have prepared her a show-stopping present - a magic act where they disappear! But hold on, they really have disappeared! Foul work is at play, and to rescue Ivy's parents, she and her shape-shifting friend Tom must travel all over Miracula on broomsticks and flying carpets, making friends along the way, and pulling together to defeat Clawdelia Thorn, evil Queen of Grotland. (7+)



Leonora Bolt: Deep Sea Calamity (Book 2 in the series)

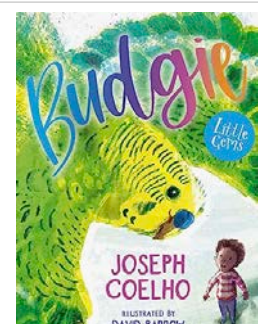
by Lucy Brandt and Gladys Rose

Leonora isn't supposed to be building a submarine in a tree. She is supposed to be keeping her head down and drawing no attention because Leonora Bolt is an inventor in secret. But she can't stop thinking of the clues she found to her missing parents' location. So, deep in hiding in Snorebury, desperately trying to avoid being discovered by her evil uncle, Leonora is hatching a plan. So what if involves launching a homemade submarine into the middle of the ocean, accompanied only by a couple of friends and an otter? For when disaster strikes, Leonora's wackiest plan might just be her most brilliant yet... (7+, 9+)



Budgie by Joseph Coelho

A lost little budgie brings together a boy and his seemingly grumpy older neighbour. Mr Buxton is always having a go at Miles and his friends for climbing the trees outside their tower block. Miles thinks he's just a grumpy old man but when he finds a lost little budgie, Miles also discovers that he and Mr Buxton have more in common than he could ever have imagined. (7+)



Multilingual Story Time in Class 9

Dr Sabine Little popped into Class 9 in June for some multilingual storytelling. When we share a story with children, we have a fantastic opportunity to enable children to build on their language awareness, learn from each other and enhance their linguistic repertoire.

Sabine told the story of [The Town Musicians of Bremen](#). The children shared the names of the animals in their heritage languages.

You can watch the story using this link:
<https://www.multilingualism-in-schools.net/multilingual-storytelling-or-shared-reading/>



Dr Sabine Little is a senior lecturer in the School of Education at the University of Sheffield. Her main and over-arching research interest is in the field of heritage language learners and identity. 'I am interested how families who speak multiple languages in the home navigate these languages, and what this means for individual family members' sense of identity and well-being. I work both with families, schools, and public spaces such as libraries, to explore what it means to grow up multilingual.'

Did you know we have a **multilingual children's library** in Sheffield? Sabine teamed up with Sheffield City Council's library team to create it. You can visit it at:
Sheffield Central Library
Surrey Street
Sheffield
S1 1XZ
0114 273 4734



Y1 Visit to Broomhill Library

Y1 had a joyous visit to Broomhill Library. They enjoyed a story time, browsed the books and drew pictures of their favourite characters. A big thank you to Broomhill library staff and to Mrs Bonnington for organising it.



If your child doesn't have a library card, please consider popping into your local library or applying online. It's quick, easy and free to join the library. Books, eBooks, eMagazines and eAudiobooks are all available to borrow.

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries-archives/join-the-library>

Summer Reading Challenge

The **Summer Reading Challenge**, presented by The Reading Agency, is delivered in partnership with public libraries and funded by Arts Council England. The challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays, providing lots of fun as well as helping to prevent the summer reading 'dip'. This year's theme is sporty and games related - Ready, Set, Read! To sign up for the challenge, please visit your local library or access the website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Broomhill Library



<https://www.broomhill-library.org.uk/>

Opening times

Monday 10am-5pm
Tuesday 10am-1pm
Wednesday 10am-5pm
Thursday - closed
Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-1pm
Sunday - closed

Book Donations

Any book donations (good quality please) would be greatly appreciated by the library staff. The donated books are sold to raise funds for the library.

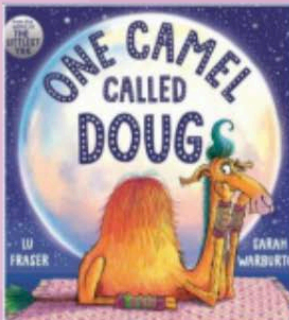
Sheffield Children's Book Awards

We have been taking part in the Sheffield Children's Book Awards 2023. Each class has read the three shortlisted books and voted for their favourite! The shortlisted books from the picture book category (5-7 years) are below. Do have a chat about the books with your child and find out which one they voted for and why! The winner will be announced in November.

**SHEFFIELD
CHILDREN'S
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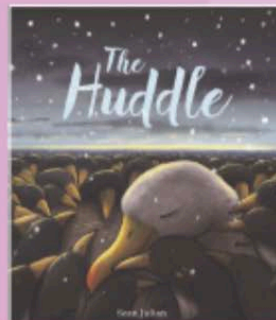


PICTURE BOOKS (5-7 YEARS)



**One Camel
Called Doug**

SIMON AND SCHUSTER



The Huddle

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

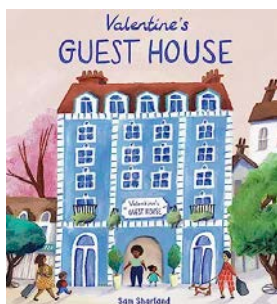


**Who Will Kiss the
Crocodile?**

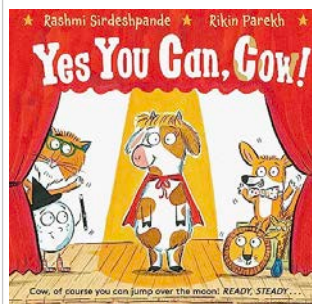
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Lydgate Infant School Staff Book Club

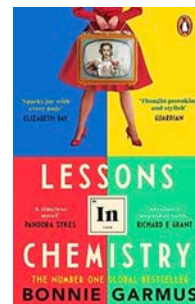
It's not only the children in school that love reading! Staff have been reading and talking about books as part of our staff book club. Below are the books that we have read this term. Have you read any of these? Do let us know your thoughts if you have!



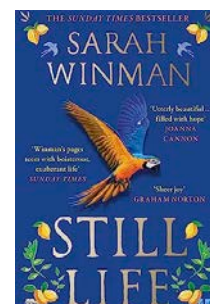
**Valentine's Guest
House**
by Sam Sharland
(F2-Y2)



Yes You Can Cow!
by Rashmi
Sirdeshpande
and Rikin Parekh
(F2-Y2)



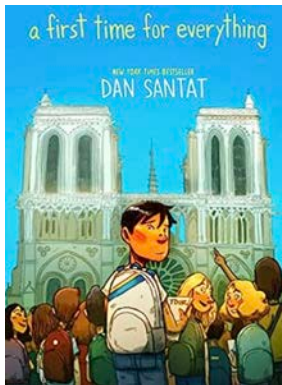
**Lessons in
Chemistry**
by Bonnie Grams
(Adult fiction)



Still Life
by Sarah Winman
(Adult fiction)

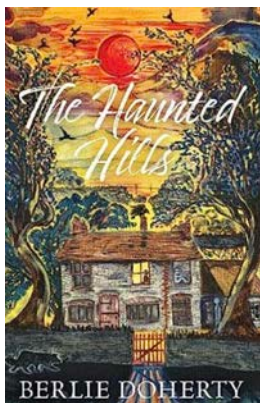
Children's book recommendation for the grown ups...

Children's fiction is not just for children! The best children's fiction 'helps us refind things we may not even know we have lost' (Katherine Rundell).



A First Time for Everything by Dan Santat

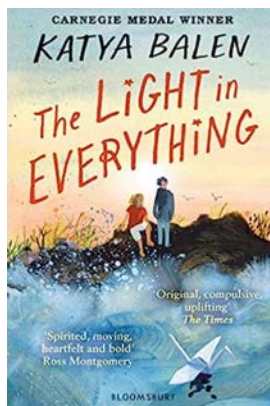
A middle grade graphic memoir based on Caldecott Medallist Dan Santat's awkward middle school years and the trip to Europe that changed his life. Dan's always been a good kid. The kind of kid who listens to his teachers, helps his mom with grocery shopping, and stays out of trouble. But being a good kid doesn't stop him from being bullied and feeling like he's invisible, which is why Dan has low expectations when his parents send him on a class trip to Europe. At first, he's right. He's stuck with the same girls from his middle school who love to make fun of him, and he doesn't know why his teacher insisted he come on this trip. But as he travels through Europe, a series of first experiences begin to change him—first Fanta, first time stealing a bike from German punk rockers... and first love.



The Haunted Hills

by Berlie Doherty

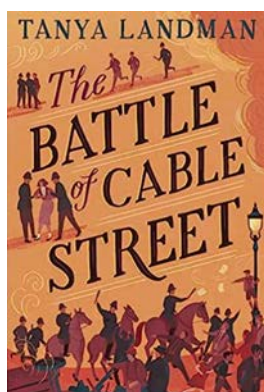
When Carl visits the Peak District with his parents to try and recover from the fallout of a horrific accident, he becomes caught up in the mysterious tale of the Lost Lad. Are the hills actually haunted or is Carl being chased by his own demons? As past and present collide, Carl must learn to come to terms with the loss of his best friend, Jack and find a way to move on.



The Light in Everything

by Katya Balen

Tom is still quiet and timid, even though his dad has been gone for two years now. Zofia has a raging storm that makes her want to fight the whole world until she gets what she wants. And what she wants is for scaredy-cat Tom to get out of her life. Tom hates loud, unpredictable Zofia just as much, but he's moving into Zofia's house. Because his mum and Zofia's dad are in love... and they're having a baby. Tom and Zofia both wish the baby had never happened. But then Tom's mum gets ill, and it begins to look horribly like their wish might come true... Winner of the UKLA Book Awards 2023



The Battle of Cable Street

by Tanya Landman

Life has always been tough on the streets of Stepney, where Elsie and her brother Mikey are growing up in a vermin-infested slum nicknamed "Paradise". But the rise of antisemitic fascist Oswald Mosley and his Blackshirts in the 1930s stirs up trouble between families who have lived closely together for years, and Elsie sees friendships torn apart. When Elsie and Mikey attend a Mosley rally, intending to heckle and cause trouble, they soon see how dangerous the situation has become, but out in the streets the fascists find that people will stand and fight against them and against hatred in what becomes the dramatic Battle of Cable Street.

Rhyme and Reason - our local independent bookshop



Opening times

Monday - Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 11am - 3pm

Rhyme & Reason Bookshop
681 Ecclesall Rd
Sheffield
S11 8TG
0114 2661950



If you or your child read any of the books mentioned in the newsletter, please let us know what you thought of them. You could even send us a photo of your child reading the book!

Does your child have any great books that they would like to recommend to other children in our school? We would love to receive an email with details of the book or even a photo of your child enjoying it.

Please use this email address to contact us: class9@lydgate-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Here are some great websites that offer more book recommendations and reviews:

- BookTrust

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/>

- LoveReading4Kids

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

- EmpathyLab

<https://www.empathylab.uk/2021-read-for-empathy-collections>

Happy reading,

Mrs Varley & Miss Whitehead