



Lydgate Infant School

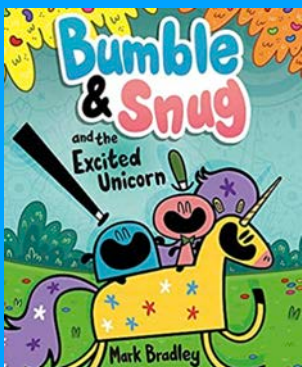
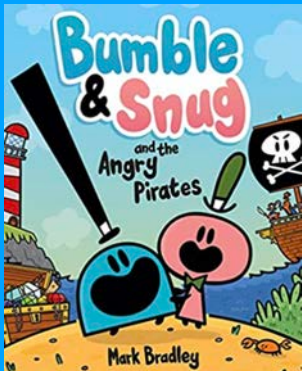
Reading Newsletter

Autumn 2022



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 Yorkshire-based author and artist, Mark Bradley



Hello to all the pupils of Lydgate Infant School!

My name is Mark Bradley and I write the Bumble & Snug graphic novels. I was over the moon to hear that some of your classes have read Bumble & Snug and the Angry Pirates. I hope that you will enjoy Bumble & Snug and the Excited Unicorn soon too!

I've always loved reading. My mum will tell you that wherever I went, I always have my nose in a book. Most of all I loved reading comics - when you combine words and images together, magic happens!

Growing up reading comics made me want to make my own - I used to draw funny little comics with my friends at school and never really stopped!

Comics made me truly fall in love with reading and storytelling.

I hope you have a fantastic year of reading ahead!

All the best,

Mark

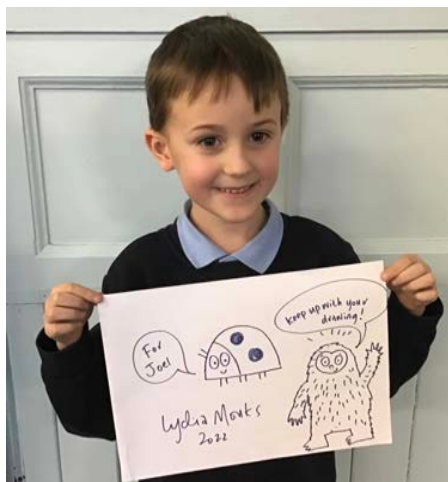
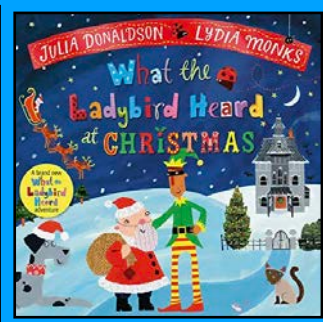
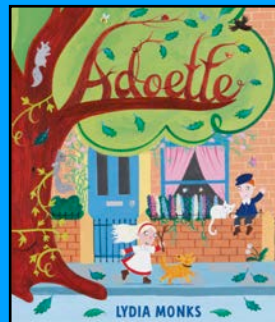


You can peek inside Bumble & Snug and the Angry Pirates here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L16T3IQSXAo>

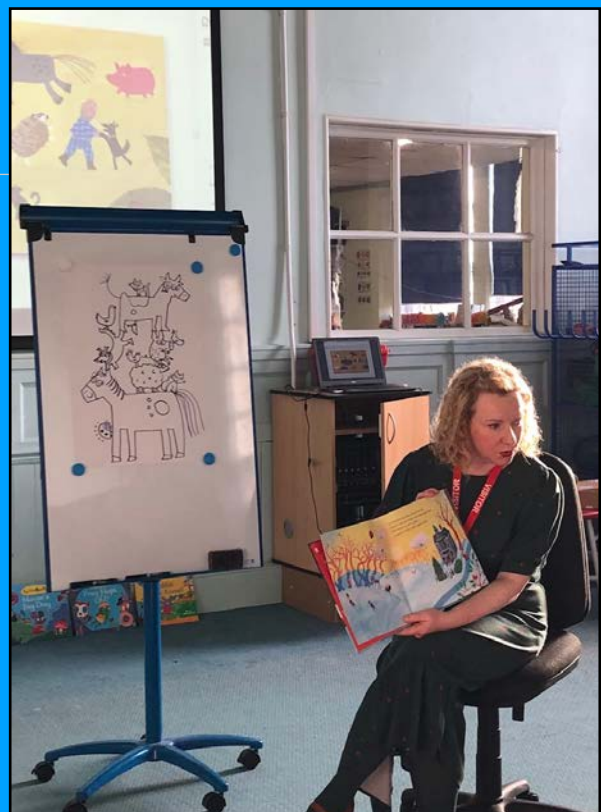
A special visit from award-winning Sheffield author and illustrator, Lydia Monks



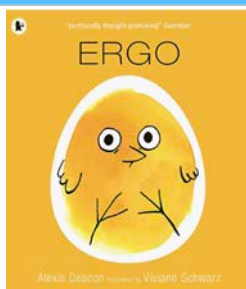
We were thrilled to welcome Lydia Monks back into school last week. As part of a special story assembly, Lydia kindly shared 'What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas' (written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Lydia) with Reception. They very much enjoyed joining in with the animal noises! Year 1 and 2 were treated to the same story as well as a reading of Adoette (written and illustrated by Lydia). Adoette was inspired by Lydia's involvement in the campaign to save Sheffield street trees from being cut down. Look out for the Lydgate owl amongst Adoette's branches! Lydia also showed the children how to draw characters from her books, and even left signed pictures for us to display! Huge thanks to Lydia for providing such an inspiring experience for our pupils and staff.



Joel (Y2) had a lovely chat with Lydia after the assembly. When he explained that he too had a passion for drawing, Lydia drew a very special picture just for him!

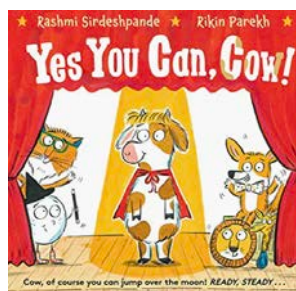


Picturebook Recommendations



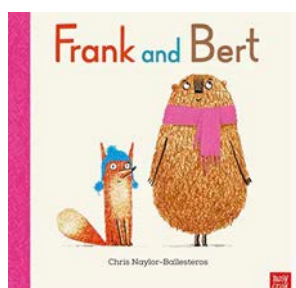
Ergo by Alexis Deacon & Viviane Schwarz

For budding philosophers of all ages, this is the uplifting story of Ergo the chick. Ergo wakes up and sets about exploring her world. She discovers her toes. She discovers her wings and her beak. She has discovered EVERYTHING! But then she considers the wall. And something outside the wall goes BUMP. What could it be? The only way to find out is to peck peck peck through to the other side... (F2-Y2+ Adults will love this one)



Yes You Can, Cow! by Rashmi Sirdeshpande & Rikin Parekh

It's the Nursery Rhyme's big performance, but Cow is having second thoughts. She's too scared to jump! What if she crashes? Will everyone laugh? The curtain's almost up and the audience are waiting. Can Cow overcome her fear of failure and become the star of the show? (F2, Y1)



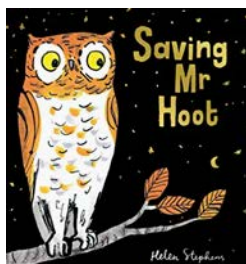
Frank and Bert by Chris Naylor Ballesteros

Frank and Bert are the best of friends and they LOVE to play hide and seek. But Bert the bear isn't quite as good at hiding as he thinks he is and Frank ALWAYS wins! Every. Single. Time. But when it's Bert's turn to hide, and Frank has to decide between winning again OR making his friend happy, Frank learns that friendship is always the true winner. This interactive and entertaining story about friendship is guaranteed to get children giggling! (F2-Y2)



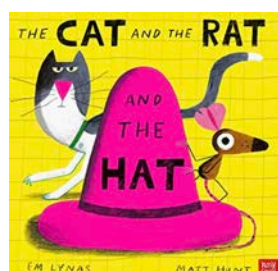
Small's Big Dream by Manjeet Mann & Amanda Quartey

In Small's world, everything is small – her shoes, her bed, everything. But her dreams are big. And Small discovers that when you dream big, anything – and everything – can happen. A beautifully lyrical and empowering picture book about the importance of dreaming big. (F2-Y2)



Saving Mr Hoot by Helen Stephens

A beautiful owl lives in the tree outside Ben's house. Ben calls him Mr Hoot. When grown-ups want to chop down Mr Hoot's tree, Ben has to act fast to save him. This warm, funny and inspiring story shows how we can all protect the wildlife that lives all around us. (F2-Y2)



The Cat, The Rat and The Hat by Em Lynas & Matt Hunt

Cat is sitting on his favourite mat, when who should come along but Rat with a very nice hat? Cat wants Rat's hat and will stop at NOTHING to get it. But when Bat arrives wearing a fancy cravat, well, what could be better than that? Chaos ensues as both Cat and Rat decide they MUST have Bat's fancy cravat for themselves! A raucous, rhyming tale that will have children in fits of laughter! (F2-Y2)

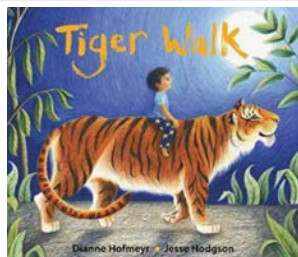
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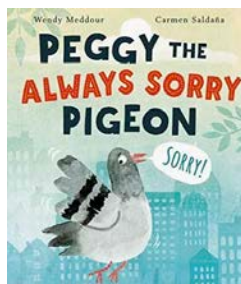
The Midnight Fair by Gideon Sterer & Mariachiara Di Giorgio
Far from the city, but not quite in the countryside, lies a fairground. When night falls, and the fair is empty, something unexpected happens. Wild animals emerge from the trees, a brave raccoon pulls a lever, and the rollercoasters and rides explode back into bright, neon life. Now it's time for the woodland creatures to have some fun... A spectacular, surreal and cinematic wordless picture book about the secret life of animals. (Y2+)



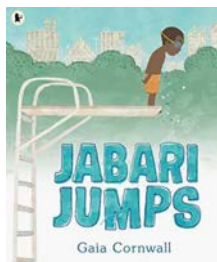
Kai and the Monkey King by Joe Todd-Stanton
When Kai grows tired of her bookish mum not being adventurous enough for a Brownstone, she decides to seek out the mischievous and rebellious Monkey King – who she's always been told to stay away from. Will he bring her the adventure she craves, or will he cause her more trouble than he's worth? Read the latest story from the mythical Brownstone's family vault where we venture to China and learn about the story of the Monkey King, meet magical gods, taste powerful peaches and see that maybe our heroes aren't always what they're cracked up to be. (Y2+)



Tiger Walk by Dianne Hofmeyr & Jesse Hodgson
One day Tom draws a tiger, inspired by his visit to the art gallery... That night, when Tom can't sleep, the tiger pads out of his drawing and purrs, "Let's go for a walk!" It's the beginning of a magical and life-changing adventure, as the tiger helps Tom to overcome some of his biggest fears. (Y1, Y2+)



Peggy the Always Sorry Pigeon by Wendy Meddour & Carmen Saldana
Peggy is an apologetic pigeon. She always assumes she's in the wrong. Even when she's the one getting bullied. But Cynthia, an older female seagull, gives her the necessary skills to stand up for herself. This hilarious tale from award-winning author Wendy Meddour contains an important message about the importance of being assertive. Carmen Saldaña's illustrations are full of personality and humour. (F2-Y2)

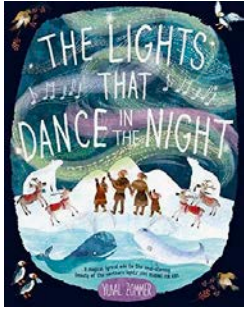


Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall
Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swimming test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all. "Looks easy," says Jabari, watching the other kids take their turns. But when his turn comes, suddenly he's not so sure he can do it.... This is a sweet tale about overcoming your fears. (F2, Y1)



The Odd Fish by Naomi Jones & James Jones
When Little Fish and her family encounter an odd new fish bobbing along on its own, they embark on an exciting journey to reunite it with its family. But Odd Fish isn't the only creature who needs Little Fish's help. Turtle has a tummy ache and Octopus's tentacles are tangled. Clever readers will spot the one thing that links them all . . . plastic. Maybe Odd Fish doesn't belong in the sea after all? This urgent problem of plastic in the ocean is highlighted for the youngest readers with gentle humour and engaging characters. (F2+)

Winter Wonders



The Lights That Dance in the Night by Yuval Zommer

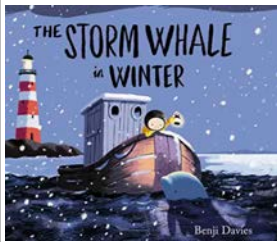
Yuval Zommer imagines the Northern Lights' fleeting journey from space to Earth and how they weave a special magic for the animals and people living in the frozen lands below. From tiny specs of dust to gleaming rays in the dark, the Northern Lights travel across the Arctic, uniting every creature in a celebration that reverberates through land and sea. (F2-Y2)



Over and Under the Snow

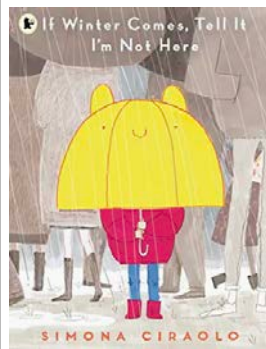
by Kate Messner & Christopher Silas Neal

Over the snow, the world is hushed and white. But under the snow lies a secret world of squirrels and snow hares, bears and bullfrogs, and many other animals making their winter home under the snow. This beloved nonfiction picture book exploring the subnivean zone reveals the tunnels and caves formed beneath the snow but over the ground, where many kinds of animals live through the winter, safe and warm, awake and busy, but hidden beneath the snow. (F2-Y2)



The Storm Whale in Winter by Benji Davies

It's winter time and Noi's island is covered in a blanket of snow. Even the sea is icing over. Noi is worried about the little whale he saved last summer: Can he survive the harsh conditions? Little does Noi know that it's the little whale's turn to save him. A magical and touching story about a lasting friendship. A truly beautiful work packing a real emotional punch. (F2-Y2).



If Winter Comes, Tell it I'm Not Here by Simona Cirraola

Nothing is better than summer, swimming every day and eating ice cream. But a little boy's big sister has BIG news. She tells him that summer is going to end soon ... and winter is coming! When winter comes, she says, it will be cold ... and dark ... and rain all the time. They'll be stuck on the sofa for days and won't even dream of eating ice cream... (F2-Y2)



The Shortest Day by Susan Cooper & Carson Ellis

As the sun set on the shortest day of the year, early people would gather to prepare for the long night ahead. They built fires and lit candles. They played music, bringing their own light to the darkness, while wondering if the sun would ever rise again. Susan Cooper's poem *The Shortest Day* captures the magic behind the returning of the light, the yearning for traditions that connect us with generations that have gone before - and the hope for peace that we carry into the future. (Y2+).

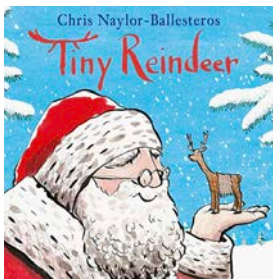
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Christmas Crackers!



Pick a Pine Tree by Patricia Toht & Jarvis

Brimming over with the excitement of being with family at the festive season, a gorgeously rhythmical, read-aloud narrative accompanied by warm, joyful art celebrates all the familiar rituals of decorating the tree – from digging out jam-packed boxes of trimmings, stringing tinsel, to, at last, turning on those twinkly fairy lights. (F2-Y2)



Tiny Reindeer by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

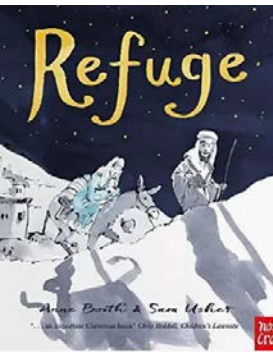
Tiny Reindeer just can't find his place in the busy North Pole. Being much smaller than the other reindeer, he's not very good at any of the jobs Santa gives him. But when a letter comes from a little girl with a Christmas wish to help keep the memory of her grandfather alive, Tiny knows exactly what he needs to do. (F2-Y2)

Where BJÖRN Belongs



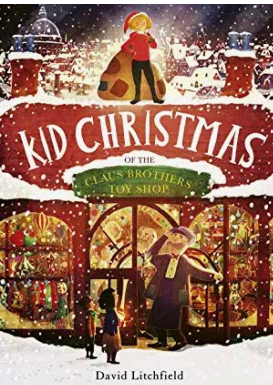
Where Bjorn Belongs by Samuel Langley Swain & Mirna Imamovic

A Christmas story centred around a boy and a bear, with a message about sustainability at the heart. Arctic-enthusiast Arthur does not like Christmas, the noise, the lights, and the crowds. He keeps his precious toy polar bear close for security, but after losing him and asking Father Christmas for a new one, he wakes up to find a REAL polar bear in his garden! Arthur names his new friend Bjorn, and in spite of his best efforts to keep him cold and happy, it soon becomes clear that he needs to help his friend return to where he belongs. Time for some more Christmas magic . . . (F2-Y2)



Refuge by Anne Booth & Sam Usher

This powerful and evocative picture book, which tells the Christmas story and what follows the fleeing of Jesus, Mary and Joseph from Herod's soldiers to Egypt has timeless crossover appeal and a poignant message that couldn't be more relevant. This book was published in support of refugees and money from the sale of each book will go to the charity War Child. War Child UK is caring for Syrian refugee children in camps and host communities in Jordan and Northern Iraq. (F2-Y2+ Also thought provoking for adults)



Kid Christmas by David Litchfield

Nicky Claus works with his uncles in the Claus Brothers Toy Emporium. Uncle Hanz makes the toys, Uncle Louis checks them and Uncle Levi adds the... what's the scientific term for it? Ah, yes. The magic! For each toy made at the Emporium has a special sparkle that means it will find the child it is perfect for. One day, Nicky notices a young girl with her face pressed up to the glass. When she disappears, he follows her and finds her living on the streets with lots of other children, none of whom can afford a toy. Nicky vows that for one night only, every child will have the toy of their dreams and – with the help of his uncles and some flying reindeer – the legend of Father Christmas is born. (F2-Y2)

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

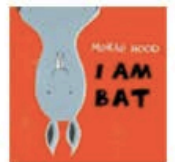
Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



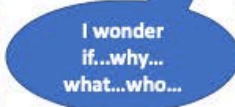
Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



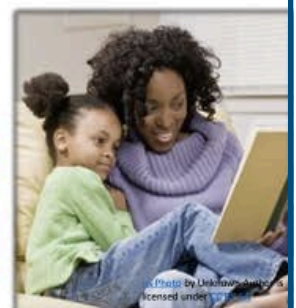
Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



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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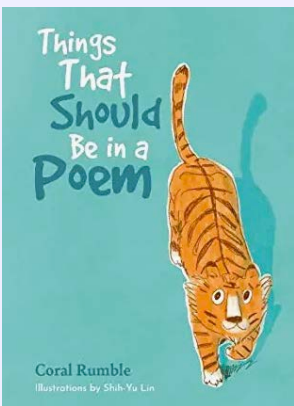
Poetry



Blow, Wind, Blow!

by Dom Conlon & Anastasia Izlesou

Chase Wind through the oceans, fields and mountains as, from zephyr to gale, she carries seeds and stirs seas, enriching the world and breathing life. This is the third book in the Wild Wanderers series. Each book takes a gentle and lyrical journey through biodiversity, environment and challenges to unlock a world of wonder. (Y2+)



Things that Should be in a Poem

By Coral Rumble & Shih-Yu Lin

'Did you know, you can bump into a poem anywhere? You find them in houses, fields, oceans, cities, trees...the list is endless! I've even found poems in people's faces, when they laugh or cry, or get excited. Of course, you have to write the poems you find, because poems can't hold a pen or type on a keyboard. This book is full of poems I found when I was looking out for them. I had to dig some out of my imagination - ouch! You'll discover in the pages some things that I think should be in a poem, but I'm sure you can think of more. Go hunting!' (Y1, Y2+)



The Night Before Christmas

by Clement C. Moore & Stacy Thomas

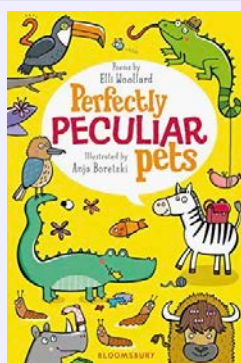
Perfect for sharing with little ones, nothing captures the Christmas spirit better than Clement C. Moore's much-loved poem. With Stacey Thomas's lavish illustrations, this new edition of the traditional poem is an essential advent read for Christmas lovers young and old. (F2+)



Once Upon a Big Idea

by James Carter

From bridges and boats to medicines and mobile phones, this book takes readers on a journey of discovery through all the amazing inventions human beings have come up with. Learn how rocks and stones helped create the pyramids and how modern materials such as concrete and nylon have changed our lives. (Y1, Y2)

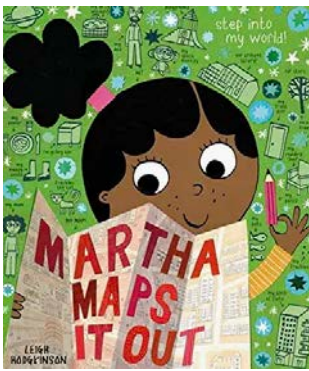


Perfectly Peculiar Pets

by Elli Woollard & Anja Boretzki

Filled with fun rhymes, quirky illustrations and exotic animals, this book is perfect for reading aloud. Some poems are hilarious, some are gruesome and some will make you want to wash your hair, but there's sure to be a pet poem here for every child and adult alike. With a poem for every letter of the alphabet and tips for children writing their own rhymes, this is the perfect book for budding young poets. (Y1, Y2)

Information Books



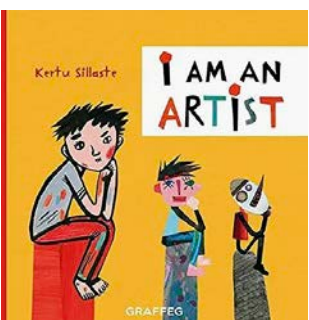
Martha Maps it Out by Leigh Hodgkinson

Martha LOVES drawing maps. She creates maps of everything—even her thoughts and dreams! Let Martha be your guide as she welcomes you to her world. Starting in outer space, we zoom in page by page, to our planet, Martha's community, and beyond to her dreams of a future where ANYTHING is possible. Full of quirky details and fun non-fiction labels that children will love poring over—they will discover cool new facts with every reading. Each map is imbued with an irresistible sense of excitement about the world and optimism for the future. (Y1, Y2)



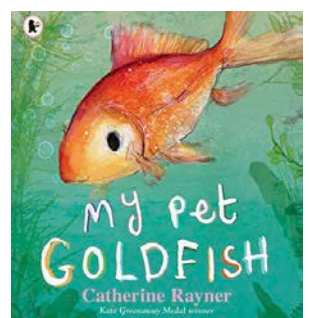
Professor Astro Cat's Space Rockets by Dr Dominic Walliman

Greetings, fellow space travellers! Have you ever wondered how a rocket works? Do you dream of becoming an astronaut? Then come along as we find out all the exciting ways we can reach space. Professor Astro Cat's latest adventure leads young readers through the wonders of space travel. Easy-to-understand facts and descriptions introduce rockets, spaceships, satellites and the space station. Get ready for blastoff! (Y2+)



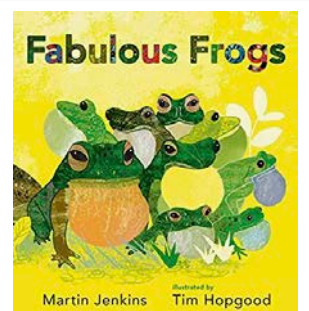
I am an Artist by Kurt Sillaste

What is an artist? Sometimes John finds art easy, sometimes it's hard, sometimes art is like a game, but sometimes it's a puzzle. This book takes us through the many ups and downs of John's life as an artist whilst also showing the fun that can be had with many different artforms, including drawing, sculpture, painting, photography and many more. Being an artist is about being brave, frustrated and disappointed. But it's also about being creative, imaginative, excited and fulfilled – which makes it a wonderful thing for all children to say with confidence ...I am an ARTIST! (Y1, Y2)



My Pet Goldfish by Catherine Rayner

My Pet Goldfish is a delightful picture book with facts by the Greenaway Medal-winning author-illustrator Catherine Rayner. The child narrating this story has been given their first ever pet: a tiny fish with shimmering scales and bright beady eyes... Their very own goldfish! Sitting alongside the gentle narrative and dynamic illustrations, the subtext introduces facts about goldfish and their care – some gentle, some funny, some fascinating – making this a perfect choice for first-time owners. (F2-Y2)



Fabulous Frogs by Martin Jenkins & Tim Hopgood

Huge frogs, tiny frogs, hairy frogs, and flying frogs hop through the pages of this colorful nonfiction book. Discover the Goliath frog, biggest in the world, and the Darwin's frog, which has a pointy nose and holds its tadpoles in its mouth. Learn why some frogs are brightly colored and which one can bury itself in the desert until rain comes. There are so many kinds of frogs in the world -- more than five thousand! -- and all of them are fabulous. (F2-Y2)

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Building a Home

by Polly Faber & Klas Fahlen

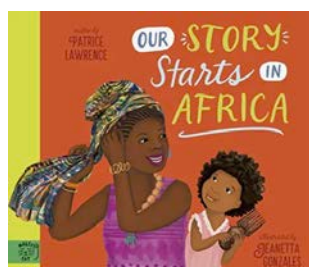
Find out all about the people, machines, processes and tools involved in breathing new life into an old building. Packed with builders, cranes, diggers, cement mixers and a host of other exciting tools and machinery, follow a crumbling old factory on the edge of town as it goes from being an empty shell to something entirely new . . . a home. (F2-Y2)



Taking Flight: How the Wright Brothers Conquered the Skies

by Adam Hanchen

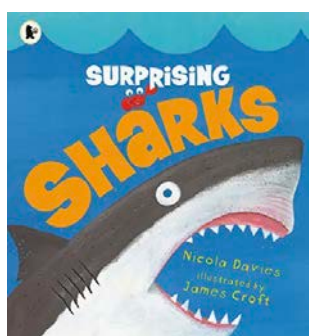
The pioneering Wright brothers dared to dream of being the first men in the world to fly... but would they ever see their dreams take flight? The golden age of aviation is brought vividly to life in this story of determination, ingenuity and courage (Y1, Y2)



Our Story Starts in Africa

By Patrice Lawrence and Jeanetta Gonzales

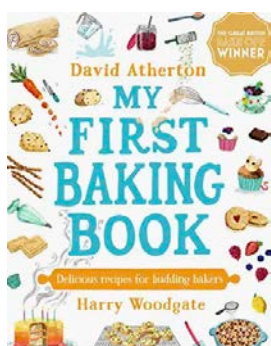
When Paloma goes to visit her family in Trinidad, she doesn't feel that she fits in. But Tante Janet has a story to tell her: An ancient story of warrior queens and talking drums, of treasures and tales that span thousands of years... a story that Paloma shares in, because her story starts in Africa, too.. Join Tante and her inquisitive niece as they share the story of how her family came to the Caribbean, through the dark days of colonization and slavery, to the emergence of a thriving, contemporary community of many faces, places and successes. (Y1, Y2)



Surprising Sharks

By Nicola Davies and James Croft

The last word you want to hear when you're swimming in the warm blue sea is "Shark!" But most real sharks are not what you might expect. Some are no bigger than a chocolate bar, some have built-in fairy lights and most wouldn't go near a human, even if you were wearing a sign saying "dinner"! So if you think all sharks are giant, man-eating killers, you're in for a big surprise. (F2-Y2)



My First Baking Book: Delicious Recipes for Budding Bakers

by David Atherton and Harry Woodgate

Learn how to bake breads, cakes, pastries and biscuits to perfection in this imaginative collection of deliciously healthy recipes. Featuring easy to follow, beautifully illustrated step-by-step instructions, and a wealth of classic and creative bakes, this first baking book is jam-packed with inspiring content and has everything budding bakers need to take their first steps to baking glory! (Y2)

Our favourite class reads!

Take a look at our favourite book to listen to during our read aloud time.



Class 1
My Hair
By Hannah Lee and
Allen Fatimaharan



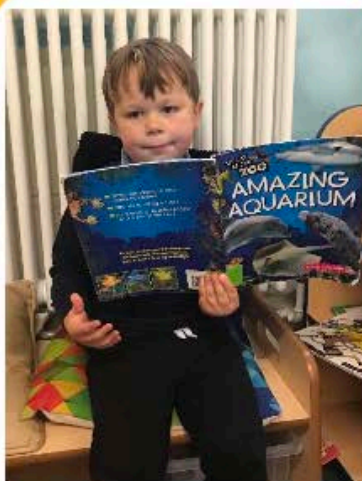
Class 2
Owl Babies
By Martin Waddell and
Patrick Benson



Class 3
The Cave
By Rob Hodgson



Class 4
The Colour Monster
By Anna Llenas



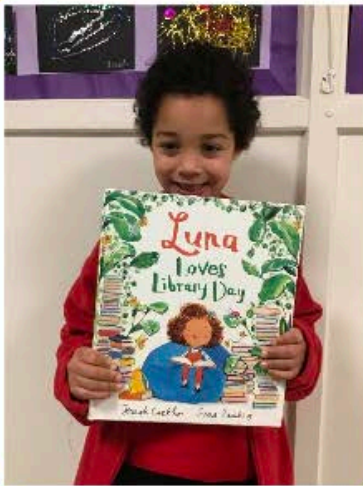
Class 5
Amazing Aquarium
By Terry Jennings



Class 6
Toy Tales
By Helen Cooper

Our favourite class reads!

Take a look at our favourite book to listen to during our read aloud time.



Class 7
Luna Loves Library Day
By Joseph Coelho and
Fiona Lumbers



Class 8
Poo in the Zoo
By Steve Smallman and
Ada Grey



Class 9
Taking Flight
By Adam Hancher



Class 10
Once Upon a Wild Wood
By Chris Riddell



Class 11
My Two Grannies
By Floella Benjamin and
Margaret Chamberlain



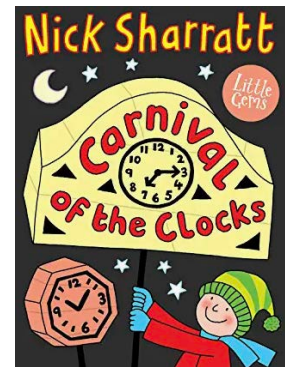
Class 12
The Koala Who Could
By Rachel Bright and
Jim Field

First Chapter Books

Carnival of the Clocks

by Nick Sharratt

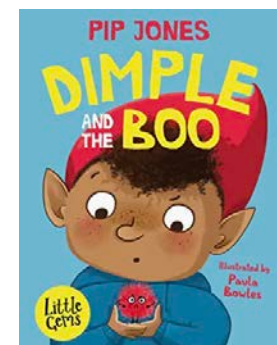
On a dark winter's evening at the end of December, something strange is happening in the school playground. Lessons finished long ago, but there are lots of children still at school and they're all carrying ... clocks! Clocks of every shape and size – big, small, round and square, heart-shaped, star-shaped. What's going on? Join the children and find out as they celebrate the winter solstice on the shortest day of the year – marching through the town in the Carnival of the Clocks!



Dimple and the Boo

by Pip Jones

Oh dear, Dimple the Gnome is having a very bad day and he just can't find the right words to tell anyone how he's feeling. Then Dimple finds the Boo, who lets everyone know what's going on. But the Boo's rude words and naughty noises just get Dimple into trouble. Can Dimple find another way to express himself?



Sidney Makes a Wish

by Lisa Thompson and Jess Rose

When Sidney spots a wishing well in the long grass on his way to school, he thinks he might have found the answer to the problems he's having with his friend Billy. If he can just wish for exactly the right thing, then surely Billy will want to be friends with him again? But as Sidney makes his wishes, what he doesn't realise is that the friend he's longing for has been there all along...



Billy and the Mini Monsters: Monsters Go to A Party

by Zanna Davidson & Melanie Williamson

It's Billy's best friend's birthday, and the Mini Monsters have come to the party too! Gloop gets mixed up with the jelly, Fang-Face is after the cake and Trumpet's been swept away by a balloon. Billy can't save them all on his own, but who can he turn to for help?



The Hat Full of Secrets

by Karl Newson & Wazza Pink

Henry's got a secret ... a big one!

And he doesn't know what to do with it.

Grandpa suggests he should keep it under his hat – and he's got just the hat for the job. But when Henry puts it on he discovers that Grandpa has some secrets of his own!

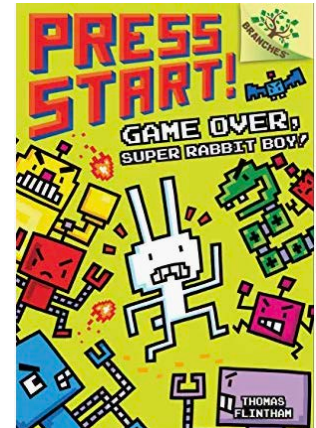


First Chapter Books

Press Start! Game Over, Super Rabbit Boy!

by Thomas Flintham

Uh-oh, Animal Town is in trouble! Meanie King Viking has created a dreaded robot army to spread No Fun across the land. On top of that, he has stolen the happiest and most fun animal ever, Singing Dog. There is only one person who can save the day -- Super Rabbit Boy! Super Rabbit Boy is super fast and super brave, but he's also a video game character living in a video game world. What will happen when Sunny, the boy playing the game, loses each level? Will it be game over for Super Rabbit Boy and all his friends?



Mike Falls Up

by Candy Gourley & Carlos Ballesteros

Mike and his dog Bowow are relaxing in the Chocolate Hills when the ground starts to tremble and the next moment a gaping hole appears. Before Mike can stop him, Bowow jumps into the hole. Then a note floats up... Party. Come now. Just fall up.

There's no time to wonder what it means - Mike jumps in and falls into the most topsy-turvy of adventures...



The Missing Bookshop

by Katie Clapham & Kirsti Beautyman

Milly loves going to story time at her local bookshop. Mrs Minty is an encyclopedia of books and knows the perfect story for every occasion ... tales of mischievous children and faraway lands, magical beasts and daring adventures. But the bookshop is old and creaky, just like Mrs Minty herself. And then one day Milly arrives to find the shop gone. What has happened to Mrs Minty and her irreplaceable bookshop?



Princess Minna: The Big Bad Snowy Day

By Kirsty Applebaum & Sahar Haghighoo

Snow has fallen overnight and poor Granny Hoody is snowed in! Princess Minna has to fix things. But Granny Hoody lives in the dark forest and there's a big bad wolf who lives there too. Can Princess Minna find Granny's cottage or will she stray from the path and meet the WOLF instead?



Chapter Books

Bad Nana: Older Not Wider by Spohie Henn

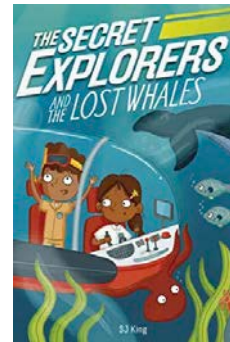
Jeanie's Grandma is BAD. Not bad like a vampire or a gangster or anything, more like . . . up to no good. Sometimes she can be a bit embarrassing but most of the time she's REALLY fun, especially when she gets Jeanie involved in her mischievous schemes. Everyone says she's old enough to know better . . . but she doesn't seem to care one bit. In fact, Jeanie thinks she might quite like it!



The Secret Explorers and the Lost Whales

by S J King

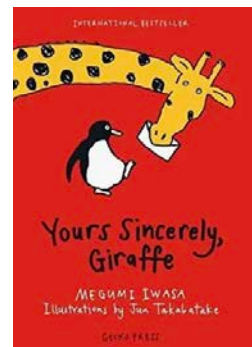
Meet The Secret Explorers! This group of brilliant kids come together from all four corners of the globe to fix problems, solve mysteries and gather knowledge all over the planet - and beyond. Whenever their help is needed, a special sign will appear on a door. They step through to the Exploration Station, and receive their mission...



Yours Sincerely, Giraffe

by Megumi Iwasa & Jun Takebatake

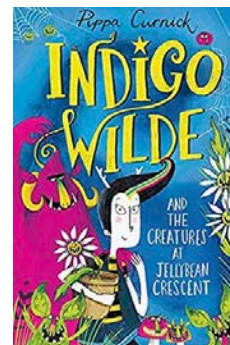
Giraffe is bored, as usual. He'd love a friend to share things with. So he writes a letter and sends it as far as possible across the other side of the horizon. There he finds a pen pal-Penguin.



Indigo Wilde and the Creatures at Jellybean Crescent

By Pippa Curnick

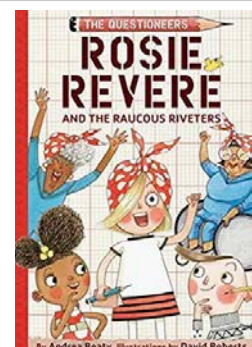
Home for Indigo and her little brother, Quigley, is 47 Jellybean Crescent, a crazy and colourful house full of magical creatures that her parents have taken in over the years. And now Indigo's parents have sent another Monster Mail delivery to Indigo and Quigley. But this time, the box is empty, and the escaped creature is running rampage around the house. The race is on to catch the creature before it's too late ...



Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters

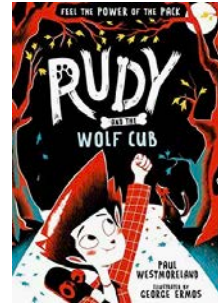
by Andrea Beaty & David Roberts

Rosie Revere is no stranger to flops and fails, kerfuffles and catastrophes. After all, engineering is all about perseverance! But this time, Rosie has a really important project to tackle—one that feels much bigger than herself. Rosie's beloved Aunt Rose and her friends, the Raucous Riveters—a group of fun-loving gals who built airplanes during World War II—need help inventing something new. And Rosie is just the engineer for the job!



Chapter books

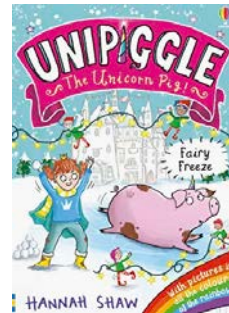
Rudy and the Wolf Club by Paul Westmorland & George Ermos
When Rudy finds a lost wolf cub at the skatepark, he knows he has to help him. Rudy tries everything he can think of to find the cub's pack, but they're nowhere to be seen, or smelled, and time is running out. Can a howl in the night change the fate of the little cub? How-how-harroooooow!



Unipiggle: Fairy Freeze

by Hannah Shaw

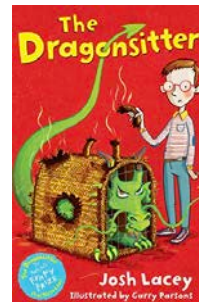
Princess Pea and Unipiggle are thrilled when it snows! They can't wait to party at the Twinkleland Palace Snow Ball. But the Festive Fairies haven't delivered their usual sparkle and cheer across the kingdom. And without it, the Snow Ball can't go ahead. Where could the fairies be? It's up to Princess Pea and Unipiggle to find out and save the Snow Ball!



The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey & Garry Parsons

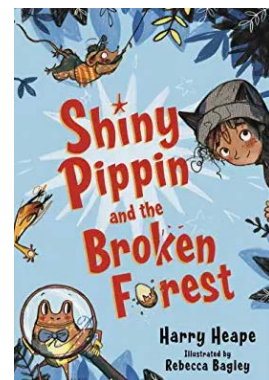
'Dear Uncle Morton. You'd better get on a plane right now and come back here. Your dragon has eaten Jemima.'

It had sounded so easy: Edward was going to look after Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he went on holiday. But soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are blazing, and the postman is fleeing down the garden path.



Shiny Pippin and the Broken Forest by Harry Heape & Rebecca Bagley

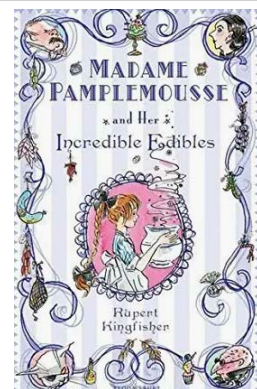
Pippin's just an ordinary little girl who lives with her ordinary little granny in the ordinary little town of Funsprings. Or so she thinks. When some rather terrible goings on start occurring, Granny is forced to reveal a secret - she used to be a secret crime fighter! And on top of that, Pippin has a special gift - she is Shiny, and can talk to animals. Hurray! Armed with her new power and some new friends to boot, Pippin will confront kidnappers, evil scientists and would-be diamond thieves to solve the mystery of where are the animals are disappearing to.



Madame Pamplemousse and Her Incredible Edibles

by Rupert Kingfisher & Sue Halliard

Madeleine is forced to work in her unpleasant uncle's horrible restaurant, The Squealing Pig. By chance she comes across the most marvellous shop, run by Madame Pamplemousse, which is quiet, discreet, yet full of delicious and otherworldly 'edibles' - Pterodactyl Bacon, Scorpion Tails in Smoked Garlic Oil, and Great Squid Tentacle in Jasmine-Scented Jelly. A quiet comradeship develops between Madeleine, Madame Pamplemousse, and Madame's cat, Camembert. And together they create some wonderful culinary magic.



Graphic Novels

Emerging research shows that comics and graphic novels are motivating, support struggling 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/>



Narwhal and Jelly
by Ben Clanton
(age 5+)



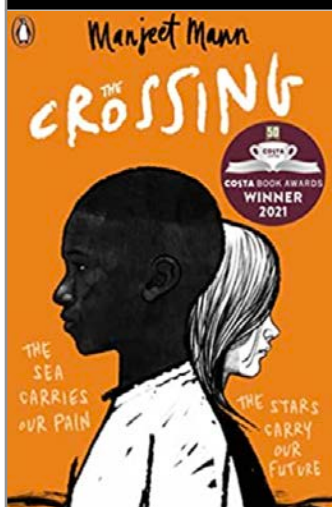
BunBun and BonBon
by Jess Keating
(age 6+)



Claude Comic Capers
by Alex T. Smith
(age 6+)

A book recommendation for the grown ups...

Research shows that children who see their parents/carers taking pleasure in reading are more likely to choose to read, and enjoy reading, themselves.



Winner of the Costa Children's Book Awards in 2021 and the Sunday Times Children's Book of the Week - a trailblazing novel about two teenagers from opposite worlds; *The Crossing* is a profound story of hope, grief, and the very real tragedies of the refugee crisis. Natalie's world is falling apart. She's just lost her mum and her brother marches the streets of Dover full of hate and anger. Swimming is her only refuge. Sammy has fled his home and family in Eritrea for the chance of a new life in Europe. Every step he takes on his journey is a step into an unknown and unwelcoming future. A twist of fate brings them together and gives them both hope. But is hope enough to mend a broken world?

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.

Rhyme and Reason - our local independent bookshop



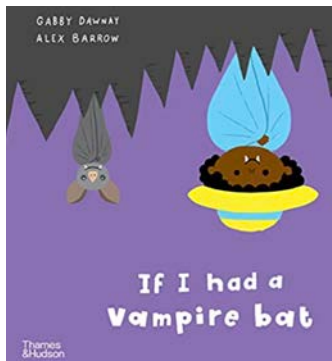
Opening times

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

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



For this edition of our newsletter, Sadie at Rhyme & Reason would like to recommend...



If I had a Vampire Bat by Gabby Dawnat & Alex Barrow

I really want a spooky pet
that flaps around and hangs.
A toothy type of swoopy pet
with shiny pointed fangs...

Imagine if I had a... vampire bat!

This text imagines what it would be like to live a nocturnal lifestyle and the funny scenarios one might encounter trick-or-treating or at the funfair with a vampire bat as your pal!

(Recommended for aged 3-5 years)

Reading into Writing



Class 9 learnt a poem called 'My New Pet' (by Mrs Maloney) for National Poetry Day in October. Piper was inspired to write her own version of the poem at home. We think it's brilliant! Well done, Piper!

My new pet

My new pet is silly and sweet,
If you get to know her you are in for a treat.
She's got a rainbow mane all down her back,
With four hooves that go clickety-clack.
On her head she has an indigo, sparkly horn,
If you have not guessed yet...she's my UNICORN!

News and Upcoming Bookish Events

Reading Wish List

In order to foster a love of reading, we aim to provide our pupils with a range of tempting, contemporary and inclusive books. If you feel able to purchase a book for our classroom book corners or library, please visit our wishlist on the Best Books for Schools website (part of Just Imagine) using the link below. Thanks so much for your support!

<https://www.bestbooksforschools.com/community/wishlist/?id=6569146712283>



Parent & Carer Book Swap Shelf

Have you visited it yet?

We know that many grown-ups love to read too, so we have created a book swap shelf in the school main entrance for the use of parents and carers. If you read something amazing, please do leave a brief recommendation!



Spark! School Book Awards

<https://www.sparkbookawards.co.uk/home>

We are delighted that Lydgate Infant School will be taking part in the Spark! Awards for the first time this year. The children will be reading and voting for a shortlisted selection of picture fiction. More news on this in the New Year!



Multilingual Parenting session

As a multi-lingual setting with over 20 different languages spoken by its pupils, the school has decided to link with a Sheffield University Project supporting and celebrating its multi-lingual context. As part of this link, Dr Sabine Little (from Sheffield University) ran an informative online session for parents and carers in which she talked about multilingual parenting and ways to support the various languages a child may speak. If you missed it, you can access the recording via the LIS website.

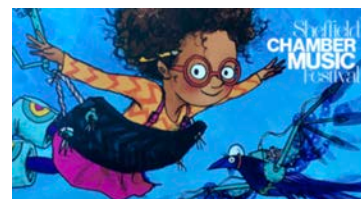
The Multilingual Children's Library is located within Sheffield Central Library on Surrey Street. There are hundreds of books (for children and adults) in multiple languages. Books can be read in the library or borrowed to read at home.



Family Concert at the Crucible Theatre: Izzy Gizmo

Back by popular demand, this delightful family concert for 3-7 year-olds is based on the best-selling children's book 'Izzy Gizmo', by Pip Jones and illustrated by Sara Ogilvie. The book tells the story of an intrepid young inventor who puts her talents to work to rescue a crow that can't fly. The concert features Ensemble 360 and leading UK music educationalist, Polly Ives. Tickets can be purchased on the Music in the Round website.

<https://musicintheround.co.uk/events/family-concert-izzy-gizmo/>



We hope that some of the books suggested in this newsletter might spark your interest. If not, don't worry. There are so many more wonderful books out there to discover. Here are some websites to browse for other book ideas:

- 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>

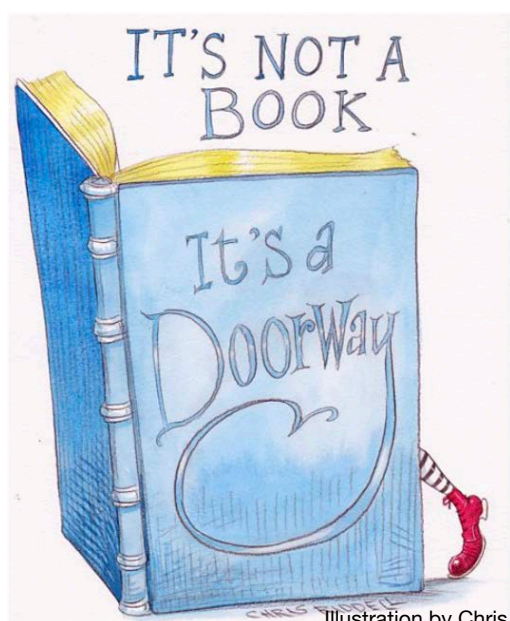


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If you or your child read any of the books mentioned in the newsletter, please let us know what you thought of them. You could even send us a photo of your child reading the book!

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:

read@lydgate-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Happy reading,

Mrs Varley & Miss Whitehead