

Archbishop Courtenay Primary School

Reading Review 2021/22

Term 2 Reading News



We are inspired by Jolabokaflod ("Christmas Book Flood" in English) the Icelandic tradition of giving and unwrapping new books on Christmas Eve, cosying up with family, and reading into the night and so have crammed a sleigh full of Winter Recommended reads in this issue.

A book is a gift you can open again and again.

—Garrison Keillor

Maidstone Library

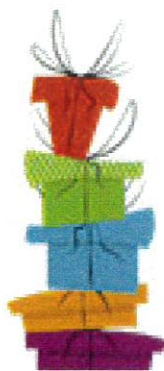
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Friday: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

The library is free to join. If you'd like to use the 'select and collect' service you can choose up to 6 books on-line in advance and when they're ready you collect them from Maidstone library. The loan period is for 6 weeks on all items issued through Select and Collect.

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"Books make great gifts because they have whole worlds inside of them. And it's much cheaper to buy somebody a book than it is to buy them the whole world!"
Neil Gaiman



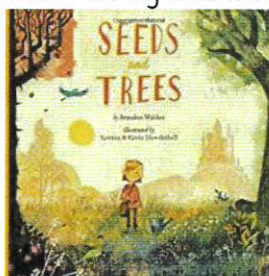
Whole School Project

In Term 2, we took part in activities which focused on Anti-Bullying Week, this took place from 15 to 19 November 2021 and had the theme One Kind Word.

"Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' was chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week" (<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>)

Sharing stories are a great way of developing empathy and developing our understanding of Individual Liberty, Respect and Tolerance. They also help us to appreciate the impact out words can have on ourselves and on others.

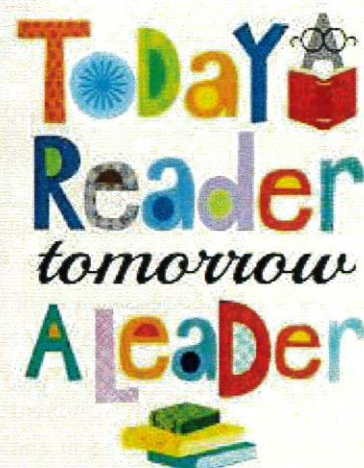
A book that demonstrates this particularly well is Seeds and Tree by Brandon Weldon.



Seeds and Trees revels in the power of words. It explores their effects on feelings and emotions. And it does so through the journey of two different seeds.

The Book Trust has some great recommendations for books about bullying for 8-12s if you are looking a way in to start a conversation about any of these issues with your child.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/d/difference-acceptance-and-bullying-childrens/>



Reading Volunteers

Thank you to those who responded to our invitation for volunteers to read with our lovely children. The invitation is still open and we would like to get this up and running as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs Jewell via email on Kandinskyclass@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk or leave a message at the school office should you be able to spare a little time each week to help out.

Remembrance Day 2021



Years 3 and 4 were particularly moved by Owen's poem in this story written by Lisa Thompson.

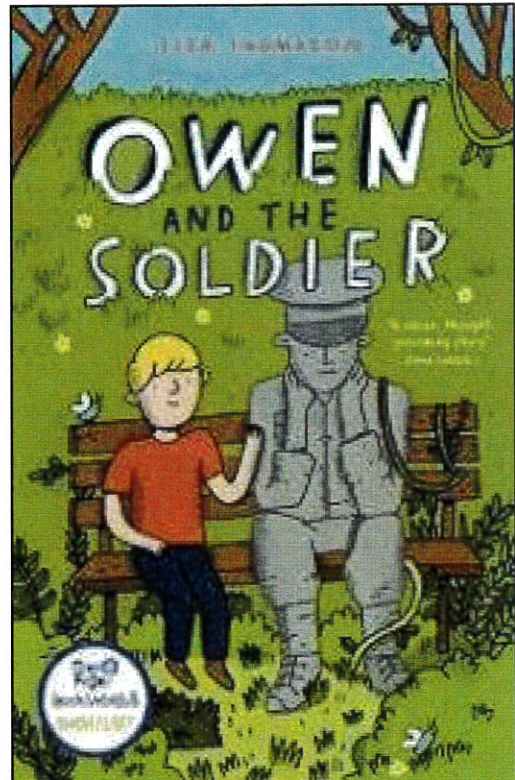
Something Simple

Something simple,
Can remind me of you.
A mug in a cupboard.
A stranger in blue.

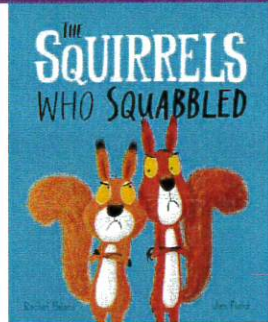
An old stone soldier,
Making me smile.
He's crumbling now,
He's been there for a while.

My dad went to war
But he didn't come home.
He won't hear me laugh,
Like the soldier of stone

One is now gone,
But the other must stay.
Save the stone soldier,
Don't take him away.



Picasso Class' Review of ...



We loved reading this book in our reading skills lesson, over 2 weeks. The story is about Cyril and Bruce, the squirrels who squabble over a pine cone. They are both very selfish as they rush to get the last pine cone for their winter store. As we read the learnt new words which we collected and used a dictionary to find the meaning of: squabbling, spontaneously, trembling, advice, bedraggled and drift.

We particularly liked the part where the squirrels started to be kind towards each other. The message in the book fits with our school vision of having compassion, friendship and respect and we learnt that it is better to share and not squabble!

We would recommend this book for children aged 6 to 8 years.

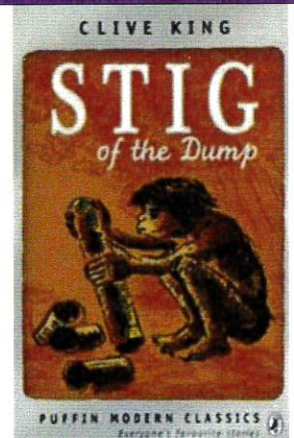
Warhol Class' Review of ...

This term we have been reading *Stig of the Dump* by Clive Dunn as our class reading book. Clive King was born in Richmond, Surrey in 1924. When he was young, his family moved to a village called Ash, near Sevenoaks in Kent, which is the setting for *Sig of the Dump*. Our protagonist Barney goes to spend some of his summer holidays with his Grandparents in the country. His sister also goes along. Barney is an inquisitive child and likes to go off alone on adventures. One day, Barney arrives back at his grandparents home dirty and covered in chalky mud with bits of vine and ivy clinging to his clothes. Nobody believes Barney when he says he's discovered someone living wild in the dump. But for Barney, Stig is totally real. They become great friends, learn each other's ways and go on a series of exciting adventures together...

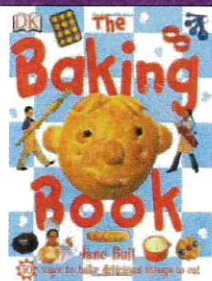
Tyler said: The boy Barney was walking around a chalk pit, where everyone dumped their rubbish that they didn't want. Barney falls into the pit and finds a boy that looks like he's been living down there for ages. He names him Stig, because he thought he looked like a Stig.

Freya remembered: The boy feeds Stig and they get along much better.

Max explained: Stig is a person from the Stone Age, who lives in a dump. He has a friend called Barney. They play together and they learn skills from each other and they trade objects like flint and blunt pocket knives.



Morris Class' Review of ...



The Baking Book by Jane Bull
Reviewed by Sabaaha Q

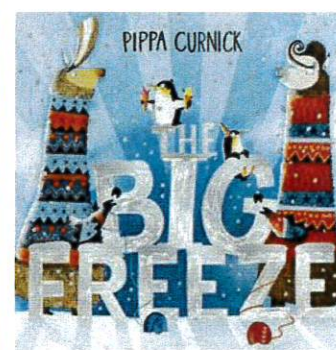
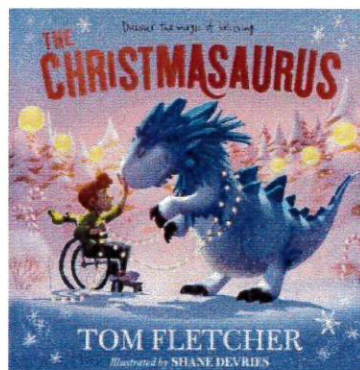
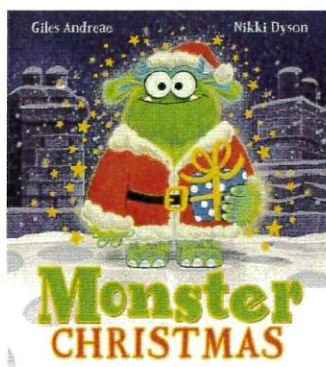
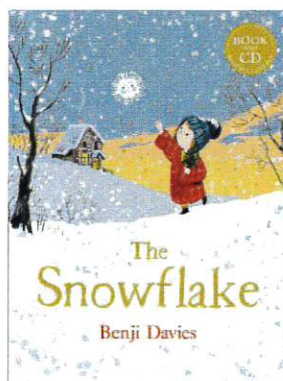
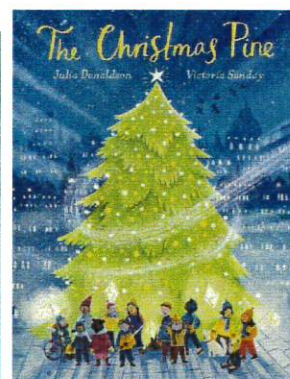
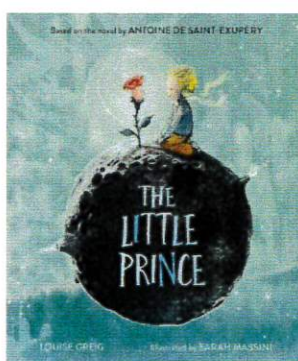
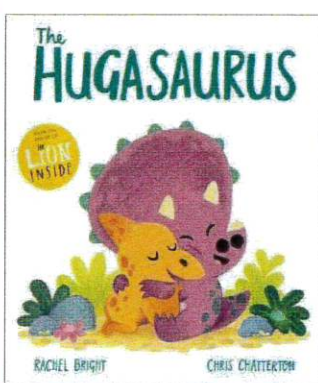
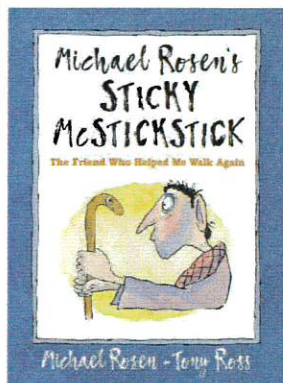
I really enjoyed reading this book because it has inspired me to bake more. Baking isn't my hobby but I've always wanted to learn how to bake. I recommend this book to people who don't know how to cook, not only does it have food but it also tells you how to bake desserts. I took this book out from the library and my eyes were stuck to it. I got to bake a lot of recipes and they were all so good I even copied them down because of how good the recipes were.

Introducing the ABC Librarians

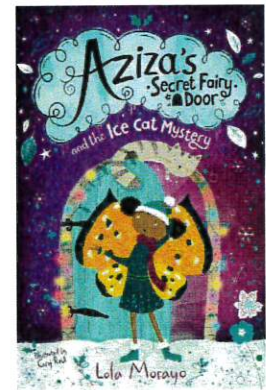
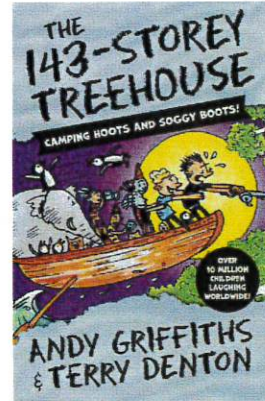
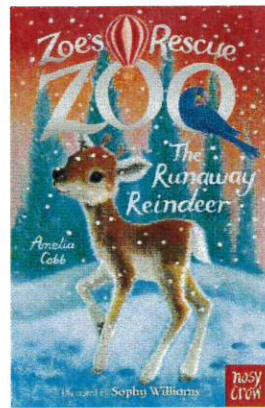
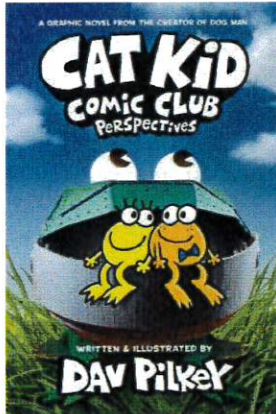
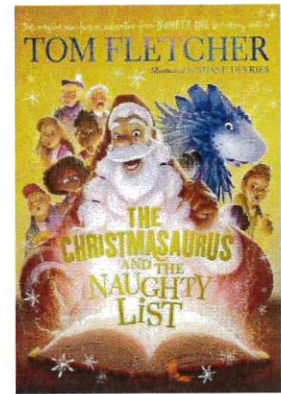
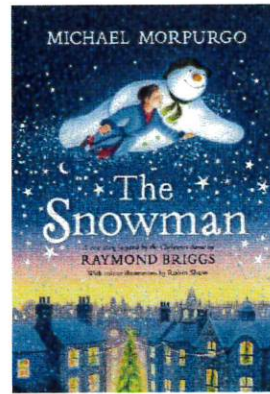
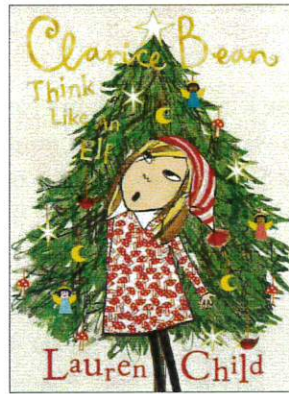
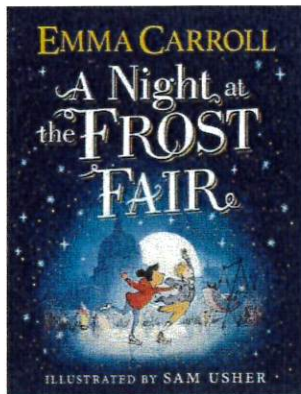


Books to add to your Christmas Wish List

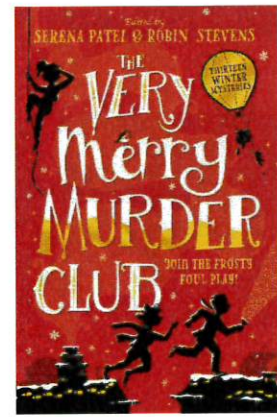
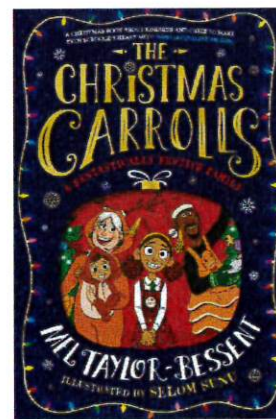
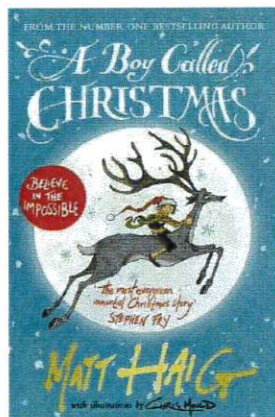
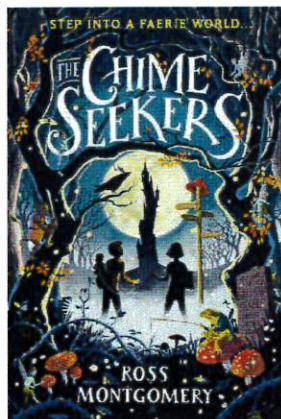
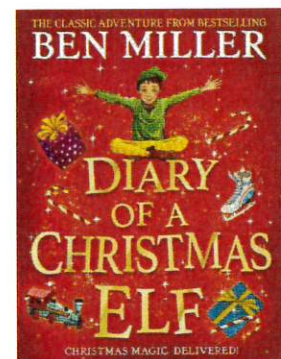
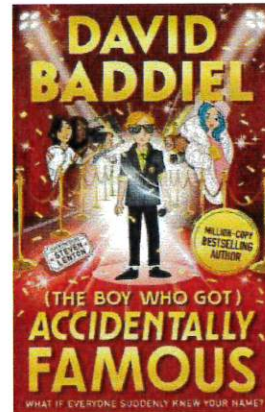
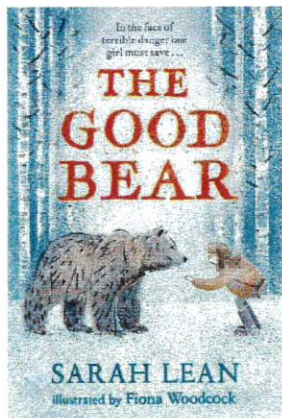
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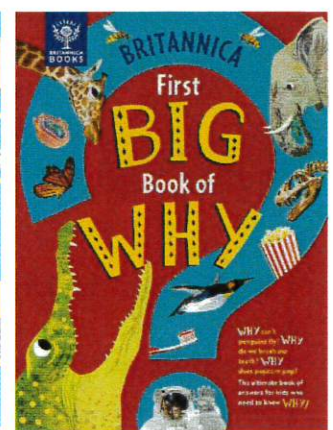
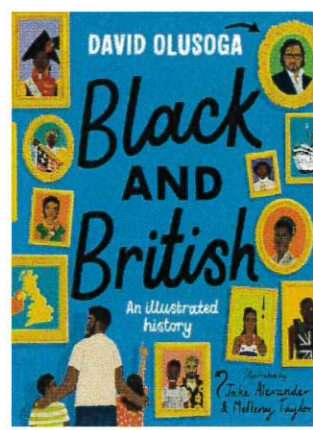
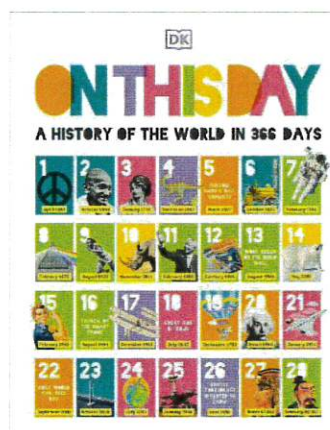
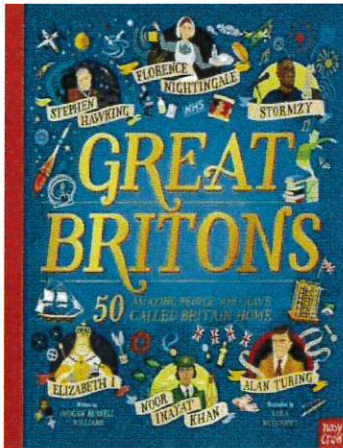
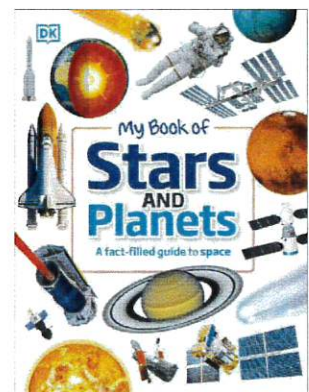
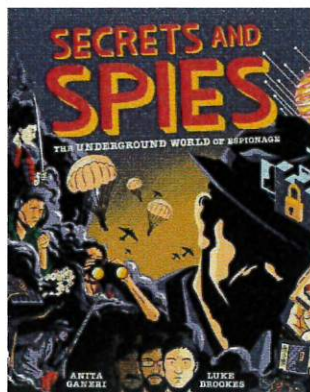
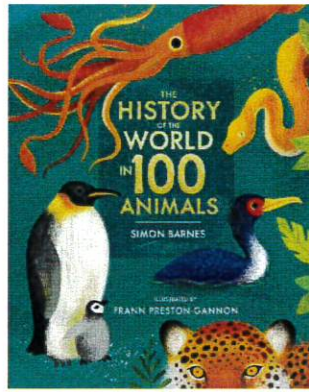
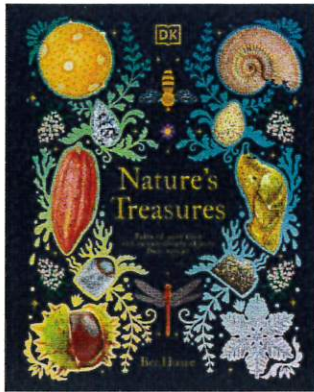
YOUNGER FICTION (5-8)



OLDER FICTION (9-12)



NON-FICTION



For more festive recommendations check out these links below:

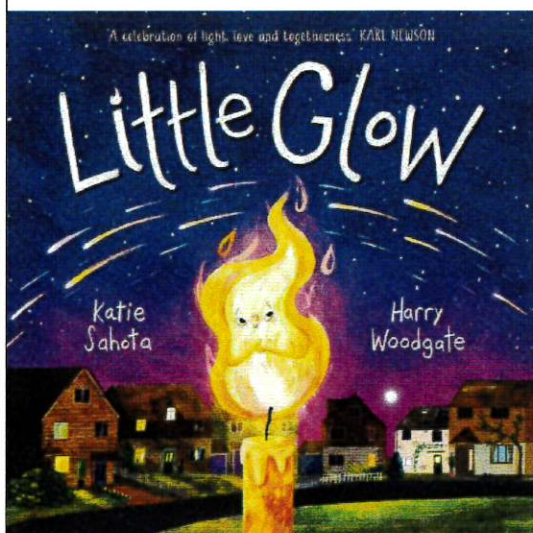
<https://www.booksfortopics.com/gift-guides>

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/christmas/gift-giving-guides>

Mrs O'Connell's Recommended Reads

Hello Everyone,

As the festive season approaches, you may be thinking about what to buy your children for Christmas, so I'm here to tell you that a book makes a perfect gift (and they're very easy to wrap)! Whether it's a book to share together, a story to fire their imagination or a factual book that fascinates, there is something for every child. Here are a few of my recent favourites.



Little Glow - Katie Sahota and Harry Woodgate

'In a world sometimes sad, where our hopes come and go, all you need is the light from a small 'Little Glow'.

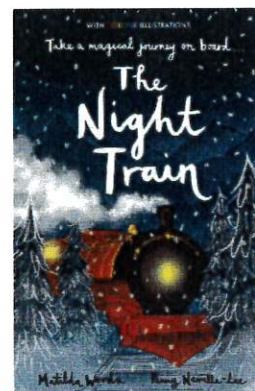
This is a heart-warming book that looks at some of the many different and diverse celebrations of light that happen throughout the year in our communities. A warm and comforting read.

The Night Train – Matilda Woods and Penny Neville-Lee

‘An uplifting story celebrating the power of working together.’

The Night Train that delivers the cast of magical characters to children’s dreams each night is unexpectedly delayed, can they all work together to overcome this problem? A charming, magical tale and perfect wintry read.

Great for newly independent readers.



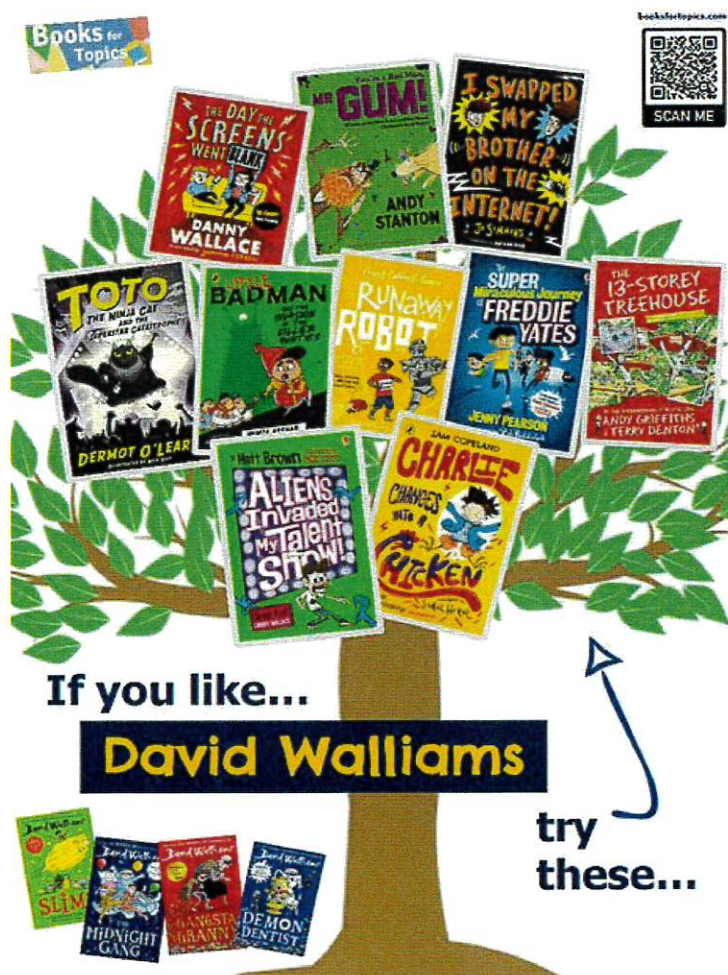
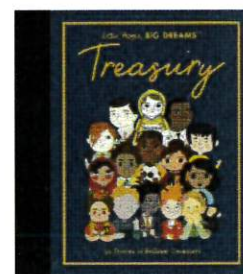
The Midnight Guardians – Ross Montgomery

‘When Col’s childhood imaginary friends come to life, he discovers a world where myths and legends are real. Accompanied by his guardians – a six foot tiger, a badger in a waistcoat and a miniature knight – Col must race to Blitz-bombed London to save his sister.’

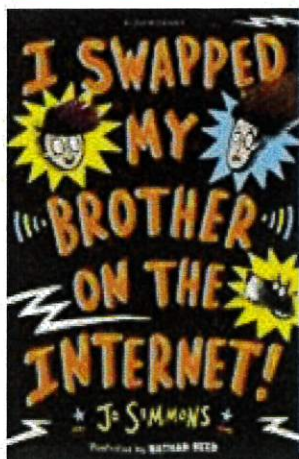
A fast-paced adventure story of friendship and courage full of wonderful characters. I absolutely loved this book and can see it becoming a future classic. Recommended reading age 9+.

Little People, Big Dreams Treasury – Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara and Lisbeth Kaiser

This gorgeous treasury is a great way to explore the lives of some outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. It retells the life stories of fifty remarkable individuals alongside brilliant characterful illustrations. An inspiring collection! (Individual titles about some of these people are available too.)



Mrs Jewell's Book Taster

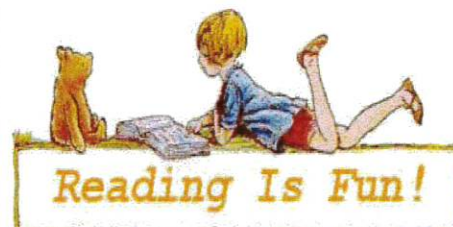


I Swapped My Brother on the Internet
by Jo Simmons.

Johnny is fed up of being picked on by his older brother Ted but gets more than he bargained for when he signs up to www.siblingswap.com. We follow Johnny in a series of hilarious adventures as the website sends him increasingly absurd characters to take the place of his brother Ted. After meeting mer-boy (who can't cycle), the ghost of Henry the Eighth (who is too bossy) and a clone of himself (who is too naughty), Johnny realises that he would rather have Ted back. Technical issues with the website mean Johnny must work fast to find Ted and make amends though.

Have you read a book you would love to recommend or any suggestions for what you would like to see in future reading newsletters?

Please pass your recommendation and suggestions onto Mrs Jewell or email it to kandinsky@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk and you could be featured in the next reading review



In Term 3 events we can look forward to ...

- Bedtime Stories
- Adopt A Bookdetails to follow.

