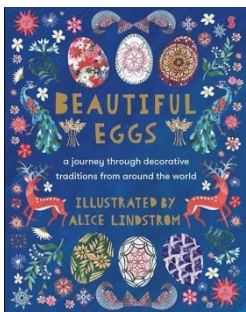




The Easter holidays are coming up so why not spring into reading with these Easter related books. Find somewhere comfy and get ready to read! Who needs a chocolate Easter egg when you can feast on a load of egg-cellent books?

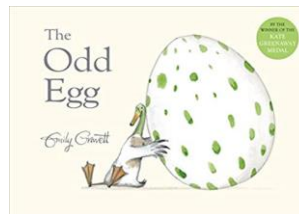
Beautiful Eggs

Author: Alice Lindstrom



This gorgeous, large board book takes young readers across the world to discover traditions of decorated eggs in different countries.

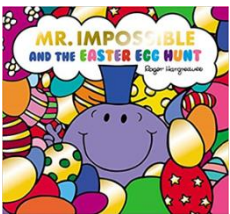
The Odd Egg Author: Emily Gravett



All the birds have eggs to hatch. All except Duck. When Duck finds an egg of his own to look after he's delighted: it's the most beautiful egg in the whole world! But everyone's in for a big surprise when it finally hatches.

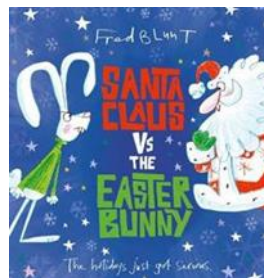
Mr Impossible and the Easter Egg Hunt

Author: Roger Hargreaves



Mr Impossible is organising an Easter egg hunt for all the Mr Men and Little Miss and he is hiding the eggs in the most impossible places. But who manages to find the most difficult egg of all – the invisible egg?

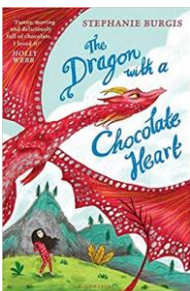
Santa Claus vs The Easter Bunny Author: Fred Blunt



Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny live next door to each other, but sadly there's no neighbourly love lost between them. This is a hilarious story and a delightful mash-up (or meltdown) of festive characters.

The Dragon With A Chocolate Heart

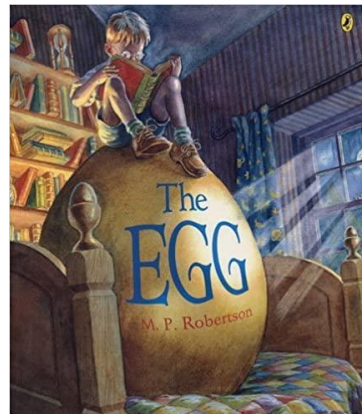
Author: Stephanie Burgis



Aventurine is the bravest kind of dragon and she's ready to prove it to her family by leaving the safety of their mountain cave and capturing the most dangerous prey of all: a human. But when the human she captures tricks her into drinking enchanted hot chocolate, she

finds herself transformed into a puny human girl with tiny blunt teeth, no fire, and not one single claw!

The Egg Author: MP Robertson



When George discovers a large egg under his mother's favourite chicken, he soon finds himself looking after a baby dragon. George takes his job as a parent seriously. But the dragon begins to pine for his own kind, and one day he disappears.

Author Spotlight

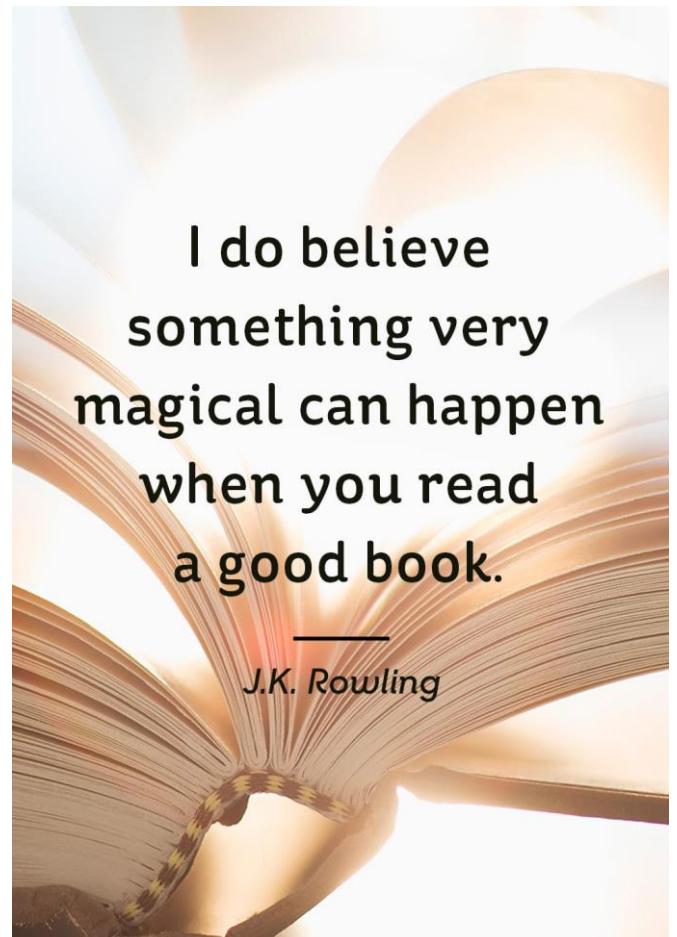


During Book Week, we were lucky enough to have some virtual chats with Kita Mitchell, the author of the **Grandma Dangerous** books. She read extracts from her books, answered the child's questions and organised an exciting competition for the children to enter. We are looking forward to her next visit (when she will be able to come into school) to find out who will be the lucky winner(s)!

Kita has her own website. If you fancy taking a look click on this link:

<https://www.kitamitchell.com/>

Books by Kita Mitchell:



**A BOOK IS A DREAM
THAT YOU HOLD
IN YOUR HAND.**

NEIL GAIMAN





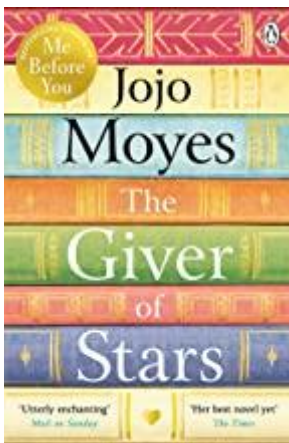
Books for Life



“Between the pages of a book is a wonderful place to be”

Adult reads

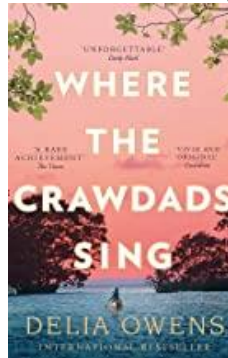
2020 Sunday Times bestseller



The Giver of Stars

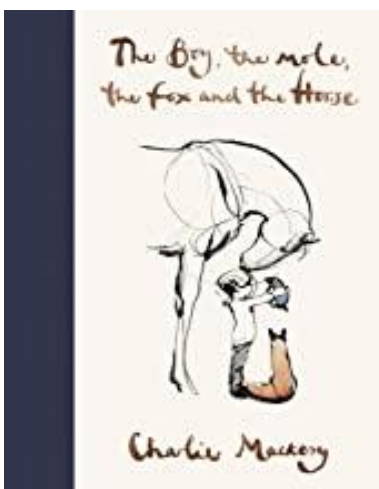
A spellbinding story of love, community and the power of reading.

The multi-million copy bestseller
Soon to be a major film



Where the Crawdads Sing

For years, rumours of the 'Marsh Girl' have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say.



Discover the very special book that has captured the hearts of millions of readers all over the world.

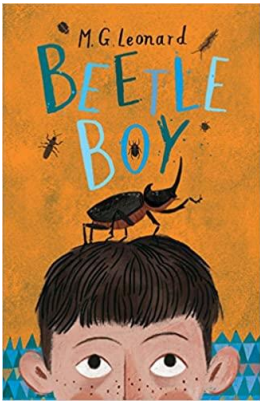
A book of hope for uncertain times.

Enter the world of Charlie's four unlikely friends, discover their story and their most important life lessons.

Staff recommendations

Miss Jeffreys recommends:

Beetle Boy by M.G. Leonard



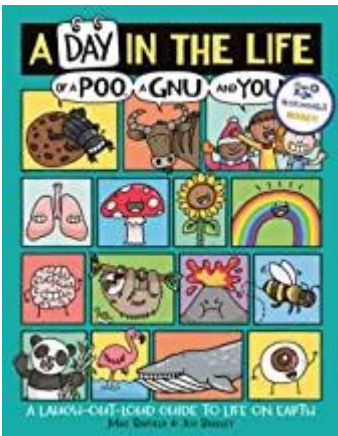
Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle - and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle?

Miss Jeffreys says: "This is a truly great story. It's a fast paced, detective story with a twist! And, even better, if you like this novel then you can read more! This is the first book in the bestselling BATTLE OF THE BEETLES series!"

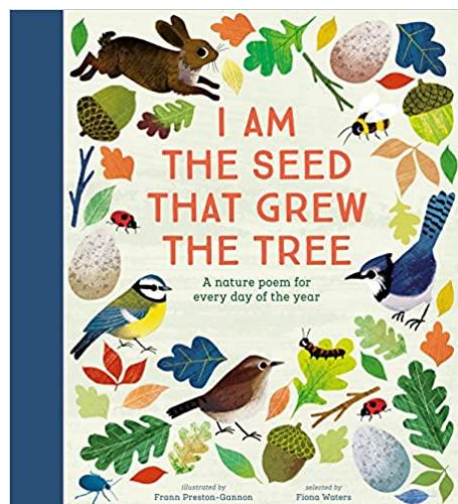
Mrs Ibisson recommends:

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

Mike Barfield and 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...* is packed with facts, laughs and amazing illustrations you can dive into all day long.



Mr Powe recommends:

I Am The Seed That Grew The Tree by Fiona Waters

This is a beautifully illustrated collection of 366 nature poems - one for every day of the year, including leap years. It is filled with familiar favourites and new discoveries, written by a wide variety of poets.

"This is the perfect book for children (and grown-ups!) to share at the beginning or the end of the day, or just to dip into at any time."

Miss Jones recommends:

There's a Tiger in the Garden by Lizzie Stewart.

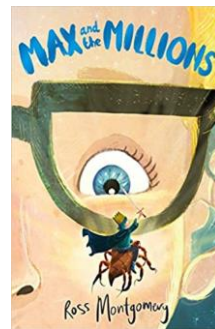


When Grandma says she's seen a tiger in the garden, Nora doesn't believe her. Nora is too old to play Grandma's silly games! Everyone knows that tigers live in jungles, not gardens. Nora knows there's absolutely, DEFINITELY no way there could be a tiger in the garden . . .

Miss Jones says "The illustrations are beautiful and it's a lovely story about imagination and adventure!"

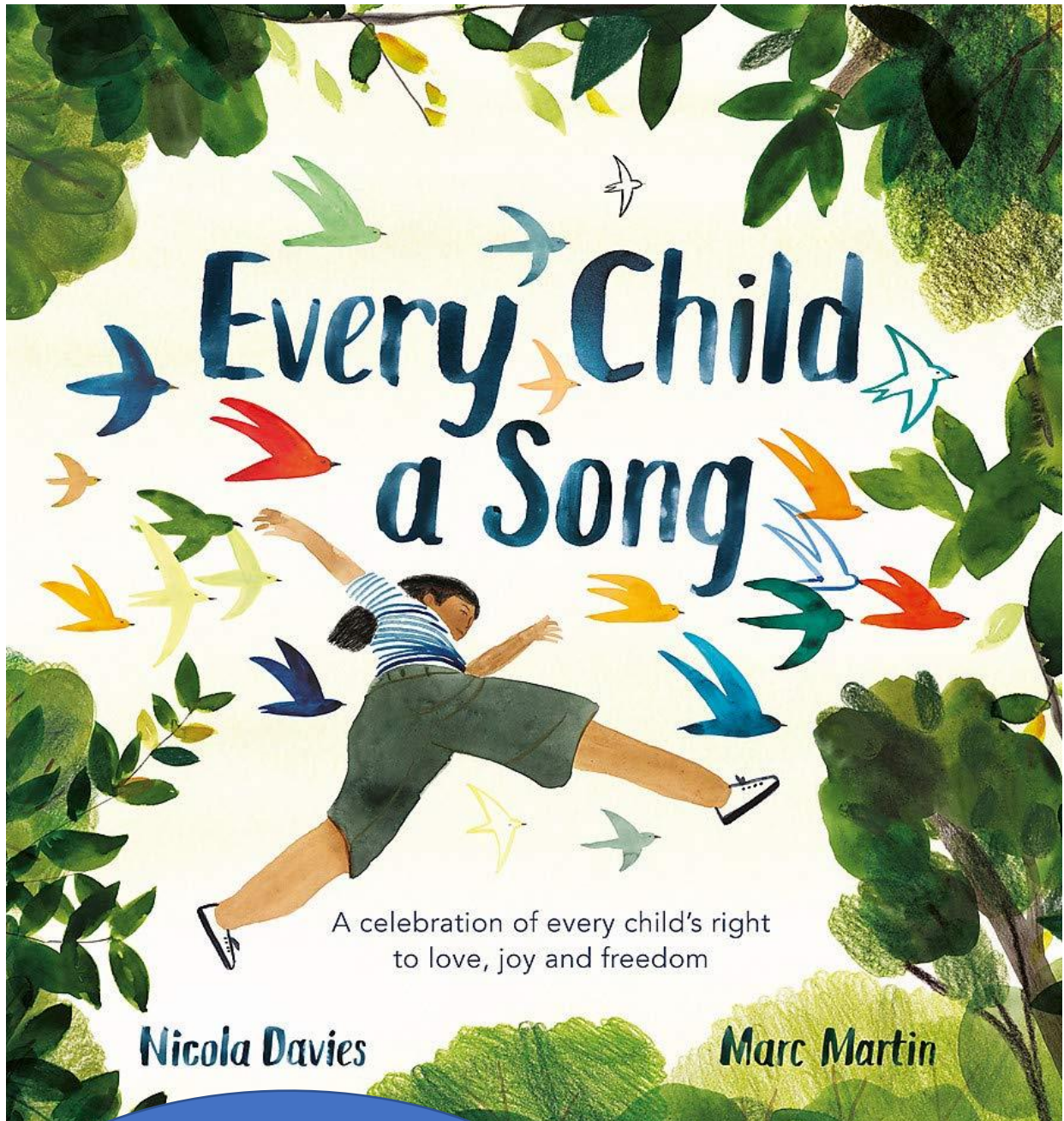
Miss Billingham recommends:

Max and the Millions by Ross Montgomery.

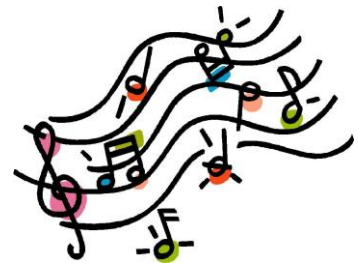


Max is used to spending time alone - it's difficult to make friends in a big, chaotic school when you're deaf. He prefers to give his attention to the little things in life . . . like making awesome, detailed replica models. Then Mr Darrow, the school caretaker and fellow modeller, goes missing. Max must follow his parting instruction: 'Go to my room. You'll know what to do.'

Another book recommendation from Mr Powe is:



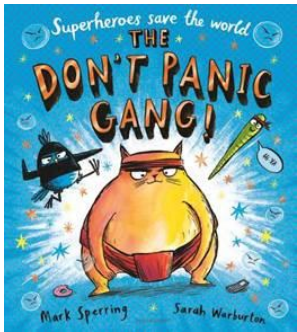
The idea of a song runs through this book and the song represents the life of the child. A song can be silenced, a song can be drowned out, its melody can be changed into something discordant and ugly – and that's what happens when children rights are not respected and upheld.



This is what the author Nicola Davies has said about this book.

The Don't Panic Gang!

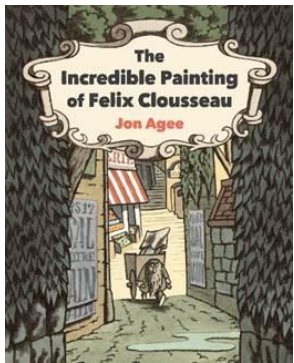
Author: Mark Sperring



The Don't Panic Gang is a top secret organisation, comprising a doughnut-loving cat, a little blue bird and an unassuming window-box worm. When they receive an urgent call for help, the three friends immediately leap into action and. This is an exciting and funny adventure, perfect to read aloud.

The Incredible Painting of Felix Clousseau

Author: Jon Agee

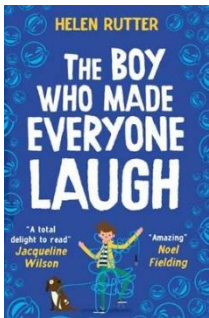


In Paris, the Royal Palace is holding an art contest, and artists from all over the city are bringing their pictures to compete for the big prize. Felix Clousseau, an unknown artist, brings his painting of a duck, which everyone laughs at until it quacks and walks out of the painting. This is a fun story about paintings

coming to life . The ending is also a surprise and will make kids do a double take in a good way.

The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh

Author: Helen Rutter



Billy's starting secondary school but he's worried that his stammer will make it hard to fit in. He has to get rid of it before he can pursue his dream of being a stand-up comedian - so he comes up with an unusual list of ways to deal with it.

The Boy Who Met A Whale

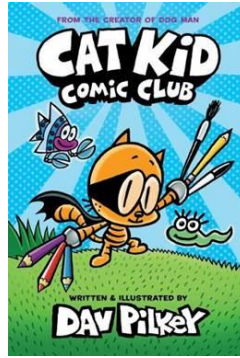
Author: Nizrana Farook



Razi can't resist an early-morning trip to the beach to watch the newly-hatched turtles battling their way towards the sea. But the calm of the day is disturbed when he spots a tiny boat bobbing towards the shore. And hanging over the side is a small, still hand. This is a story of contrasts: the beautiful serenity of a remote island, the daring thrills and nerve-jangling brushes with death and the triumphs of complicated personal experiences.

Cat Kid Comic Club

Author: Dav Pilkey

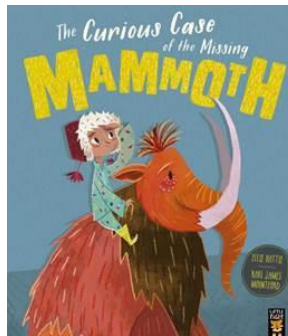


Lil' Petey the cat and his friend Molly (a tadpole) have begun the Cat Kid Comic Club, a club for kids that like to draw comics. Lil' Petey and Molly start inspiring their fellow comic makers with ideas, from how to come up with an initial concept to giving awards for the weirdest comic .

Perfect for fans of *Dog Man* and *Captain Underpants*, *Cat Kid Comic Club* is a friendship story with a passion for comics at its core.

The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth

by Ellie Hattie



As the clock strikes midnight, Oscar is awoken by loud stomping outside his window. Looking out, he finds a huge, hairy, woolly mammoth called Timothy. Timothy recruits Oscar to help him find his baby brother before the clock strikes one and the 'magic hour' is over. But can they catch the little mammoth and

return him to his mum before T Rex gobbles him up as a tasty snack?

The Valley of Lost Secrets Author: Lesley Parr



It's 1939, and Jimmy and his little brother Ronnie have been evacuated to a tiny, quiet village in Wales. After the hustle and bustle of London, it's a bit of a shock. This is a beautiful book, reminiscent of Enid Blyton's Famous Five stories and Michelle Magorian's *Goodnight Mister Tom*. There's also a terrific code to crack at the end, for those hungering for even more mystery.

Vi Spy, Licence to Chill

Author: Maz Evans



The day Vi's Mum is going to marry Mr Sprout is the day Vi discovers some of the truth about her family. And very quickly her life is turned on its head. Can Vi not only foil the baddies but also do it in time to prevent her Mum's brain exploding?

The plot is compelling, if ridiculous, and underneath it all there's a comforting story about loyalty, friendship, blended families and love.



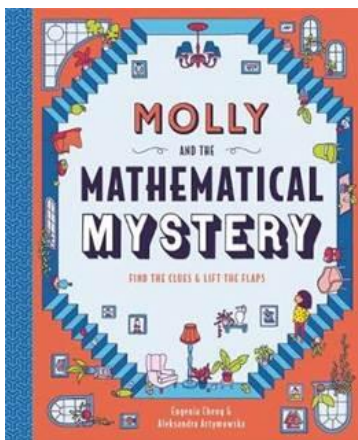
Author: Caryl Hart
 Young children will love diving into this vibrant picture book and embarking on a captivating exploration of the world's oceans. Each double-page spread focuses on a different body of water and highlights some of the creatures and plants that lie beneath the waves.



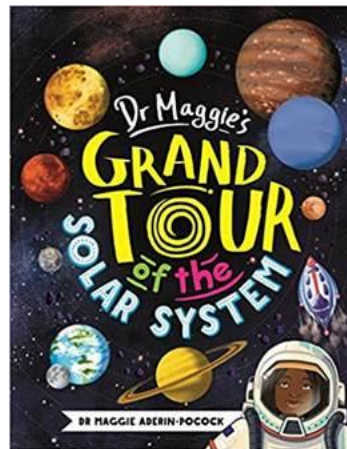
Author: Imogen Russell Williams
 This book is not about the slime that you can buy in shops and play with at home - this is about natural slime of all varieties. Slimy creatures, slimy things, living slime and slime made by plants or creatures, including humans. We are guided through our tour of slime by a host of strange looking, distinctly non-human experts including Doctor Hal O'Vera and Doctor Isaac Newt. A great book for children who love facts, slime, animals, science and all manner of weird and wonderful things .



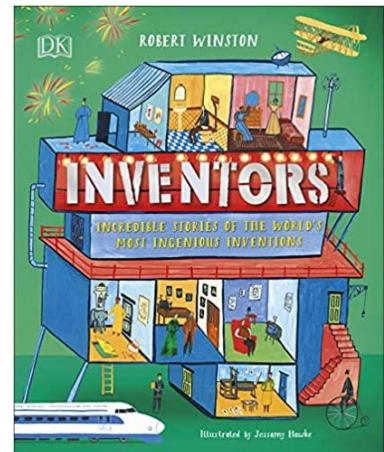
Author: Alex Bellos
 This collection of 50 real-life tales from around the world spans a period of more than 75 years and spotlights the remarkable achievements, both on and off the pitch, of a variety of football heroes. It will delight young football fans and provide fascinating reading for those who are keen to discover more about the world of football.



Author: Eugenia Cheng
 Molly is a curious explorer and finds that her bedroom is just the beginning of a fantastic journey through a mysterious house which she must navigate by solving mathematical puzzles.



Author: Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock
 Space scientist Dr Maggie invites readers to join her on a grand space tour using their imaginations. This fantastic, imaginative reference book would be a wonderful resource in the classroom and treasured by any young person with an interest in space.

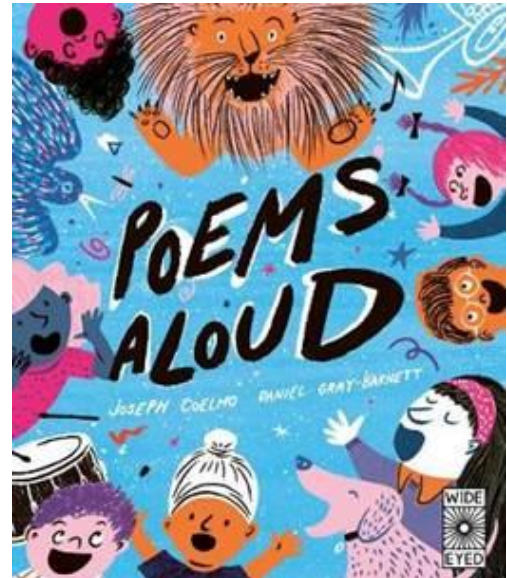


Author: Robert Winston and illustrated by Jessamy Hawke
 Discover the masterminds behind the greatest inventions in history – see Leonardo da Vinci's workshop, climb on board Hideo Shima's speedy bullet train and visit Annie Turnbo Malone's beauty school. From Archimedes leaping from his bath to the internet and space travel, "Inventors" tells the story of the people that changed our world.



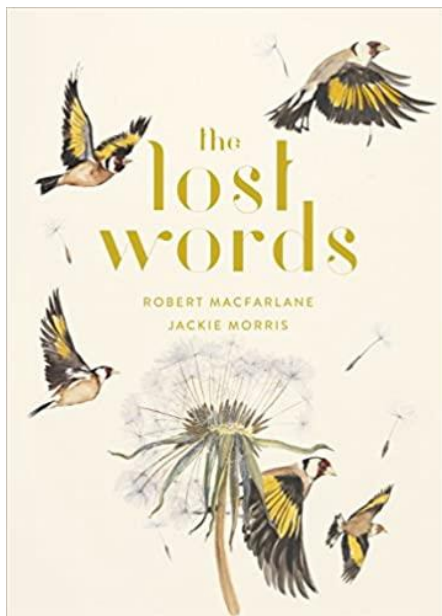
Author: Valerie Bloom

This is a poignant and highly recommended anthology of poetry for children, filled with verse which is as moving as it is fun to read aloud.



Author: Joseph Coelho

This dynamic collection of verse brings poetry alive, both for the reader and their audience. Perfect to encourage children to develop a love of poetry and performance.



Author: Robert MacFarlane

This is a joyful celebration - in art and word - of nearby nature and its wonders. With acrostic spell-poems by award-winning writer Robert Macfarlane and illustrations by Jackie Morris, this enchanting book evokes the irreplaceable magic of language and nature for all ages.



Author: Robert MacFarlane

The Lost Spells is a pocket-sized treasure that introduces a beautiful new set of natural spell-poems and artwork by beloved creative duo Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris.

Want to be a better reader? Watch the telly with subtitles on!



This is a short article from BBC Newsround explaining all about this campaign!



<https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/>

Watching TV can help your reading skills!

Studies have shown that watching your favourite TV show with the subtitles on might double your chance of becoming a good reader! With many of you having to spend a lot more time at home recently, TV viewing levels have increased. But a new campaign called "Turn On The Subtitles" suggests you can get more out of watching your favourite shows if you do just that - turn the subtitles on!

Imagine reading the same number of words in all of the Harry Potter books, without even picking up a book! The study even suggested that children didn't notice they were absorbing the words of the subtitles, but were benefitting from them being on anyway.

The people behind the campaign found that in a year, children who watch around 11 hours of TV per week (which is about the average) with the subtitles on read the equivalent of:

- All seven of the Harry Potter books
- AND all five of the Earthsea books
- PLUS the three books in Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy
- PLUS all seven of the books in the Narnia saga
- PLUS all three of The Lord of the Rings books

A number of celebrities have backed this campaign, including former Great British Bake Off presenter Sandi Toksvig.

"I love the "Turn On The Subtitles" campaign. It's stunningly simple, free and yet so powerful!" she said.

In India, it has recently become a law that at least 50% of children's TV must have same-language subtitles on by the year 2025, as it is so helpful for literacy levels.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has also backed the campaign, saying it's an "excellent" idea.

What do you think about the campaign?

Would you watch all your favourite shows with the subtitles on?

What have we been reading the class recently?

Penguins and Bears

Little Red Riding Hood
Supertato

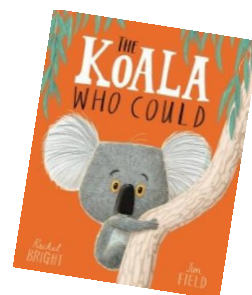


Bears

The Gingerbread Man
The runaway Pancake

Other food related picture books are:

Kitchen Disco by Clare Foges and Al Murphy
The Giant Jam Sandwich by John Vernon Lord

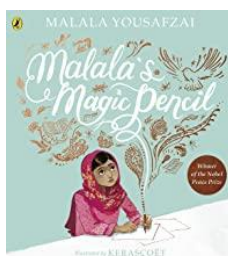


Chimpanzees

The Squirrels Who Squabbled, The Lion Inside and
by Rachel Bright

Hippos

The Magic Paintbrush by Juila Donaldson
Other "magical" picture books are:
Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai
The Pencil by Allan Ahlberg
The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt



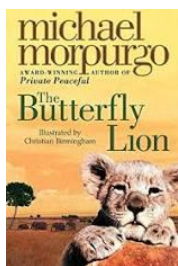
Seahorses

The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom Mclaughlin
(If your child has enjoyed this book, then have a look at Tom Mclaughlin's
website (<https://tomclaughlin.co.uk>) where his other books are listed. There is
a whole series of "Accidental" books.



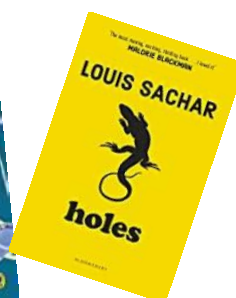
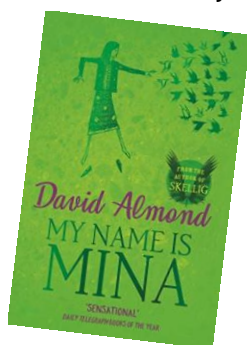
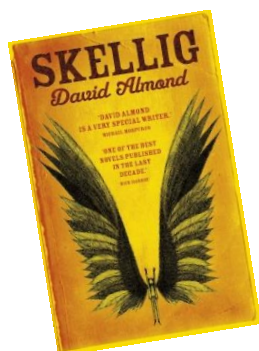
Otters and Cheetahs

The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo
Michael Morpurgo has written many, many books. Visit his website to find out more:
<https://www.michaelmorpurgo.com/>



Wolves and Lions

'Skellig by David Almond
Other mystery books which might appeal to your children are:
Clockwork by Phillip Pullman
Holes by Louis Sachar
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd



Here is some wise advice from the Book Trust.

What if my child doesn't like reading?

We know that not all children read for pleasure - they might find it difficult or think that it's boring. On this page, we share some top tips to help young people enjoy reading more.

But what if your child or student doesn't enjoy reading? Whether they find it difficult or think it's boring, it's not always something young people are keen to do. But here are some things that could help...

- **Talk about books:** Talking to children about books and stories can help them to realise how exciting they are. Show an interest in what they've read, ask questions about it, and swap opinions.
- **Make it fun!:** There are so many fun things you can do with books beyond reading them. Maybe you could ask your children to draw their favourite character or act out what they've read for you. Or perhaps you could try recreating some classic book covers and taking photos!
- **Try funny books:** Everyone likes a good giggle! Check out the LOLLIES (Laugh Out Loud Book Awards <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/lollies>)!



- **Don't worry about what your children are reading:** Whether it's a short story, poetry, a graphic novel, non-fiction, joke books, a comic or even the back of a cereal packet, it doesn't matter what your child is reading - as long as they're enjoying it! Anything could kickstart a love of books. (And don't panic if they read the same book over and over again, either.)
- **Give them a chance to choose:** It's a great idea to give children the chance to choose what they read. Maybe you could take them to a bookshop and let them pick out something as a treat, or make regular library visits to help them figure out what they enjoy.
- **Enjoy books out loud:** Why not read part of a book to your child, then leave it with them to explore further on their own? Children might enjoy listening to audiobooks, too – the combination of hearing the story out loud and holding the physical book could be a big help. Why not try listening to a story the next time you're in the car together?
- **Find books related to their interests:** If your child is a gamer, why not try choose-your-own-adventure books, Minecraft guides or stories about virtual reality? If they like sport, you could try one of Kwame Alexander's verse novels or a biography of their favourite football player. If a book is about something they already love, it could be a brilliant way to get them hooked. Or perhaps their favourite film is based on a book - you could enjoy the story together and talk about how the movie and the original story are different.
- **Try series fiction:** If your child loves the first *Harry Potter* book, there are six more stories for them to dive into! There are some wonderful series out there that have converted reluctant readers into bookworms - you could try the *Tom Gates* books by Liz Pichon or the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series.

Book Week winners

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Book Week activities. There were many fabulous front cover designs, many creative wooden spoon book characters and stunning costumes. Well done to you all. Well deserved certificates were awarded to:



	Lets get drawing (front cover design)	Lets get creative (wooden spoon design)	Dressed to impress (World Book Day costume)
Penguins	Franklin Reid-Watts Esmee Sword	Marley Fisher Summer Little	Fabian Clarke Daniel Watts
Bears	Keira Dilley	Liam Angell	Chloe Franklin
Chimpanzees	Polly Clarke	Max Charlton	Sophie Franklin
Hippos	Maisie Smith	Fleur Nichols	Elizabeth Hillis
Seahorses	Joshua Dilley	Kaia Dorsey	Matilda Fisher
Otters	Mason Butler- Best	Izzy Mcquoid	Ruben Vallack- Best
Cheetahs	Oscar Prior	Matty Surowiec	Isaac Kendrick
Wolves	Wilf Robinson Isla Kielb	Tabitha Berry Ruby Tomlinson	Mia Cameron Jakub Glowacki
Lions	Milena Dunick Isabella O'Grady	Harry Kelly Darcy Bush	Joseph Alvarez Harry Glendinning

Blue Peter Badges

Did you know you can get a Blue Peter **Blue badge** by sending in an interesting letter, story, picture, poem or good idea for the programme? Why not write to Blue Peter telling them of a book you have enjoyed reading recently? Or draw a new front cover to your favourite book? Or write a book review? All of these ideas would earn you a special Blue Peter badge. Go on, give it a go! And please tell us when you receive one of these special **blue** badges.



Wiltshire Council

Did you know that Wiltshire Libraries are open for click and collect orders?

<https://libraries.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/arena/ordercollect>



Public libraries are planning to re-open on 12th April.

BookTrust www.booktrust.org.uk

Book finder and parental advice about supporting your child's reading.

National Literacy Trust www.literacytrust.org.uk

Support and guidance for parents.