



# Lydgate Infant School

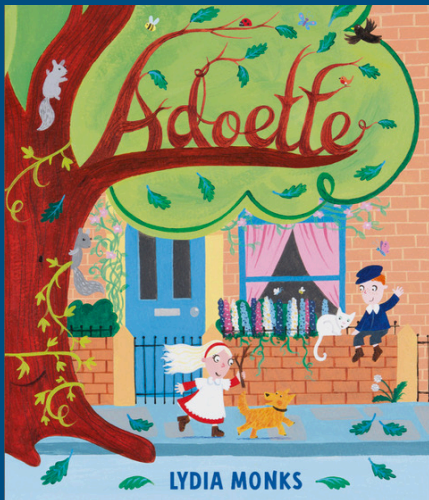
## Reading Newsletter

### Summer 2022



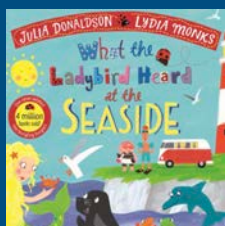
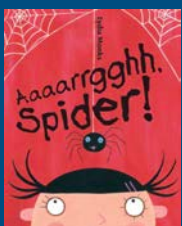
Welcome to our Lydgate Reading Newsletter! It's a chance to find out about high quality books as well as an opportunity to get tips and up to date information about helping your child with their reading journey.

A special message to our school from award-winning Sheffield author and illustrator, Lydia Monks



We can't wait for Adoette to be published on September 1st 2022.

Have you read these other books by Lydia Monks yet?



# Lydia Monks



I was walking to school one morning and I noticed that all the trees on the road had been chopped down. The street looked very different without the large sycamores that stood on the pavement. I thought it was a shame, but they must have been cut down for a reason. Maybe they had a disease.

When I arrived at the school, (your school), I noticed that the big ash tree opposite the school had a sign on it saying it too was going to be chopped down. You'll know this tree. It's the tree with the owl.

I decided to look into why all the trees were being felled. I was surprised to find that it wasn't just trees in Crosspool that were being chopped down, it was lots of trees all over Sheffield. I was even more surprised when I was told that there was nothing wrong with the trees. They didn't have a disease, they were just making the pavement bumpy. Thousands of trees were chopped down, and the streets looked very bare without them.

I thought about all the things those trees had seen. That ash tree outside your school would have stood there before the school was built. It would have seen the horses come to have their shoes put on at the blacksmiths just down the hill. Maybe it was part of Elliot's Farm which was opposite where your school is now. It probably stood in a field.

It watched your school being built The horses and carts bringing the bricks and stone up the hill. It saw the Victorian children coming and going. The tree was there when the war came to Sheffield, and the air raid sirens went off, and the school children hid in the air raid shelters. It saw the wounded soldiers come home.

The tree would have seen the street getting busier with cars and buses. The farm was knocked down, and houses were built, and even more children walked past to get to school.

I thought about all these things that the tree had seen, and I decided to write a book about it. It's called Adoette, which is a Native American name meaning 'big tree'. It's not about the ash tree in Crosspool, but a tree very like it. I hope you enjoy the book when it comes out in September. Maybe you can sit under the old ash tree, and read the story to the owl.

Class 3 have been reflecting on our favourite books from our "Read Aloud" sessions at the end of every day. Here are our recommendations and what we like about them.

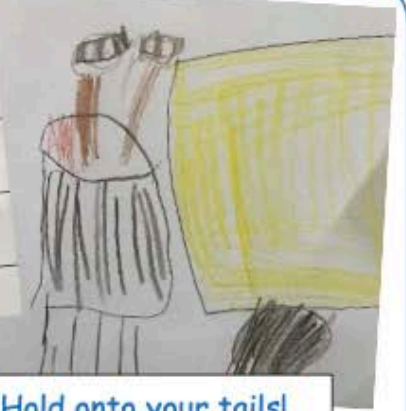
Sam loves looking for the squirrels on each page.



I like when the baddies get caught. They are really fast on the motorbike! Sam

You have to  
look hard to  
find the baddy  
squirrels.

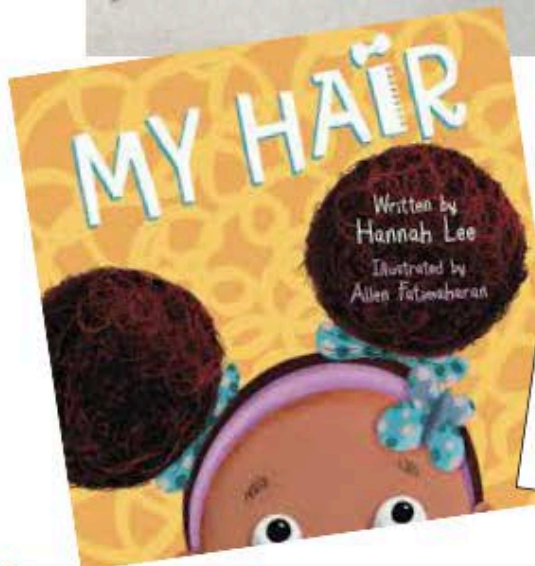
Squirrels



Watch out! Move out of the way! Hold onto your tails!  
There are ... BUNNIES ON THE BUS! And they aren't  
stopping for ANYONE!

The bunnies have taken over the bus and they're on a wild ride across the streets of Sunnytown! A hilarious romp of a book, with a fantastic read-aloud rhyming text and spectacular illustrations.

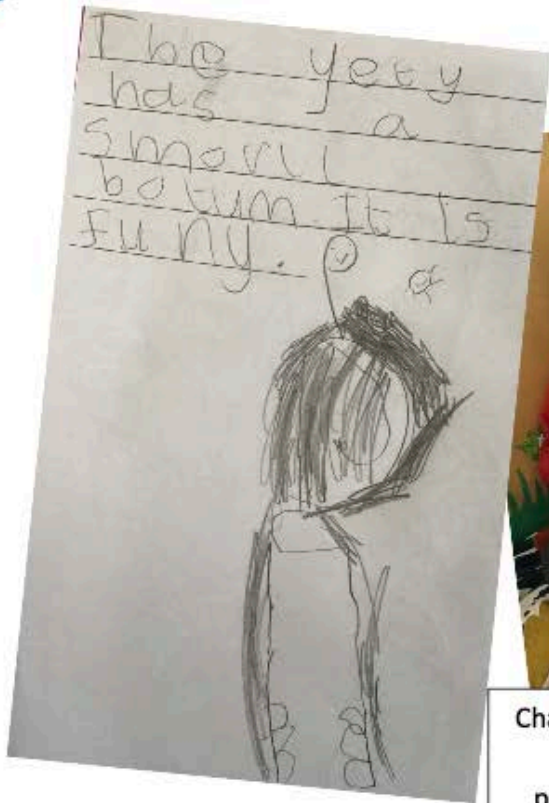
She had a purple dress I like  
this book because she  
got into the hairdresser



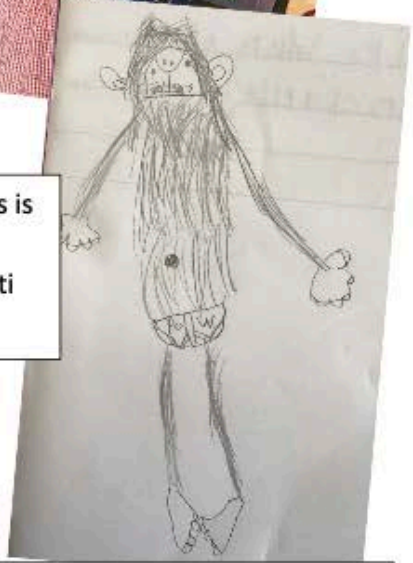
Will it be dreads or a twist out? Braids or a high-top fade? Joyous and vibrant, this captures perfectly the excitement of getting ready for a celebration, as well as showcasing a dazzling array of intricate hairstyles..



Ava enjoys looking at the pictures. It reminds her of her own trips to the hairdressers.



Charlie's Superhero Underpants is a real hit. Luigia and Chloe particularly liked when the yeti wears Charlie's underpants!



I like when the monster wears charlie's underpants.

On a wild and windy day all the washing blows away. Socks and vests, a woolly hat, and far worse than all of that - Charlie's Superhero Underpants! Disaster! Charlie sets off around the world to find them. He discovers a fine French Fox wearing sister Sophie's Socks, he finds a pair of llamas, wearing brother Ben's pyjamas...But Who has got Charlie's Superhero Underpants?

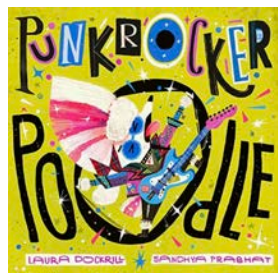
Ivy likes this book because the dinosaur comes to life!

She sighs down the dinosaurs back. She has fun with the dinosaur because the dinosaur comes a night.



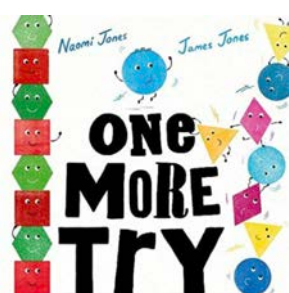
In a town by the seaside, Marianne is often seen foraging on the beach. But she isn't playing with children her own age. Instead Marianne is alone, and digging for dinosaur bones to build a special sort of companion. Then, one night, she goes to sleep wishing with all her heart that her dinosaur might come to life

## Picturebook Recommendations



**Punk Rocker Poodle** by Laura Dockrill & Sandhya Probat

Laura Dockrill's inimitable style of poetic rap is brilliantly suited to this romp through the house and round and round the playgroup, as one little poodle demonstrates what fun it is to stomp and stamp and pout . . . that is until naptime, when all she really wants is a . . . CUDDLE! There is a funky music video quality to this text, and the eye popping artwork matches the anarchic playfulness of the rap!



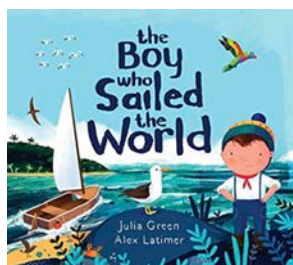
**One More Try** by Naomi Jones & James Jones

Circle loves the tower that the squares and hexagons have built and wants to make his own. But circles, diamonds and triangles are pointier, rounder and much wobblier - making a tower is not as easy as it looks! The shapes try and try but their tower just keeps tumbling down. Can Circle persuade them to have just one more try? In this perfectly shaped follow up to the bestselling *The Perfect Fit*, geometry meets brilliant storytelling and vibrant artwork.



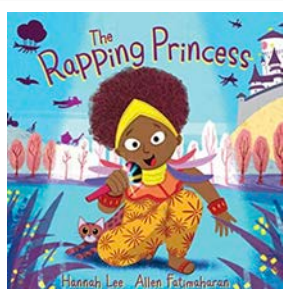
**Scaredy Bat** by Jonathan Meres & Anders Frang

When Little Bat can't sleep one morning, Middle Bat and Big Bat are quick to tease and accuse him of being scared of the light. There's only one thing for it. Little Bat will have to leave the old oak tree, all by himself, and prove them wrong. But will he come face to face with the Bogey Bat? Is Little Bat really a... Scaredy Bat? A story about letting go and conquering your fears.



**The Boy Who Sailed the World** by Julia Green & Alex Latimer

'Right from the start, the boy loved the sea! He ran along the sand, danced in and out of the waves, his heart full of longing and delight.' The boy has always loved the sea. So he builds a boat and sails away on a voyage of adventure . . . The wonders of the world await you in this beautiful and inspiring book about following your dreams..



**The Rapping Princess** by Hannah Lee & Allen Fatimaharan

Shiloh might not be able to sing like her sisters, but she has other talents, and sometimes it's about embracing your differences and celebrating them!



**Luna Loves Art** by Joseph Coelho & Fiona Lumbers

Join Luna and Finn at the Art Gallery and step inside famous works of art by Van Gogh, Damien Hirst, Henri Matisse, Andy Warhol and many more! Finn doesn't recognise his own family in the art he sees... but maybe all he needs is a good friend.

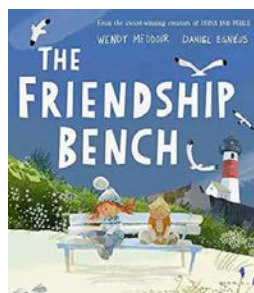
Created by award-winning poet Joseph Coelho, this book follows Luna Loves Library Day as an introduction to different types of family.

## Picturebook Recommendations



### Leilong the Library Bus by Julia Lui & Bei Lynn

Leilong's friends are taking him to story time at the library. But it's difficult for a large brontosaurus without a library card to follow all the rules. Especially when Leilong gets caught up in the story and joins in. Is Leilong too big for the library, or is the library too small?



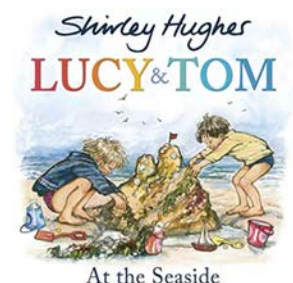
### The Friendship Bench by Wendy Meddour & Daniel Egneus

Tilly has just moved to a new house, by the splash and curl of the sea. She loves doing cartwheels in the sand and playing catch with Mummy and Shadow the dog. But when it is time to start her new school, Shadow and Mummy must stay outside. And inside is full of strangers. 'Why don't you try The Friendship Bench?' says her teacher. 'It helps children find new friends to play with.' But when Tilly gets there, somebody is already on it . . .



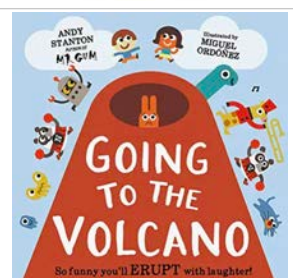
### Be Wild Little One by Olivia Hope and Daniel Egneus

This gorgeous, uplifting picture book celebrates the wildness in all of us, and the beauty of the world all around us. Prepare for a heart-lifting journey through the beauties of nature: from pine forests to awe-inspiring mountains, and from sparkling seas to starry skies, each page is full of wonders. Fly across oceans, run with wolves through the mountain snow, dance with fireflies, and prepare to BE WILD!



### Lucy and Tom at the Seaside by Shirley Hughes

This is old but gold! From the creator of Dogger, Shirley Hughes, this timeless book of seaside fun has every element of a wonderful day at the seaside! From paddling to picnics, from sandcastles to beach games - this is the perfect book for summer celebrations.



### Going to the Volcano by Andy Stanton and Miguel Ordóñez

Join two intrepid explorers as they take a train-o, jump on a plane-o, ride a Great Dane-o (down the lane-o) on their way to look at the volcano. Nothing could possibly go wrong - could it?! A hilariously anarchic rhyming story from multi-award-winning author Andy Stanton



### The Duck Who Didn't Like Water by Steve Small

Duck is not like other ducks. Duck doesn't like water and is perfectly fine alone, thank you very much. But then, one dark and stormy night, an outgoing, water-loving, and very lost Frog turns up at Duck's door. Can this odd couple find Frog's home? And will they find friendship along the way?

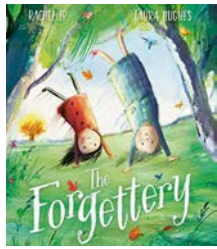
## Picturebooks to build Empathy

'Empathy is a vital skill, and books are the best way to learn.'  
(Cressida Cowell, Children's Laureate 2019-2022)



### **Felix After the Rain** by Dunja Jogan

Felix hides all of his sorrow inside a large black suitcase that he carries with him wherever he goes. One day, a small boy opens the suitcase whilst Felix is sleeping. Felix wakes and the tears that he had been carrying for so long suddenly pour from him. Felix is uplifted, free and his heart is full of joy. Felix embraces the world, and the world embraces him.



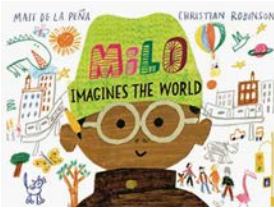
### **The Forgettery** by Rachel Ip & Laura Hughes

Amelia's granny forgets lots of things. Little things, like where she put her glasses, and big things like people and places. But everything anyone has ever forgotten is stored in The Forgettery, and there Amelia and her granny learn the power of making memories.



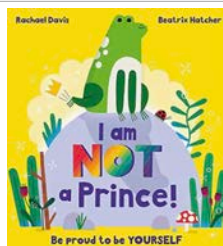
### **The Last Garden** by Rachel Ip & Anneli Bray

In a war-torn city, a little girl tends to the last garden. But everyone is leaving and soon the girl has to leave too. The garden is all alone now but soon the seeds scatter throughout and the roots take hold. Inspired by true events in Syria and war gardens around the world and throughout history, The Last Garden is a thoughtful, tender story of hope, touching on issues of conflict and migration.



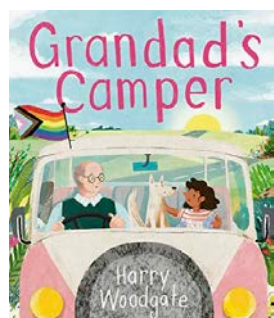
### **Milo Imagines the World** by Matt de la Peña & C. Robinson

Milo is on a train journey through the city with his older sister, looking at the faces of the other passengers and drawing pictures of their lives. Milo wonders if perhaps the little boy in bright white trainers is living in a castle with a moat and a butler. But when the little boy gets off at the same stop and joins the same queue as him, Milo realises that you can't judge by appearances and that we are all more alike than we are different: both boys are visiting their mothers in prison.



### **I am not a Prince** by Rachael Davis & Beatrix Hatcher

Hopp is a little frog who definitely does NOT want to be a prince! All it takes is one understanding new friend to help Hopp undergo a magical transformation that causes a positive change to ripple all across the lagoon! This is a fairy tale that challenges gender stereotypes and encourages children to be proud to be themselves.



### **Grandad's Camper** by Harry Woodgate

Our narrator's favourite pastime is to listen to Grandad's tales of his past adventures with Gramps. As they look through photo albums, he talks fondly about how they travelled the world together in their beloved pink campervan. However, now Gramps is gone, Grandad doesn't feel like having adventures on his own. Can his granddaughter persuade him to look forward as well as back? This text acknowledges the sadness of losing a loved one, but also celebrates the pleasure of remembering those who have touched our lives. The depiction of a loving, same-sex relationship between Grandad and Gramps, as well as the different ethnicities of the main characters, ensure this wonderfully inclusive book reflects a range of experiences, representative of today's society.

# 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  
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## Supporting Readers at Home

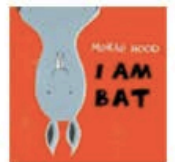
Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



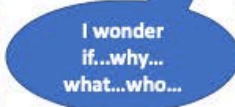
Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



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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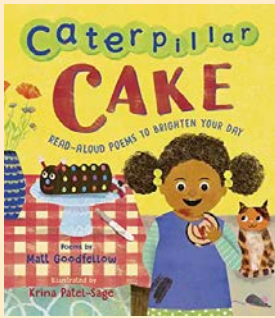
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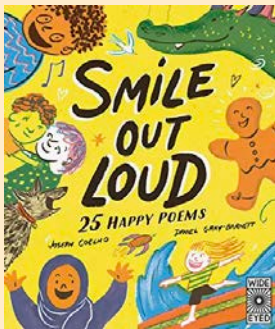
# Poetry



## Caterpillar Cakes: Read Aloud Poems to Brighten Your Day

by Matt Goodfellow

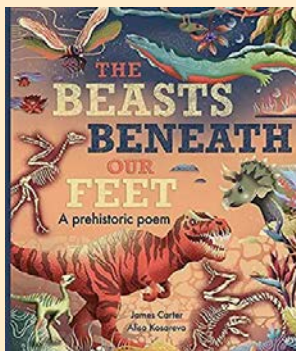
Would you like to eat a caterpillar cake? Join a rocket race into space? See crazy crocodiles at the zany zoo or play with a furry, purry cat? Wherever these 16 fun-filled poems lead you, they will brighten your day



## Smile Out Loud: 25 Happy Poems

By Joseph Coelho

Smile Out Loud is a book to help children build their confidence reading poems aloud and expressing and manifesting happiness and joy, for themselves and the audiences they choose to read to.



## The Beasts Beneath Our Feet

by James Carter & Alisa Kosareva

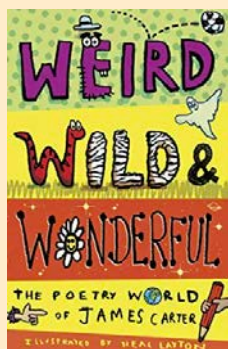
Beneath our feet way deep and down are beasts asleep in the cold, dark ground. Dig down through the layers of the Earth and travel back in time. Meet the trilobites that scuttled and crawled; the munching, crunching dinosaurs; and a herd of roaming woolly mammoths. This rhyming read will take you on a prehistoric adventure.



## Swim, Shark, Swim!

by Dom Conlon & Anastasia Izlesou

Swim around the world with Shark as he explores ocean forests and coastal reefs, meeting Hammerheads and Great Whites, stingrays and dolphins in a search for the place he calls home.. This is the second book in the Wild Wanders series.



## Weird, Wild & Wonderful

by James Carter

Expect to hear the moon speak, explore a magic wood and play air guitar. You'll meet wolves, elephants and a dung beetle; you'll get close to a gorilla and sing a lullaby to a woolly mammoth; you might even meet an alien in a library. This is an important collection from one of the top children's poets writing today.

# We love this book!

Take a look at our current favourite class read.



## Class 1

Percy's Friend the Mole  
By Nick Butterworth



## Class 2

The Gingerbread Man  
By Miriam Latimer



## Class 3

My Hair  
By Hannah Lee & Allen  
Fatimaharan



## Class 4

Mixed  
By Arree Chung



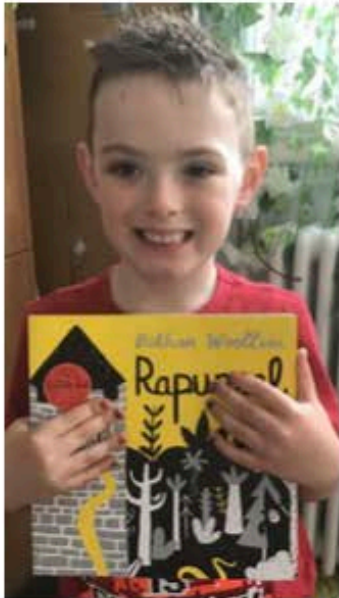
## Class 5

Do Not Lick This Book  
By Idan Ben-Barak & Julian Frost



## Class 6

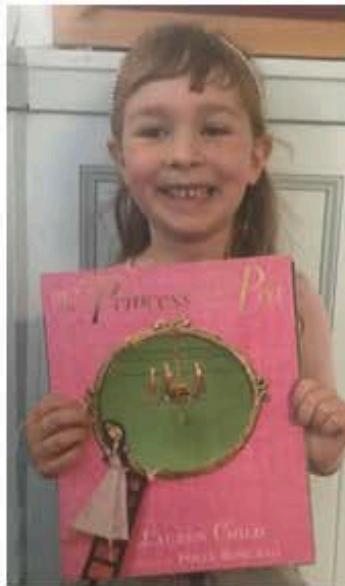
My Adventure Island  
By Timothy Knapman &  
Sarah Warburton



**Class 7**

**Rapunzel**

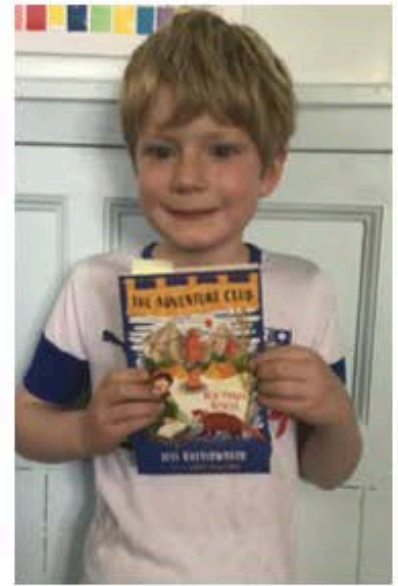
By Bethan Woolvin



**Class 8**

**The Princess and the Pea**

By Lauren Child & Polly Borland



**Class 9**

**The Adventure Club**

By Jess Butterworth &  
Kirsti Beautyman



**Class 10**

**Stella and the Seagull**

By Georgina Stevens &  
Izzy Burton



**Class 11**

**Nikhil and Jay Save the Day**

By Chitra Soundar & Soofiya



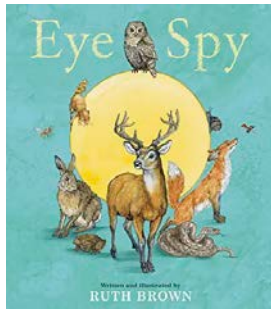
**Class 12**

**Pip and Egg**

By Alex Latimer & David  
Litchfield

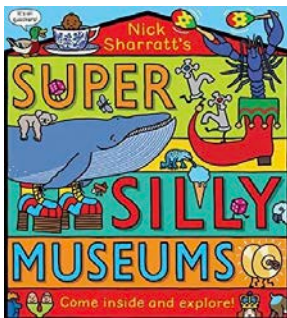
See what your child can tell you about their favourite  
class book!

## Information Books



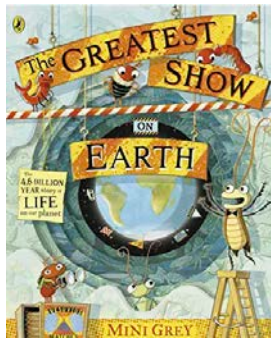
### **Eye Spy** by Ruth Brown

In this twist on the favourite childhood game, the reader must solve a riddle to guess which animal is hiding, and then search for it in the beautifully detailed illustrations. Come on a playful journey through the day from dawn to dusk. Exquisite, intricate illustrations encourage young readers to learn about the natural world.



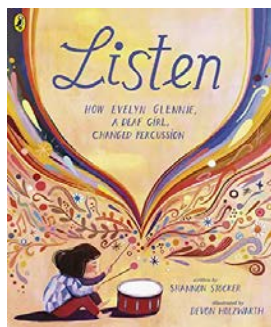
### **Super Silly Museums** by Nick Sharratt

Much-loved illustrator Nick Sharratt invites you to stroll around eight magnificently silly museums, in this picture-book giggle-fest that will keep children entertained for hours. You won't believe your eyes at the Confuseum, with its brain-boggling optical illusions! Keep super-quiet at the Snoozeum, where all the animals are asleep. There's even a museum for you to fill in yourself: the amazing All-About-YOU-seum,



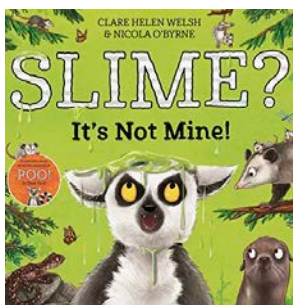
### **The Greatest Show on Earth** by Mini Grey

Take your seats for the ENTIRE history of Planet Earth, as we take a whistle-stop tour from the birth of Earth, to the age of bacteria, the era of dinosaurs . . . to the moment of people (blink and you'll miss it). Narrated by a friendly troop of insects and with mind-blowing, lively illustrations, this illustrated non-fiction book will entertain and educate, as we put on a show, the greatest show, the show of the evolution of life on Earth.



### **Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion** by Shannon Stocker & Devon Holzwarth

As a child, Evelyn Glennie's ears began to hurt. Voices became distant whispers. Ringing phones sounded like muffled crunches in her ears. But when she was told that she would need to wear hearing aids for the rest of her life, Evelyn was determined that this this would never stop her from playing music. Instead of giving up on her dreams, Evelyn found new ways to listen...

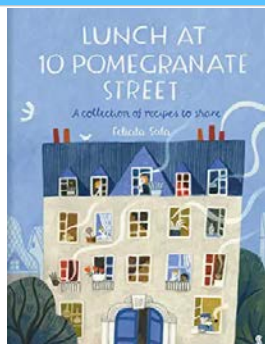


### **Slime? It's not Mine!**

by Claire Helen Welsh & Nicola O'Byrne

Lenny the lemur is on holiday in California. He's having a wonderful time swinging through the redwood trees, when – ew – he gets slimed! Lenny is determined to find the source of the slime, so off he sets . . . Lenny meets lots of slime-producing animals on his quest, including opossums, dolphins, salamanders and sea-lions. But which one is the sneaky slime-maker who slimed Lenny . . . ?

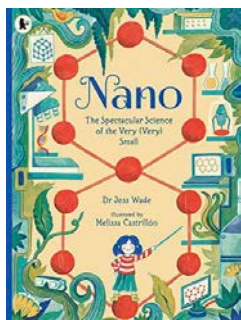
## Information Books



### Lunch at 10 Pomegranate Street: A Collection of Recipes to Share

by Felicita Sala

In each apartment, someone is preparing a special dish to share with their neighbours. Mr Singh is making coconut dahl with his daughter while Maria mashes some avocados for her guacamole. Will everything be ready on time? This glorious celebration of community is filled with recipes from all over the world and simple instructions perfect for young chefs.



### Nano: The Spectacular Science of the Very (Very) Small

by Dr Jess Wade & Melissa Castrillon

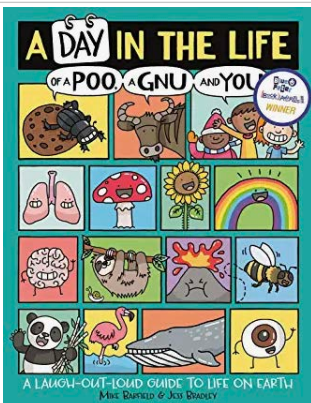
Everything is made from something – but the way we make things, from the materials we use to the science and technology involved, is changing fast. Nano offers a fascinating narrative introduction to this cutting-edge area of STEM, better known by the name “nanotechnology”. This is the perfect book for budding young scientists and engineers.



### Sunshine at Bedtime

By Clare Helen Welsh & Sally Soweol Han

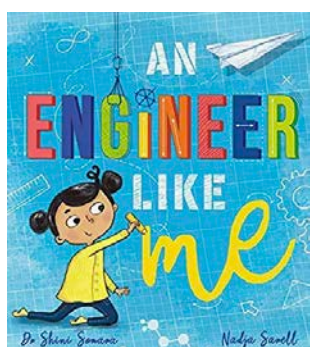
Curious Macie notices that the evenings are brighter in summer and wants to know why. Together Mummy and Macie discover the wonder of the Sun, just in time for bed. A beautiful, lyrical and reassuring bedtime story with a double-page spread of non-fiction facts at the end.



### A Day in the Life of a Poo, a Gnu and You.

By Mike Barfield & Jess Bradley

If you've ever wanted to know what a panda does all day long, how your heart manages to shift all that blood around your body or what makes a rainbow shine, you've come to the right book. A Day in the Life of a Poo, a Gnu and You features the answers to all of these questions and many more, all told in a super-fun comic book format in three awesome sections: Human Body, Animal Kingdom and Earth and Science.



### An Engineer Like Me

by Dr Shini Somara

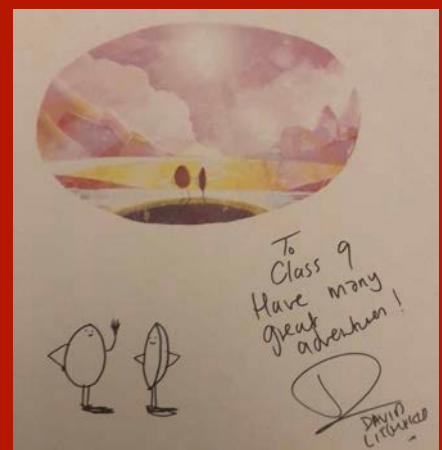
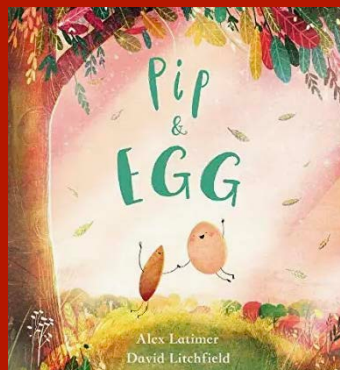
Travelling around the city with her gran, Zara sees all kinds of fascinating things. How do roller coasters do loop-the-loops? How do planes stay up? As she marvels at how they work, Zara learns about some of the brilliant engineers who have shaped the world around her. The book includes pages encouraging children to try out their very own engineering experiments such as constructing the perfect paper aeroplane and safely dropping an egg from a height.

## Class 9 and the UKLA Book Awards 2022

Class 9 have been shadowing the UKLA Book Awards 2022. <https://ukla.org/news/ukla-book-awards-2022-shortlist/> After reading each book aloud, there followed a good deal of book bletcher. We recorded some of our thoughts on a display in the classroom. The books were available in our book corner for the children to reread.



I (Mrs Varley) travelled to Birmingham for the Book Awards ceremony and was lucky enough to meet some of the authors and illustrators. I was unbelievably excited to meet one of my book heroes, author and illustrator, David Litchfield. David was kind enough to sign a copy of Pip and Egg (the winning book in the 3-6+ shadowing category) and The Bear and the Piano.



## Chapter Books

### **Billy and the Mini Monsters: Monsters Go Camping**

by Zanna Davidson & Melanie Williamson

It's Billy's school camping trip. His worst nightmare is having to go to the toilet in the dark. What if he gets lost in the scary woods? What if there are werewolves? Or bears? The Mini Monsters decide to brush up on their camping skills and come along too, in case Billy needs their help... (age 6+)



### **Princess Minna: The Unicorn Mix-Up**

by Kirsy Applebaum & Sahar Haghgoo

Princess Minna is so tired she gets a bit muddled and fights a unicorn, kisses a dragon and tries to tame a frog - which won't do at all! Can she sort it all out and make a new friend along the way? <https://nosycrow.com/blog/introducing-princess-minna/> (age 5+)



### **Marv and the Mega Robot**

by Alex Falase-Koya & Paula Bowles

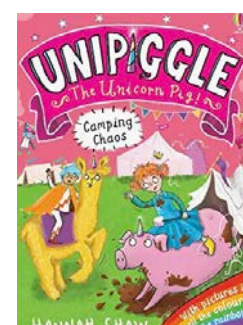
Marvin is an ordinary boy who loves spending time with Grandpa, reading comics and making science experiments with his best friend Joe. But everything changes when he discovers a mysterious superhero suit hidden in the attic... to his amazement, Marvin learns that he is next in a long line of superheroes. Now the time has come to meet his destiny! (age 6+)



### **Camping Chaos**

by Kirsy Applebaum & Sahar Haghgoo

Princess Pea and Unipiggle are very excited to be attending ROYAL CAMP for the first time. They are looking forward to meeting other Princes, Princesses and Royal Companions, and staying in a tent. But someone is out to ruin Royal Camp. Things are going missing, and the activities are all spoiled. Even worse, it looks like Princess Pea and Unipiggle have done it. Can Unipiggle and Princess Pea find the real culprit and stop the camping chaos? (age 7+)



### **The Worries: Sohal Finds a Friend** by Jion Sheibani

Sohal worries about a lot of things: the dark, mutant sheep, being alone.. So one night he tries drawing his worries to make himself feel better. But then imagine his surprise when he wakes up to find a set of funny, furry friends at the end of his bed! His worries have come to life, and it's not long before Hurt, Fail, Anger, Big and Alone have turned his world upside down. Now it's up to Sohal to work out how to keep his worries under control - and have some serious fun while he's at it! (age 7+)

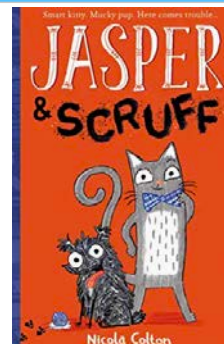


## Chapter Books

### Jasper & Scruff

by Nicola Colton

Jasper has a fancy apartment, bow ties in every colour and a large book collection. The only thing he's missing is the right type of friends! Jasper wants to become a member of 'The Sophisticats', a society for exceptional felines. When they accept Jasper's dinner invitation, he knows his chance to impress has arrived. But a boisterous puppy called Scruff follows Jasper home and his evening doesn't quite go to plan... (age 7+)



### Elizabeth and the Box of Colours

by Katherine Woodfine & Rebecca Cobb

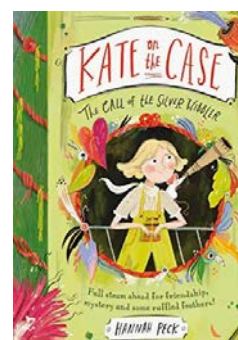
Elisabeth loves to paint colourful pictures, just like her papa. But when she goes away to school, she finds herself in a world of grey: grey buildings, grey uniforms, grey rooms. She misses Papa and all the colours of home. One morning, she gets some terrible news that makes her days darker than ever before. Will Elisabeth be able to find the colour and joy in her life again? (age 7+)



### Kate on the Case: The Curse of the Silver Wibbler

By Hannah Peck

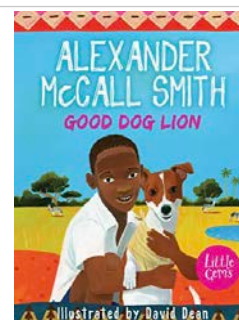
When reporter-in-training Kate and her mouse Rupert sail through the jungle home of the legendary Silver Wibbler, they know there's a story to be sniffed out. Why else would the Bird Brigade be on board? Their fearsome leader General Hornbill is convinced the Wibbler is a myth but young Bird Brigadier Bertie is determined to prove him wrong. Can Kate help Bertie uncover the truth? (age 7+)



### Good Dog Lion

by Alexander McCall Smith

Timo and his mother do not have much money, but that does not matter too much, because Timo has his mother and she has him. They have their little house. They have friends and neighbours. They have the world about them. All of that can be enough for happiness. There is one more thing, though, that Timo would like to have ...A dog! (age 7+)

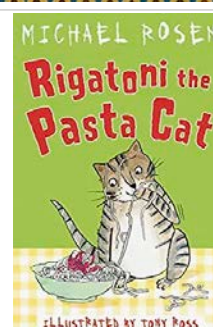


### Rigatoni the Pasta Cat

by Michael Rosen & Tony Ross

Rigatoni is a pasta cat. He loves pasta, any kind of pasta: spaghetti, penne, fusilli, with pesto, in soup, in lasagne, any whichever way his owners, Ruth and Tina, will serve it.

Then one day Ruth and Tina go away and leave George in charge. And the pasta is replaced with yucky cat food. Can Rigatoni find someone who understands what he really wants to eat? (age 6+)

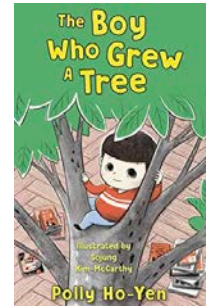




## Chapter books

**The Boy Who Grew a Tree** by Polly Ho

Nature-loving Timi is unsettled by the arrival of a new sibling and turns to tending a tree growing in his local library. But there is something magical about the tree and it is growing FAST... and the library is going to close. Can Timi save the library and his tree, and maybe bring his community closer together along the way? (age 7+)



**Luma and the Pet Dragon** by Leah Mohammed

When Luma Dewan wakes up on the morning of her seventh birthday, she knows that today will be special. But she has no idea just how wonderful and extraordinary it will be. For today is the day she will meet Timir - a real talking dragon. Or at least when Luma is around that's what he is. When anyone else is there, he becomes an ordinary grey puppy with a fluffy tail, who loves chasing squirrels and bouncing on trampolines. (age 7+)



**Dragon Storm: Tomas and Ironskin** by Alastair Chisholm

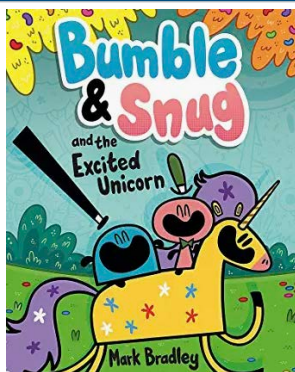
Tomas has always been told that dragons are extinct, and so he can't believe it when a mysterious stranger invites him to join a secret society, the Dragonseer Guild - and tells him that not only do dragons still exist but also that Tomas has a very special power... he can summon his very own dragon! But Tomas faces a difficult choice, and he and his dragon, Ironskin, must learn to trust each other - and together, they have to save their home from a deadly threat. (age 7+)



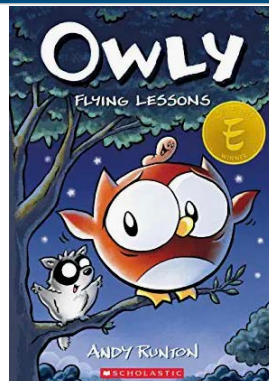
## Graphic Novels

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:

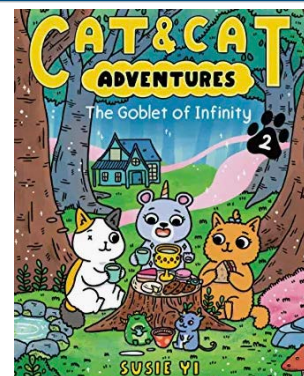
<https://teach.com/resources/why-comics/>



**Bumble & Snug and the Excited Unicorn**  
by Mark Bradley



**Owly: Flying Lessons**  
by Andy Runton



**Cat and Cat Adventures: 2  
The Goblet of Infinity**  
by Susie Yi

## Y2 Author Visit



## Jess Butterworth

Y2 had a super time meeting author Jess Butterworth (virtually) earlier in July. We heard how her time living in India and her love of animals inspired her to write The Adventure Club series. Jess answered lots of interesting questions posed by our Y2 pupils. We found out that she has a cat called Baby Boo, her favourite author is Malorie Blackman and that she once rescued a goat kid. We were excited to find out that the fourth book in the series will be about an orphan orangutang in Borneo! Jess had her own adventure when she was bitten by a snake in Australia and had to be taken to hospital by the Flying Doctor Service!



Jess shared her top three tips for story writing:

1. Take a notebook everywhere you go so you can jot down story ideas.
2. Write your story first and improve it later.
3. Don't give up! Do a little bit at a time.

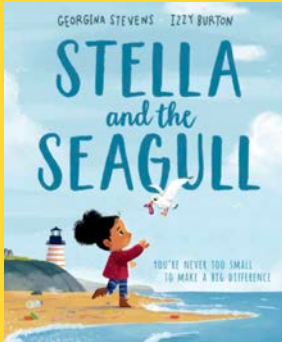
We would love to read any stories you write over the summer. Perhaps you could even make a book? Do send them to us [read@lydgate-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:read@lydgate-inf.sheffield.sch.uk) or bring them into school in September.

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## Sheffield Children's Book Awards

We have been taking part in the Sheffield Children's Book Awards 2022. 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 *Stella and the Seagull* (Georgina Stevens & Izzy Burton), *The Viking Who Liked Icing* (Lu Fraser & Mark McKinley) and *The Don't Panic Gang* (Mark Sperring & Sarah Warburton). Here are some comments from our pupils:



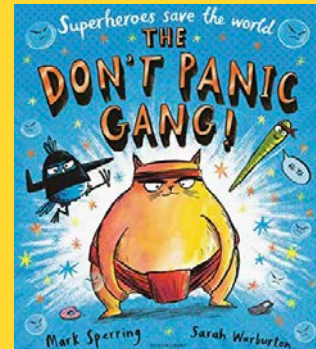
'The author is giving us an important message. You should not litter because it makes animals sick.' (Florence)

'I think we all need to help our planet. We should have a party to tidy up where we live.' (Ben)



'It made me laugh when the cake landed on his face!' (Rex)

'It teaches us to be ourselves and not always do what other people do.' (Themba)



'I like that they save the day and it has a happy ending.' (Zakaria)

The winner will be announced in November!

## Rhyme and Reason - our local independent bookshop



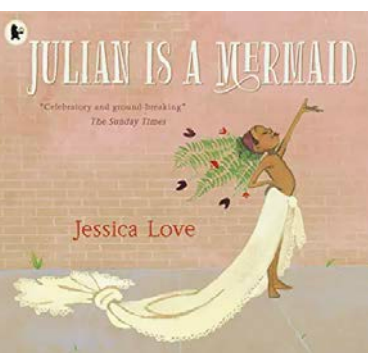
### Opening times

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

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



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



### **Julian is a Mermaid** by Jessica Love

While riding the subway home with his Nana one day, Julian notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train carriage. When Julian gets home, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies and making his own fabulous mermaid costume. But what will Nana think about the mess he makes – and even more importantly – what will she think about how Julian sees himself?

## Multilingual Children's Library

Dr Sabine Little from the University of Sheffield School of Education teamed up with Sheffield City Council's library team to develop the Multilingual Children's Library, a dedicated space for children to read and hear their languages in public. 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. They can be ordered and delivered to a more local library if you aren't able to get into the city centre. The library would welcome any donations of multilingual books.



You can find The Multilingual Children's Library within Sheffield Central Library:  
Surrey Street, Sheffield, S11 XZ  
0114 273 4734

Opening times:  
Monday-Friday 10am-5pm  
Saturday 10am-4pm

## Broomhill Library



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

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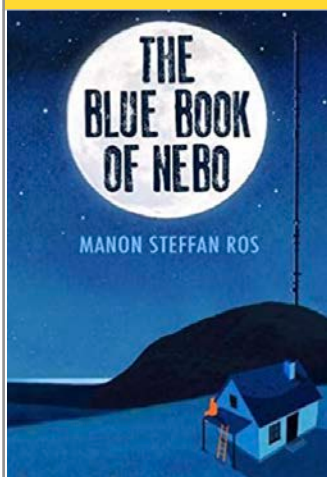
Monday 10am-5pm  
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Wednesday 10am-5pm  
Thursday - closed  
Friday 10am-1pm  
Saturday 10am-5pm  
Sunday - closed

### 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.

### *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.



### **The Blue Book of Nebo** by Manon Steffan Ross

This is a Young Adult novel.

Dylan was six when The End came, back in 2018: when the electricity went off for good, and the normal 21st-century world he knew disappeared. Now 14, he and his mam have survived in their isolated hilltop house above the village of Nebo in north-west Wales by learning new skills and returning to old ways of living. However, despite their close understanding, the relationship between mother and son changes subtly as Dylan has to take on adult responsibilities. And they each have their own secrets - which emerge as they take it in turns to jot down their thoughts and memories in a found notebook - the Blue Book of Nebo.

## News and Upcoming Bookish Events

Award-winning poet, playwright and author Joseph Coelho has been announced as the [Waterstones Children's Laureate](#) for 2022-2024. Throughout his career he has highlighted the power of poetry and reading, championing and campaigning for local libraries and spotlights new voices and diversity throughout his work. Find out more here: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-laureate/>



[The Summer Reading Challenge](#) (delivered in partnership with local public libraries) encourages families to read for pleasure over the summer holiday. This year, The Reading Agency has partnered with the Science Museum group for Gadgeteers, a science and innovation themed Challenge that will spark children's curiosity about the world around them. Visit the website to view the book list and sign up for free. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/home-zone-src>



### Summer Reading Bingo!

This is an activity for children (and adults if they wish!) to complete over the summer holidays. The focus is on [reading for pleasure experiences](#) rather than specific texts, with activities like make a den and read inside, read in the dark using a torch and read to a pet or a soft toy. Children can choose what they read for the challenges, although there are some recommended reads for those looking for new ideas. <https://www.booksfortopics.com/bingo>



### Build a Giant Book Challenge! (Discovering Children's Books, The British Library)

<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/build-a-giant-book>

Have you ever thought about how teeny tiny your books would look in the hands of a giant? Do you think giants would be able to read them? Let's imagine and build a book that would fit on a giant's bookshelf. What do you think a giant would read? Maybe a fairytale or adventure? Or perhaps a fact or recipe book? Do you think giants would like to read comics? Follow the instructions to create your own giant book. Please send a photo into school if you make one - we would love to see it!



### Parent & Carer Book Swap coming soon!

We know that many grown-ups love to read too, so we will be creating a book swap shelf in school for the use of parents and carers. If you read something amazing, please do leave a brief recommendation! More news about this in September.



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>

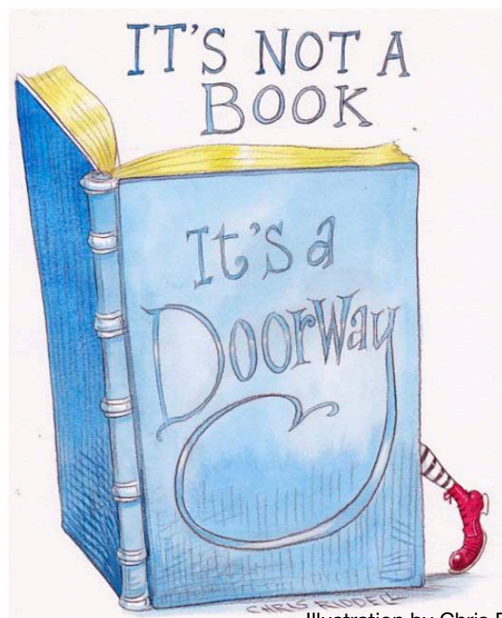


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If you or your child read any of the books mentioned in the newsletter, please let us know what you thought of them. You could even send us a photo of your child reading the book!

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

Happy reading,

Mrs Varley & Miss Whitehead