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Reading Newsletter - February 2024

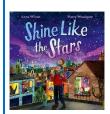


New releases!

Outside Bee Chuck (author), Bee Chuck (illustrator)

Outside is a place that nobody thinks much about. It's somewhere to go for a walk in the park or a trip to the duck pond or to get from one place to another. Inside is much more important. Until suddenly, no one is allowed to go outside and everything changes . . This brilliantly illustrated picture book shows us just how important the outside world can be in our day-to-day lives. A euphoric story to instil a love of the outdoors in young readers. Suitable for children in Early Years.





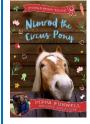
Shine Like the Stars Anna Wilson (author), Harry Woodgate (illustrator)

Beautifully illustrated and perfectly pitched for young children, this picture book invites readers to connect with the natural world and allow its rhythms and patterns to bring peace and harmony into their own lives. The sound of the ocean, the rise and fall of the tide is shown to be calming, sitting on the seashore or imagining being there a way to ease anxiety or nerves. Elsewhere, the example of a seed slowly growing is a metaphor for children's own growth and a lovely illustration of the importance of patience. A lovely book for children in Early Years and Year 11

The Day My Dog Got Famous Jen Carney (author), Jen Carney (illustrator)

A few things you should know about Ferris Foster: He's a cartooning genius; his best friend is his actual dog, Aldo who is anything but astounding; he's had 13 foster brothers and 8 foster sisters and now he's about to meet his new foster sister, Tia, for the first time; his NEMESIS is his totally annoying neighbour Destiny Dean! When Destiny boasts about videos of her dog going viral, Ferris foolishly claims that Aldo can easily become a BIGGER internet star... There's just one problem: Aldo has about as much talent as a teaspoon. A hilarious, silly and enchanting book perfect for children in Years 3 and 4!





Nimrod the Circus Pony Pippa Funnell (author), Jennifer Miles (illustrator)

Tilly dreams of having a pony of her own. One that only she can ride to stardom. Will her wishes come true when she joins Silver Shoe Farm Stables? When Nimrod the clever and mischievous circus pony comes to stay at Silver Shoe Farm, Tilly soon realises they have no idea what they have let themselves in for. Printed in a dyslexia friendly font and packed with up-to-date tips from three times Olympic Medallist, Pippa Funnell, as well as a helpful glossary and black and white illustrations on every spread. A new entry to the long running series – perfect for fans of ponies and horses! Suitable for Years 3 and 4.

The Time Travellers: Adventure Calling Sufiya Ahmed (author), Alessia Trunfio (illustrator)

When adventure calls – the Time Travellers answer. Suhana, Mia and Ayaan are thrown together on a trip to Parliament, where they are fascinated by all the history that happened there. Little do they suspect that they'll be LIVING that history when they are transported back to 1911! Finding themselves in the middle of a women's suffrage demonstration, they are amazed to see people from all over the world taking part. Will they be able to return to the present without changing the course of history forever? Join our time travellers as they visit amazing places across the world and throughout history, meeting historical legends and learning more about themselves. Suitable for Years 4 and 5.





Shadow of the Wolf Tim Hall (author)

Shadow of the Wolf, the first book in The Blind Bowman series, sees author T.K. Hall shake up the Robin Hood story in thrillingly fresh style. Presenting a fantastical take on the legendary tale, it melds environmental themes with adventure, ancient magic and myth to create an all-out character-driven rollercoaster of a story as Robin, Marian and their fellow outlaws strive to protect the forest from dark forces! The writing is rich, suffused in nature alongside a raw sense of the characters' quest. First published ten years ago, kudos must go to the publisher, David Fickling Books, for enabling a new generation to discover this epic trilogy. Stay tuned for Dark Fire and Wild Wood Rising. Suitable for confident Year 6 readers. *Note: the book contains descriptions of violence/gore which may not be suitable for all children.*



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What's going on at Newfield?

- ✓ Exciting times for Year 5! They will be visiting The Earls High School in early March to hear from renowned author **Frank Cottrell-Boyce** and hear extracts from his new book The Wonder Boys! It promises to be an exciting and funny morning!
- ✓ Are you on lime or turquoise book band? If so, good news! Lots more books have recently been ordered which will be making their way to the shelves soon!

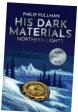


Position	Class	"Reads"
1 st	6R	2660
2 nd	6A	2510
3 rd	6M	2360
4 th	5R	2110
5 th	5C	1870

An author you might not know....

Phillip Pullman "The Lord of Dust", creator of daemons and spinner of the finest fairy tales, Philip Pullman is one of the world's greatest and most influential storytellers. His wideranging body of work encompasses books for both adults and children, but he is best-known for the unparalleled achievement that is His Dark Materials and the

long awaited *The Book of Dust*. The latter was the winner of the Waterstones Book of the Year in 2017. While *His Dark Materials* is only really appropriate for confident Year 6 readers, he has written other books for younger pupils including *The Firework Maker's Daughter* and *Clockwork*, both of which are in our library!



Book Brag!

The Kingdom Over the Sea by Zohra Nabi

Hugely imaginative and genuinely thrilling, Nabi's debut fantasy sends a young girl across the sea to an enchanted land of alchemists and sorcerers where an evil sultan is bent on outlawing magic. It was the

Waterstones Children's Book of the Month for May 2023

"This is a great book that I would recommend to ages 9 and above. It's an amazing adventure story that will keep you reading; you'll be on the edge of your seat! Yara Sumilayah is the main character who flees England to a magical kingdom known as Zehaira. It's exciting from start to finish!" (Isabelle – Year 6)



THINGS

BRIGHT

GIRL CAN DO

SALLY NICHOLLS

Staff recommendation (for Children)

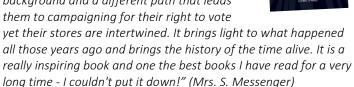


Flip-Flap Jungle by Axel Scheffler There are crazy creatures a plenty in this bonkers book of mixed-up jungle animals from bestselling, award-winning illustrator, Axel Scheffler. What do you get if you cross a gorilla with a chameleon?

Yes, that would be a goeleon! And how about a toucan with a tiger? Why, a touger, of course! With over 121 possible creations, silly names and strange noises to make you giggle, this Flip Flap book is perfect for children in Early Years; simply flip the pages to create some seriously silly mixed-up jungle animals! "My son loves this book. A very clever and imaginative book which young children will love." (Mr. T. Roddison)

Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)

Things a Bright Girl Can Do by Sally Nicholls I can't know that something is possible and sit back and not do anything to make it real. "This book tells the story of three young women who become a part of the suffragette movement in East London after World War One. Each character has a different background and a different path that leads





You may have to be quick to do this one! Children's charity **Coram** has teamed up with bestselling and award-winning author and illustrator Rob Biddulph to launch a 'Reveal Your Character' competition for children, celebrating the charity's new partnership with ITV's **The Masked Singer**! The competition, which closes **by 7th February 2024**, invites children to submit a description of what their own character would look like on The Masked Singer, and how it represents their personality or interests. Three winners will be selected by the

interests. Three winners will be selected by the judges – including Davina and Mo - to have their characters brought to life in illustration by Rob Biddulph and receive a signed print of their character! To enter, scan the QR code to the right or visit the link below!





https://www.coram.org.uk/the-maskedsinger/