



# Lydgate Infant School

# Reading Newsletter

## Spring 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 award-winning author, illustrator and artist, James Mayhew



*James Mayhew*

When he isn't writing or illustrating, James Mayhew presents children's concerts. He creates artwork live on stage whilst an orchestra plays magnificent classical pieces. Mrs Varley attended one of his concerts (Once Upon a Tune) and was lucky enough to meet James afterwards! James kindly offered to write a special message to our school.



Dear everyone at Lydgate Infant School,

Hello! I hope you are all well.

I'm writing this special message to you to wish you a happy year ahead, full of books and stories and art.

Right now, I'm busy creating illustrations for new stories, which is very exciting. I like seeing characters come to life. That's how I fell in love with books! When I was little I sometimes found reading and writing quite tricky.

But the illustrations were so wonderful, I knew I had to keep on reading so I could understand exactly what was happening in the pictures!

Here's a little drawing of Mouse and Mole I'm working on at the moment! It's for a new book in a series written by Joyce Dunbar. Nowadays, I really love reading and writing, and have lots of fun trying to get all the words in the right order. When I create the illustrations, I work very hard, imagining the characters and drawing them out. But it doesn't feel like work, it's always fun. I love drawing with lots of different things, not just pencil. I use ink, paint and crayons...



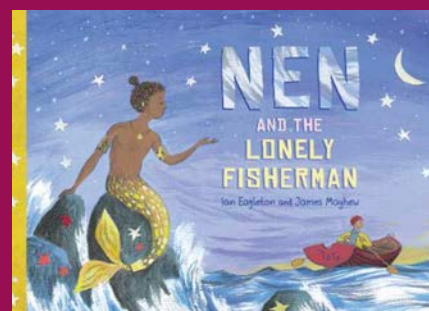
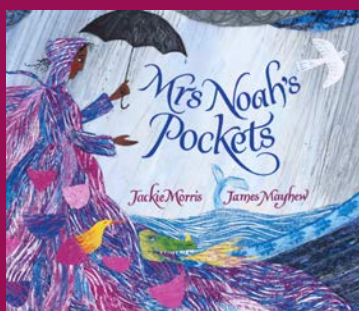
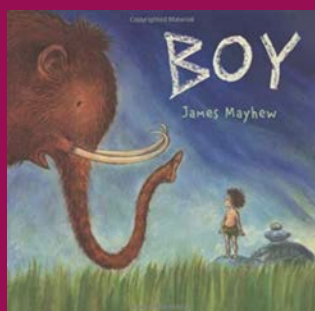
Maybe you could have a go at drawing a character from a favourite story?

I hope you have lots of fun with books, finding new and funny words or spotting interesting or magical characters.

Best wishes and a big wave!

James Mayhew

Here are some fabulous books written and/or illustrated by James Mayhew. Have you read any of them yet?



## 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKFdKs_2wJY)

## Supporting Readers at Home



On the next few pages are some fabulous book recommendations. Enjoy browsing!



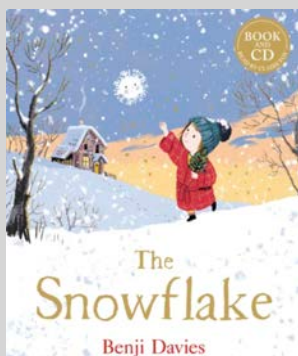
Here are a few winter-themed wonders. They are best enjoyed with hot chocolate and a cosy blanket!



### Winter Sleep A Hibernation Story

By Sean Taylor and Alex Morss

A gentle introduction to the concept of hibernation. In the frosty, quiet forest, the snow blankets the ground and the trees have shed their leaves. Where have all the animals gone? Explore dens with sleeping creatures, and the hollow trunks of trees where animals are nesting. After the story, annotated illustrations explain the hibernation facts for each animal and what they will do when they wake up for spring.

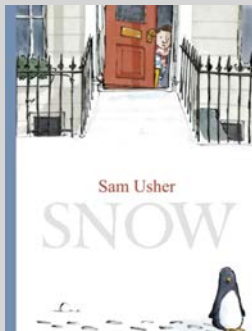


### The Snowflake

By Benji Davies

High, high up in the clouds a tiny snowflake is made. Perfectly small, fluffy, crystal and white, it tumbles and bounces inside the cloud. But then she begins to fall...

The Snowflake tells the tale of one snowflake and one little girl – both longing for something and looking for their own special place in the world.



### Snow

by Sam Usher

Every child loves a snow day – no school and snowball fights galore! But Sam has to wait for his Grandad. Trying to hurry him up, Sam tells Grandad all the other kids have gone to the park... and all the local dogs... and all the zoo animals! Only when they finally arrive does Grandad see Sam was telling the truth – and both of them get stuck in having fun on their snow day!



### Super Frozen Magic Forest

by Matty Long

Winter is coming – and the residents of the forest do not like it one little bit. The snow is too cold, the ice is too slippery, and the frost is destroying their prize winning gardens. Five brave heroes (a unicorn, a mushroom, a faun, a fairy, and a gnome) must travel to the Frozen North to overthrow the Snow Queen and save the forest. But will they be able to outwit her army of snowmen?

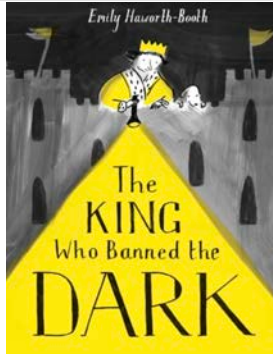


### The Fire Fox

by Alexandra Page and Stef Murphy

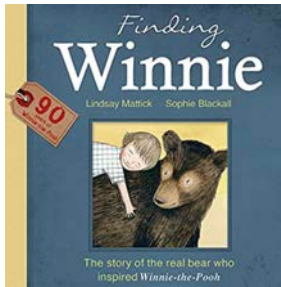
Freya and her mum have gone to a little cabin to get away for a while. The light has gone out of their lives since Freya's dad passed away. Freya isn't sure about going sledding, but when she meets a magical fox in the snow, she can't help but follow him into the forest – and on to a thrilling adventure. A story inspired by the Finnish Saami myth of the revontulet, or fox fires – the sparks that fly from the fur of a mystical fox to become the Northern Lights

## Picture books



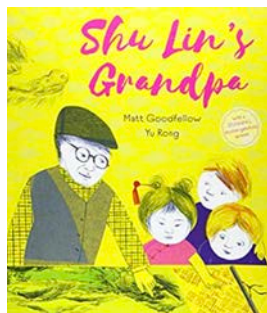
### **The King Who Banned the Dark** by Emily Haworth-Booth

There was once a little prince who was afraid of the dark. He decided that when he became King, he would do something about the dark. He would ban it. When a King bans the dark completely, installing an artificial sun, and enforcing "anti-dark" laws, it seems like a good idea. The citizens don't need to worry about monsters, crime, or any of the other scary things that might live in the dark. But what happens when nobody can sleep, and the citizens revolt? Will the King face his fears and turn the lights off?



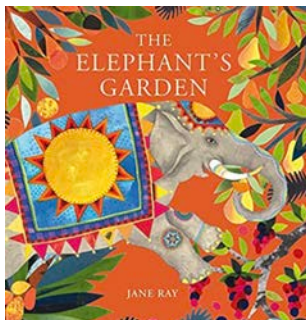
### **Finding Winnie: The story of the Real Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh** by Lindsay Mattick and Sophie Blackall

In 1914, Harry Colebourn, a vet on his way to tend horses in World War One, followed his heart and rescued a baby bear. He named her Winnie and he took her to war. The story follows the journey from the fields of Canada to an army base in England, and finally to London Zoo, where Winnie made another new friend. A boy called Christopher Robin . . .



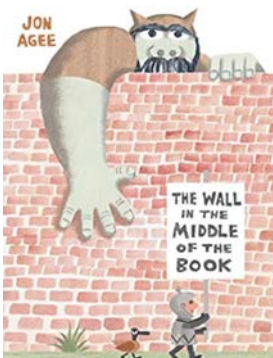
### **Shu Lin's Grandpa** by Matt Goodfellow and Yu Ring

Shu Lin has just started at a new school. She stands alone in the playground and at lunchtime she eats by herself from little boxes of brightly coloured food. What's up with her? says Barney. But when Shu Lin's grandpa comes to school and shows the class his amazing Chinese paintings, everything changes. This uplifting story shows the transformative power of art and imagination in developing cultural understanding and empathy.



### **The Elephant's Garden** by Jane Ray

Jasmine works hard in her garden, but someone is eating all the fruit. Who can it be? Little does Jasmine know her curiosity will lead her up into the very skies - to a very different type of garden in the heavens. A beautiful retelling of an Indian tale.

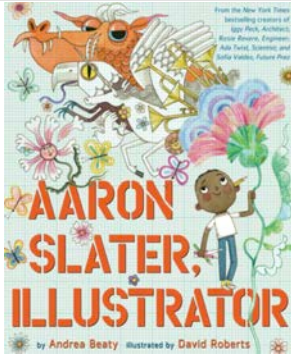


### **The Wall in the Middle of the Book** by Jon Agee

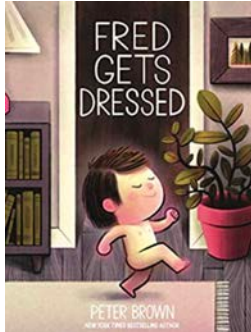
In this timeless tale battling notions of prejudice and preconception, a little knight is glad the wall in the middle of the book keeps him safe from the ogre on the other side - until a big flood on his side means he needs the ogre to rescue him! Suddenly he discovers a wonderful new world. Making fun use of the middle of the book, classic picture book creator Jon Agee is brilliant in his use of the page turn, visual storytelling, and deadpan humour, and appeals to fans of Oliver Jeffers and Jon Klassen.



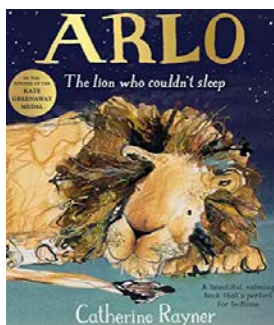
## Picture books



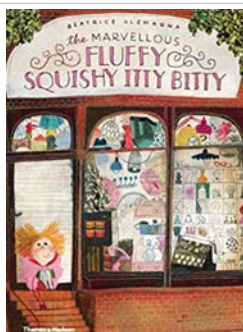
**Aaron Slater Illustrator** by Andrea Beaty and David Roberts  
Aaron Slater loves listening to stories and dreams of one day writing them himself. But when it comes to reading, the letters just look like squiggles to him, and it soon becomes clear he struggles more than his peers. When his teacher asks each child in the class to write a story, Aaron can't get a single word down. He is sure his dream of being a storyteller is out of reach . . . until inspiration strikes, and Aaron finds a way to spin a tale in a way that is uniquely his.



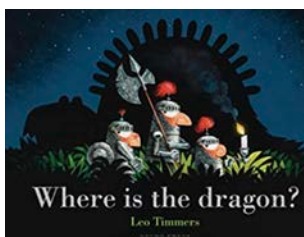
**Fred Gets Dressed** by Peter Brown  
Fred loves to be naked! He romps around his house naked and wild and free. Until he romps into his parents' bedroom and is inspired, finally, to get dressed. But there's so much in the wardrobe! What will Fred choose?



**Arlo The Lion Who Couldn't Sleep** by Catherine Raynor  
Arlo the lion is exhausted. He just can't drop off, no matter what he tries. It's either too hot, or too cold; too loud or too quiet. But then he meets Owl. She can sleep through the day, which isn't easy when most other animals are awake! Will Arlo ever get any rest? Perhaps his new friend has some special tricks she can teach him.



**The Marvellous Fluffy Squishy Itty Bitty** by Beatrice Alemagna  
Eddie knows her mum would love a Fluffy Squishy Itty Bitty for her birthday. The only problem is that she doesn't know what a Fluffy Squishy Itty Bitty is, or where to find one! Join Eddie as she tours the whole town, trying to track down the perfect present.



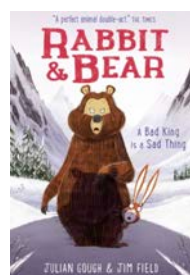
**Where is the Dragon?** by Leo Timmers

In this delightful story, three knights go looking for a dragon in the dark. The king won't sleep until they find it. The knights know everything about dragons. With only one candle between them, they go out into the night. Is that a dragon? Attack!

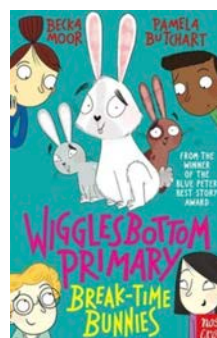
## Early Chapter Books Series

These are series which are suitable for readers aged 5+

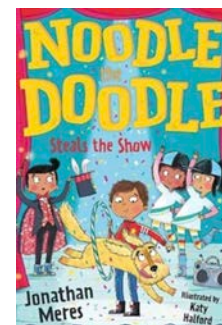
**Rabbit and Bear** by Julian Gough  
 There are now five books in this series of laugh-out-loud adventures. There are plenty of illustrations alongside the witty text. 'A Bad King is a Sad Thing' is a story of friends, enemies, and how to avoid being pooped on by an icebear!



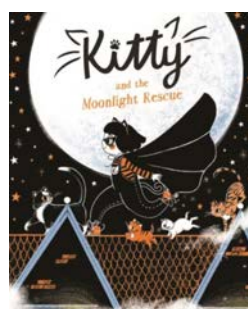
**Wigglesbottom Primary** by Pamela Butchart.  
 Laugh-out-loud school-based fun in two-colour stories, perfect for encouraging independent reading. Three short stories in each book keep just confident readers engaged while lively two-colour illustrations bring these hilarious early readers to life and perfectly bridge the gap between picture books and chapter books.



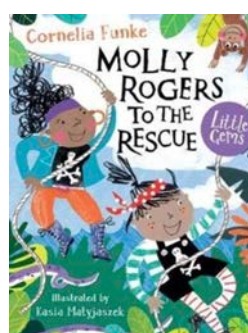
**Noodle the Doodle** by Jonathan Meres  
 There are two book in this series so far. Noodle the Doodle is part of the class at Wigley Primary. There's plenty of mishaps, mayhem and fun, because Noodle the Doodle is a dog!



**The Kitty series** by Paula Harrison  
 Girl by day. Cat by night. Ready for adventure! This chapter book series is purrfect for newly confident readers who are looking for superhero stories

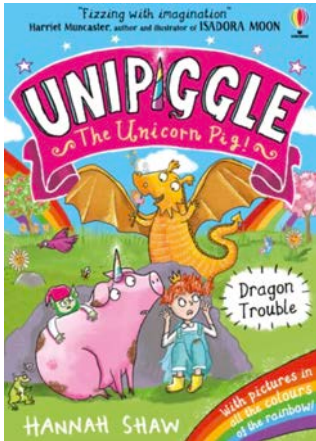


**Little Gems** from Barrington Stoke Ltd.  
 by a variety of authors  
 This series is super for beginner readers. The paper is cream and they have a special easy-to-read font. Titles include: The First Third Wish (Iain Beck), Grandpa was an Astronaut (Jonathan Meres) and Molly Rogers to the Rescue (Cornelia Funke).





**More challenging chapter books**  
**These are usually aimed at readers aged 7+**



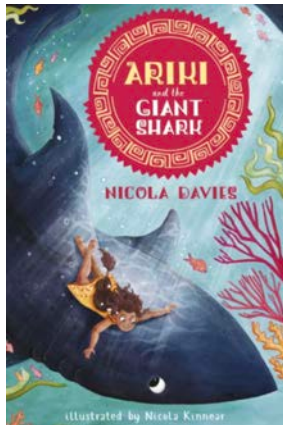
Unipiggle The Unicorn Pig  
 Dragon Trouble  
 by Hannah Shaw



Agents of the Wild 2  
 Operation Icebreak  
 by Jennifer Bell and Alice Lickens



The Tindims and the Ten  
 Green Bottles  
 by Sally Gardner



Ariki and the Giant Shark  
 by Nicola Davies

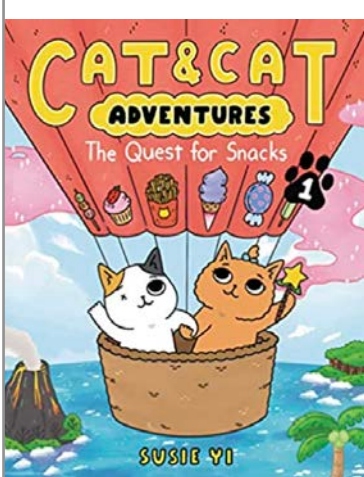


Granny Ting Ting  
 by Patrice Lawrence



Leonora Bolt Secret Inventor  
 by Lucy Brandt

**Graphic Novels**

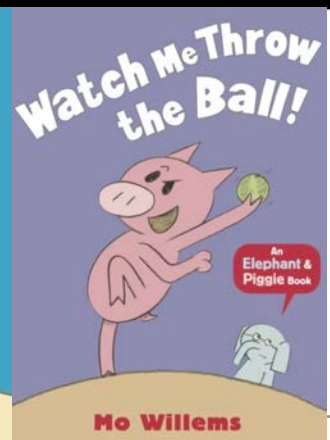
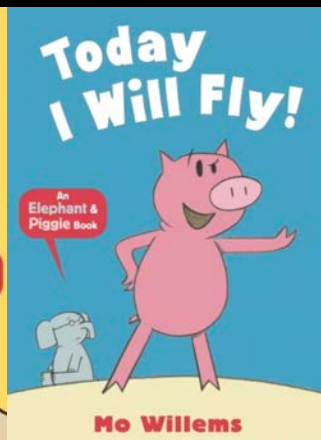
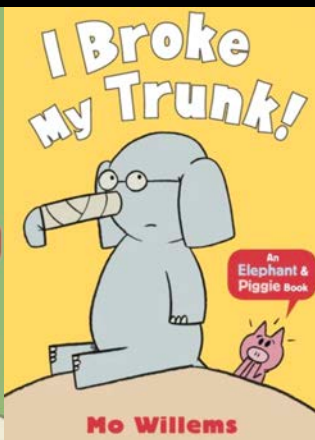
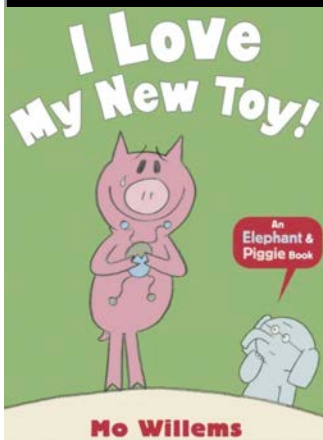
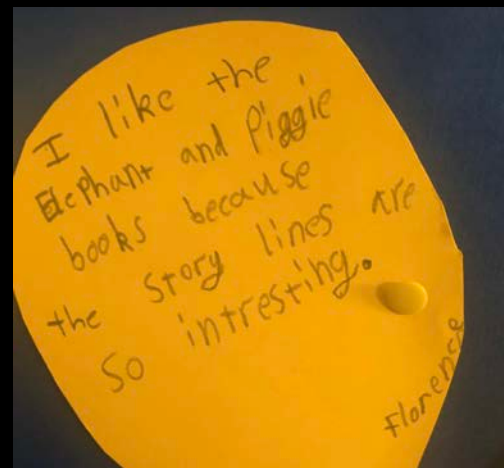
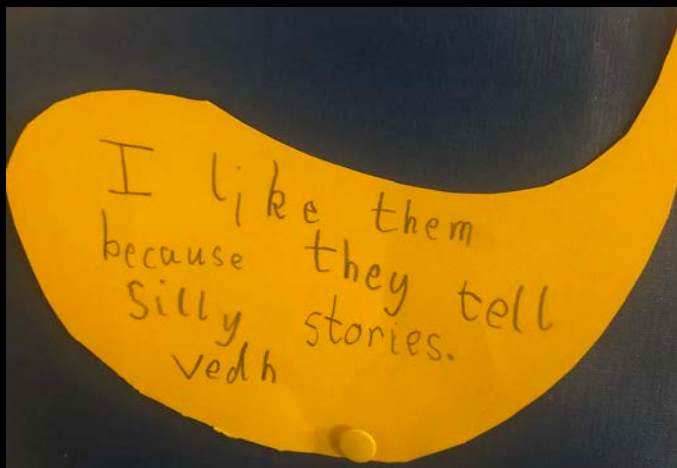
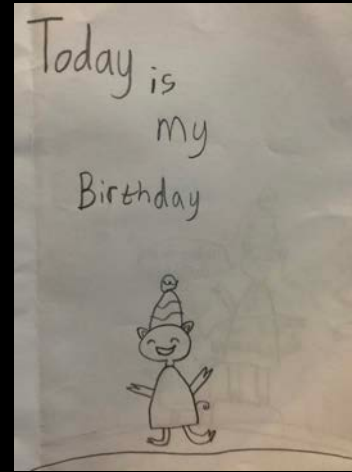
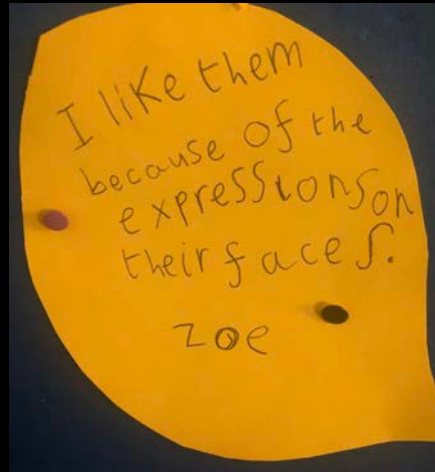


Cat and Cat  
 Adventures: The  
 Quest for Snacks  
 by Susie Yi

Two cats embark on a quest to find ingredients for a potion that will produce unlimited goodies. A fun adventure story with themes of friendship and helping others.

## Class 9 recommends... Elephant and Piggie!

Class 9 wanted to share how much they love reading the incredibly funny Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems. In their spare time (at home and in school), many of the children have made their own Elephant and Piggie books and read them aloud to the rest of the class. Miro loves them so much, he asked for a set for his birthday!



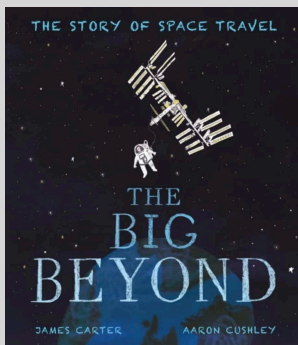


## Poetry



### [What are Little Girls Made of?](#) by Jeanne Willis

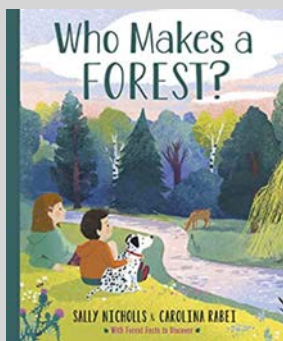
Award-winning author, Jeanne Willis, revamps all the favourite Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes. Think you know your favourite classic nursery rhymes? Read this picture book and think again! In this witty reworking of popular nursery rhymes, Georgie Porgie doesn't dare to make the girls cry, Little Bo-Peep's sheep are all present and correct, thank you, and it's the queen, OF COURSE, who fixes Humpty Dumpty. Girls can be the heroes of any story!



### [The Big Beyond - The Story of Space Travel](#)

By James Carter and Aaron Cushley

Get ready for blast-off with this fast-paced poem that's all about space travel. From the early humans who dreamt of wings to the Moon landing, and from spacecraft exploring Mars to the future beyond... Climb on board for an adventure into outer space! Ideal for Y1 and Y2.



### [Who Makes a Forest?](#) by Sally Nicholls and Carolina Rabei

Who makes a forest? A wizard, a giant, an emperor? Come on a walk with Grandpa to discover how a forest is made, and see how a thousand tiny things can come together to change the face of the earth... Included is a non-fiction section about the different types of forests around the world, their importance to our ecosystem and the impact of deforestation on our planet.

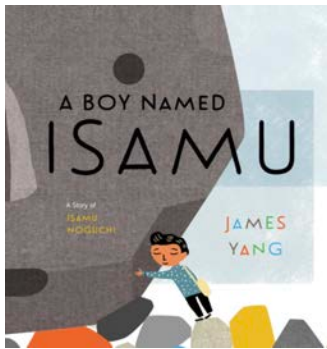


### [The Elephant in the Room](#)

by James Thorp and Angus MacKinnon

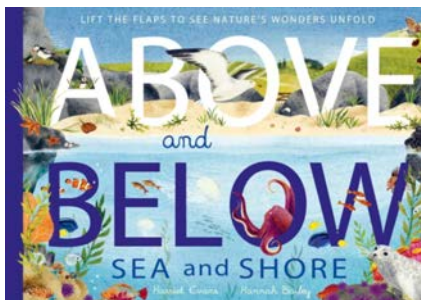
It starts with an 'oops', a 'look out' and a 'crash'. Then in walks Father Giant with his quivering moustache... Father Giant's favourite elephant has been smashed. It wasn't Olive and her brother Grub. Nor was it the naughty newt, the laughing lady or the yucky yak. So, who was it? A clever tale of cause and effect with spectacular artwork and a twist of the surreal.

## Information Books



### **Isamu** by James Yang

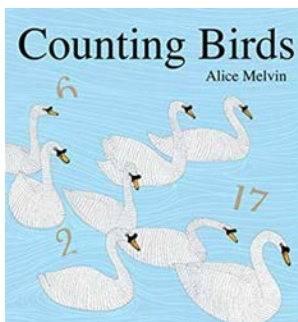
James Yang imagines a day in the boyhood of Japanese American artist, Isamu Noguchi. Wandering through an outdoor market, through the forest, and then by the ocean, Isamu sees things through the eyes of a young artist...but also in a way that many children will relate. Stones look like birds. And birds look like stones...



### **Above and Below: Sea and Shore**

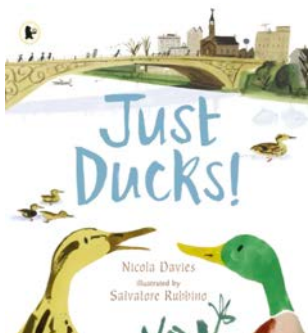
by Harriet Evans and Hannah Bailey

Discover the incredible creatures and plants that lie below the ocean blue. From magnificent mangrove forests and colourful coral reefs to exciting estuaries and the dangerous deep sea, there is so much to explore. With superb split pages and new habitat on every spread, little learners can peek behind part of the scene to learn more about the wildlife which hides behind.



### **Counting Birds** by Alice Melvin

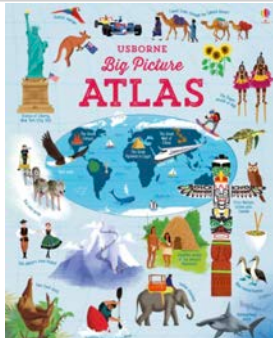
The day begins with a solitary cockerel's crow and the sunlight falling on two lovebirds in a cage and three china ducks on a wall. Swans, swallows, peacocks, geese and starlings, each lovingly portrayed in Melvin's signature style, are among the many familiar birds that populate the pages. Intricately worked illustrations combine with a charming text, making this an ideal book to read aloud with children learning to count.



### **Just Ducks** by Nicola Davies and Salvatore Rubbino

From spring right through to winter ... there they are! Down on the river! Quack-quack-quack... What do you know about ducks? I bet you know that they quack ...a lot!

Well, discover much more in this book that's all about, well, just ducks! Learn all about which is a boy duck and which is a girl, why some quack louder and others more softly. Find out what they eat when it is cold outside and where they perch their bottoms to sleep.



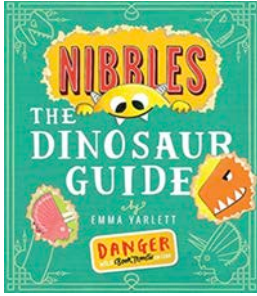
### **Usborne Big Picture Atlas**

by Emily Bone and Dan Taylor

A stunning atlas with 15 beautifully illustrated maps for children to pore over. Young explorers can discover the countries, continents, oceans, mountains and ice caps of our amazing planet and learn where different animals and people live. There are fascinating facts about each country, plus flags and capital cities and an index of place names.



## Information Books



**Nibbles The Dinosaur Guide** by Emma Yarlett  
Nibbles the book monster is back! He's finished with fairy tales and has found his way into a book of DINOSAURS! Soon he's chomping through the Triceratops chapter and causing chaos among the Velociraptors. Uh oh – has Nibbles bitten off more than he can chew? Packed with lift-the-flaps, peek-through holes and fascinating dinosaur facts.



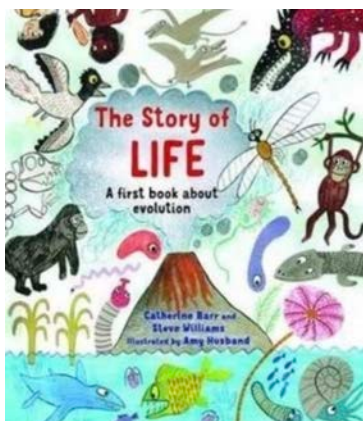
**What Miss Mitchell Saw**  
by Hayley Barrett and Diana Sudyka  
Every evening, from the time she was a child, Maria Mitchell stood on her rooftop with her telescope and swept the sky. And then one night she saw something unusual—a comet no one had ever seen before! Miss Mitchell's extraordinary discovery made her famous the world over and paved the way for her to become America's first professional female astronomer.



**Green Planet: Life in Our Woods and Forests**  
by Moira Butterfield and Jonathan Woodward  
Every creature in the forest – from the tiny beetle to the giant bear – depends on trees for survival. Trees give off oxygen for living things to breathe, and they provide a home for countless bugs and animals all over the planet. This engaging book introduces children to the wildlife that lives in the world's forests.



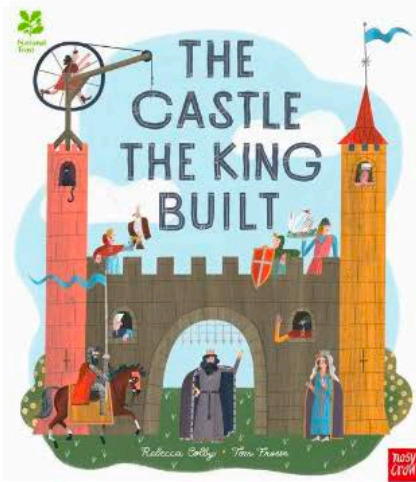
**Greta and the Giants** by Zoe Tucker and Zoe Persico  
This inspiring picture book retells the story of Nobel Peace Prize nominee Greta Thunberg – the Swedish teenager who has led a global movement to raise awareness about the world's climate crisis – using allegory to make this important topic accessible to young children. When the Giants first came to the forest, they chopped down trees to make houses. Then they chopped down more trees and made even bigger homes. The houses grew into towns and the towns grew into cities, until now there is hardly any forest left. Greta knows she has to help the animals who live in the forest, but how? Luckily, Greta has an idea...



**The Story of Life: A First Book of Evolution**  
by Catherine Barr and Steve Williams  
The authors explain how the first living cell was created, and how the cells multiply and create jellyfish and worms, and then fish with bendy necks, which drag themselves out of the water into swampy forests. They tell the story of the biggest creatures that have ever walked on land – the dinosaurs. Long after that, hairy creatures who have babies, not eggs, take over, stand on two legs and spread around the world, some of them living through cataclysmic events such as ice ages and volcanic eruptions. Everyone living today is related to these survivors. This book shows the development of life in an accessible and simple way.

## Year 1 Book Recommendations

This half term we have been learning all about castles! We have loved reading a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Below are our top 3 books that we have read this half term and why we enjoyed them so much!



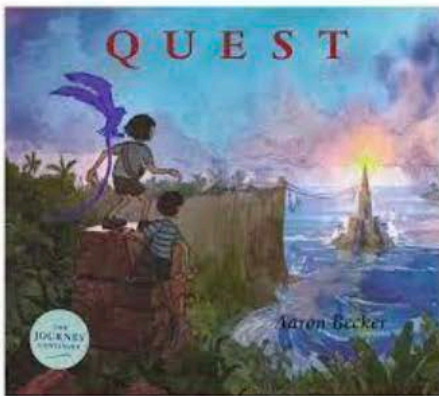
### **The Castle The King Built**

**By Rebecca Colby and Tom Froese**

Why do you like this book?

*"It's my new favourite book because I loved learning about all the jobs".*

*"I liked joining in with the bits that repeat".*



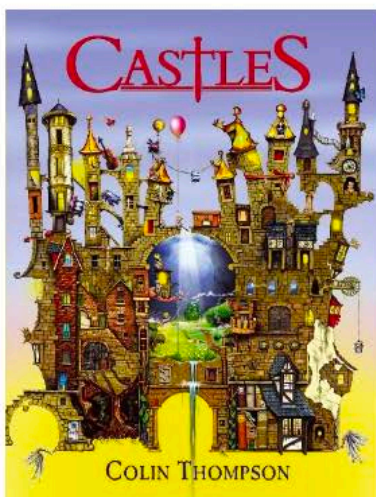
### **Quest**

**By Aaron Becker**

Who would you recommend this book to?

*"Anyone can read this because it has no words."*

*"It's a good book for everyone because you can tell your own story. I like looking at this with my friends."*



### **Castles**

**By Colin Thompson**

Why should other people read this book?

*"It's so cool! There are loads of different castles!"*

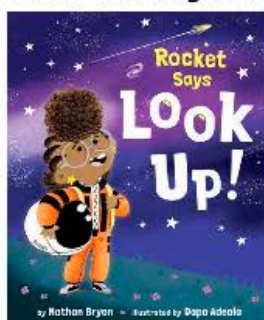
*"You can use your imagination. We made up our own funny castle."*



## Whole School Book Focus

During the autumn term, all children at Lydgate celebrated the wonderful book 'Look Up'. This is a fiction text written by Nathan Bryon and illustrated by Dapo Adeola.

Ask your child about Look Up to see what they thought! If your child enjoyed this book, below is another amazing story from the award winning duo!

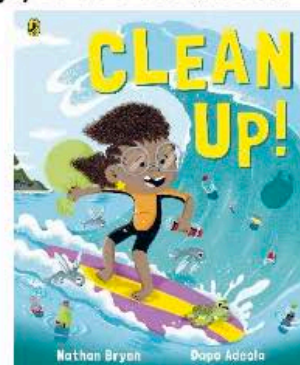


### Quotes from the children:

"I liked that Rocket helped people to listen to each other."

"Rocket never gives up and her dream comes true in the end."

"I loved finding out about what everyone is good at."



We loved exploring this book for a whole week and linking it to all aspects of our learning including Maths, English, Art, Science and History. Have a look what each year group got up to!

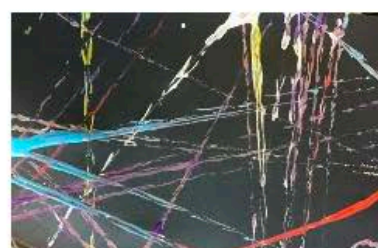
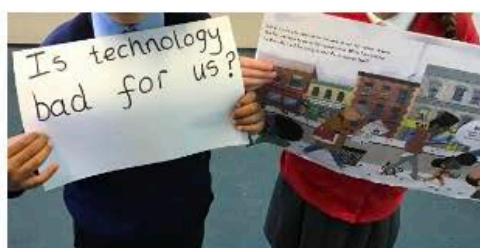
### F2

In F2 we loved making our own rockets using shapes, junk modelling, crafts and even the outdoor equipment! In Science we made our own air propelled rocket launcher!



### Y1

In Y1 we thought about our own passions and made a flyer just like Rocket! We thought about advantages and disadvantages of technology. In Art we used marbles to create a meteor shower!



### Y2

In Y2 we became the author and illustrator! We thought about what we were good at and wrote our very own book. We watched a step by step drawing to become experts at drawing characters.





Class 9 have submitted a book review to Children's Choices, a part of the Open University's online Reading for Pleasure initiative. We hope you enjoy reading it!



# Children's Choices



READING FOR PLEASURE

## ***Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor*** **written by Patricia Valdez and illustrated by Felicita Sala**

### **Synopsis**

As a child, Joan Procter was given a crocodile as a birthday present! This is the true story of how she grew up to become an important reptile expert, even though most scientists at that time were men. The book explains how she designed the Reptile House at London Zoo and became well known for her brave work with Komodo dragons.



### **Why we think you should read this book**

- It shows that both girls and boys can be great scientists.
- You can learn what a herpetologist does.
- There are lots of interesting facts about Komodo dragons.
- It will inspire you to work hard, be resilient and follow your dreams. Even though Joan was quite ill for most of her short life, she never gave up caring for animals.
- The illustrations are really interesting with lots of detail.

### **Questions we would ask the author**

- Why did you want to write about Joan Procter?
- How did you learn so much about Joan Procter when you weren't able to speak to her?
- How did Joan know how to do operations on reptiles when she wasn't a vet?

### **About our class**

We are Class 9, a Year 2 class at Lydgate Infant School in Sheffield.  
We love reading!





## 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

**Rhyme & Reason**  
Independent Bookellers

For this edition of our newsletter, Sadie at Rhyme & Reason has recommended two new fantastic picture books to look out for in early 2022.



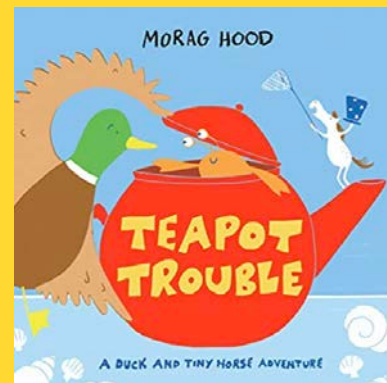
### Somebody Crunched Colin

by Sarah Roberts

Colin is no ordinary flower. Colin smells appealing - just like the other flowers around him. The only trouble is, he crackles and crunches and flutters in the wind. He can't seem to find where he belongs, but he smells so delicious that all the animals want to eat him...

But Colin is a crisp packet!

This is a new story about plastic pollution and recycling from the author of *Somebody Swallowed Stanley*.



### Teapot Trouble

by Morag Hood

Miss Leyshon is a big fan of author Morag Hood, so we know she will be looking out for this when it's released in February!

Something or someone is living inside Duck's teapot! Who are they? What do they want? How will we get them out? Never fear, for Tiny Horse is here! Tiny Horse has a trampoline. She has a magnificent hat. She has a stick of celery. What more could anyone need to save the day? A laugh-out-loud story with a message about kindness.

## Broomhill Library



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


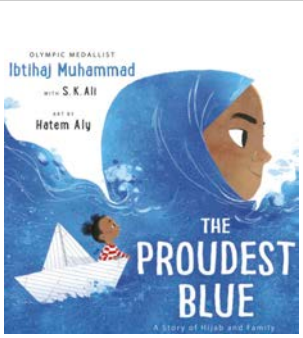
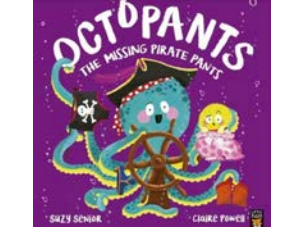
### Opening times

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

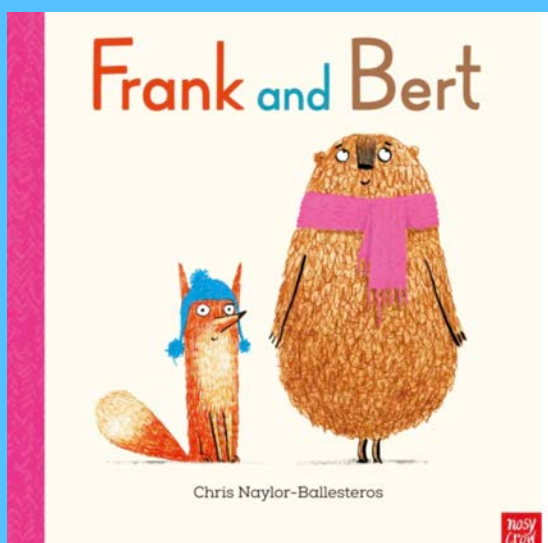
### Book Donations

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. They are also seeking volunteers to work in the library.

## News and Upcoming Bookish Events

<p>From Jan. 2022</p>	<p>The Open University has launched a new, free module <a href="https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education-development/developing-reading-pleasure-engaging-young-readers/content-section-overview?active-tab=description-tab">Developing Reading for Pleasure: engaging young readers</a>. It is primarily aimed at teachers, teaching assistants and school leaders, but it will also be of interest to reading volunteers, parents and all those interested in promoting children's reading. <a href="https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education-development/developing-reading-pleasure-engaging-young-readers/content-section-overview?active-tab=description-tab">https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education-development/developing-reading-pleasure-engaging-young-readers/content-section-overview?active-tab=description-tab</a></p>	
<p>From Jan. 2020</p>	<p>The <a href="https://www.empathylab.uk/2022-book-collections-and-guides">2022 Read for Empathy collection</a> features 35 books for 4-11 year olds, each chosen to do a specific job in building young people's empathy. Many of the books help readers understand the lives of those experiencing tough situations, like becoming homeless, or a refugee. Others help children build their understanding of emotions or inspire positive action towards the climate or animals or people in their community. Download a free guide for parents here: <a href="https://www.empathylab.uk/2022-book-collections-and-guides">https://www.empathylab.uk/2022-book-collections-and-guides</a></p>	
<p>Mon. 14th Feb.</p>	<p>Sheffield Libraries are running an event during half term. Join local Sheffield author Suzy Senior for a funtastic time with Octopants!! Suzy will be introducing her new book Octopants and the Missing Pirate Pants and also sharing her much loved Octopants. There will be lots to join in with - pirate fancy dress optional! Suitable for ages 3-7 years.</p>	
<p>3rd March</p>	<p><a href="#">World Book Day</a> - look out for more school announcements nearer the time!</p>	

## About to be published...



### **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 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.

Mrs Varley has been lucky enough to receive a copy of this ahead of its official book birthday, and she can confirm that it is indeed completely marvellous! Get ready to giggle!

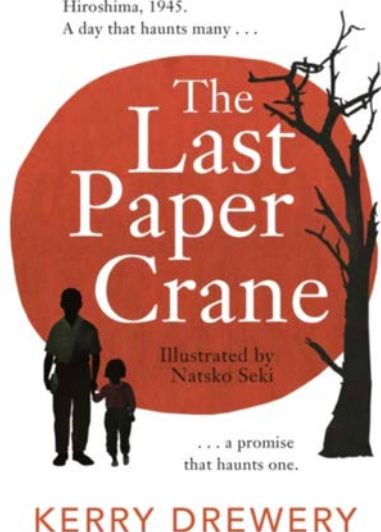
You can get a sneak peek here: <https://nosycrow.com/product/frank-and-bert/>



*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.

Hiroshima, 1945.  
A day that haunts many...



**The Last Paper Crane** by Kerry Drewery

This book is suitable for adults and children over 11 years.

A Japanese teenager, Mizuki, is worried about her grandfather who is clearly desperately upset about something. He says that he has never got over something that happened in his past and gently Mizuki persuades him to tell her what it is. We are taken to 1945, Hiroshima, and Mizuki's grandfather as a teenage boy chatting at home with his friend Hiro. Moments later the horrific nuclear bomb is dropped on Hiroshima...

There is an excellent review of this book here:

<https://www.bestbooksforschools.com/products/the-last-paper-crane?variant=40048795910338> (scroll down to the bottom of the webpage to read it).

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>

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](mailto:read@lydgate-inf.sheffield.sch.uk)

Happy reading,

Mrs Varley & Miss Whitehead