

Newfield Park Primary School

Reading Newsletter - November 2023



New releases!

That's Not My Christmas Tree Fiona Watt (author), Rachel Wells (illustrator)

Light up your Christmas with this super-special festive addition to the bestselling That's not my... series. With a bigger format, sparkly foiled cover and twinkly lights to discover on the final page, That's not my... Christmas Tree is the perfect present for babies and toddlers. The best first Christmas gift!





A Way to the Stars David Almond (author), Gill Smith (illustrator)

Joe wants to find a way to the stars. With the help of his dad, he builds a ladder, a tower, even a rocket to go up, up, up... Oh no! Crash, bang, wallop! What next? Together, the pair jump on pogo sticks and build sheds to paint their dreams and find a way. An uplifting and magical tale of sky-high courage, imagination and the bond between father and son that will make your heart soar. Written by internationally acclaimed author David Almond and brought to glorious life by award-winning illustrator Gill Smith in their first collaboration. Perfect for children in Reception and Year 1.

The Girl Who Became a Fish Polly Ho-Yen (author), Sojung Kim-McCarthy (illustrator)

Ita is afraid of lots of things. She's afraid of talking to her classmates at her new school. She's afraid of walking through her new town. But most of all she is afraid of water. When one day she realises the river in her new town turns her into a fish, she is forced to face up to her fears. In doing so, can she bring her family together again? With themes of change, and deftly tackling the topic of fear for younger readers, this is another heart-warming and beautifully-written early reader by Polly Ho-Yen, filled with charming artwork by Sojung Kim-McCarthy. Perfect for children in Years 3 and 4.





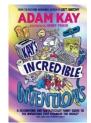
Adam Destroys the Internet Adam B (author), James Lancett (illustrator)

The Youtube sensation follows up Adam B Wins the Internet with the madcap story of a parallel dimension where technology never happened and there's no such thing as online. The second hilarious, madcap adventure from bestselling author, TV presenter and YouTuber Adam B. Thirteen-year-old Adam will do anything to save his little brother safe - even if it means accidentally blasting them into a parallel dimension and DESTROYING the whole, entire INTERNET! Suitable for children in Years 3 and 4. "Perfect for children who have enjoyed David Baddiel and Greg James novels!"

Dragon Daughter Liz Flanagan (author)

On the island of Arcosi, dragons and their riders used to rule the skies. But now they are only legends, found in bedtime stories, on beautiful murals and ancient jewellery. Then servant girl Milla witnesses a murder and finds herself caring for the last four dragon eggs. Forced to keep them secret amidst the growing tensions in the city, she begins to fear that the island's ruler, Duke Olvar, isn't all that he seems. But how can Milla and her friends keep the eggs safe when it means endangering everything she's ever loved? Fiery friendships, forgotten family and the struggle for power collide as Milla's fight to save the dragons leads her to discover her own hidden past. Suitable for children in Years 5 and 6.





Kay's Incredible Inventions Adam Kay (author), Henry Paker (illustrator)

Do you ever wonder where the stuff around you all came from? No, not from the shops. I mean, who had the amazing idea of making video games or the annoying idea of building a school? In the latest laugh-out-loud book from the record-breaking Adam Kay and Henry Paker, you'll learn about everything ever invented, from the daft to the disgusting to the downright dangerous. You'll discover all about The queen who pooed on the first ever toilet, how velcro was invented by a dog and even why the Ancient Greeks wiped their bums on dinner plates! "A fascinating and fantastically funny guide to inventions that changed the world (and some that definitely didn't)" Perfect for children in Year 5 and 6.



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What's going on at Newfield?

✓ On Tuesday 13th November, **Ange Chater** co-author of Stanley's Incredible Journey, will be visiting Reception and **Year 1**! Ange Chater is a local author, living in Wombourne. She is also a primary school teacher with many years of experience working with schools and children in the West Midlands area. She will spend some time in each of the Reception and Year 1 classes sharing her book and presenting activities based on its theme of friendship.

Reading Certificates

Position	Class	"Reads"
1 st	6R	1340
2 nd	6M	1220
3 rd	6A	1080
4th	5C	1000
5 th	5R	980

An author you might not know....

Katie and Kevin Tsang

Katherine Webber wrote several popular young adult novels under her maiden name. She then met Kevin Tsang — who was born in Copenhagen but grew up in USA — in 2008 whilst studying at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Together they have penned a number of bestselling children's series, from the Sam Wu books — which drew on elements of Kevin's childhood — to Space Blasters and, most famously, the Dragon Realm saga. In 2023, the duo published Infinity's Secret, the first instalment of a spin-off series from Dragon Realm.



Book Brag!

Warriors (Fire and Ice) by Erin Hunter
Fire and Ice is a children's fantasy novel, the
second book in the best-selling Warriors series,
written by Kate Cary under the pen name of Erin
Hunter. The plot centers around Fireheart and
Graystripe, newly promoted warriors of
ThunderClan, which is one of the four groups of
feral cats living in the wilderness.



"I like this book because it's full of drama. I love how you meet the other characters properly rather than just seeing the story through the main character's point-of-view" (Leila – Year 6)

Staff recommendation (for Children)

Space Band by Tom Fletcher

The bestselling author of The Creakers and The Danger Gang beams up a riotous cosmological comedy revolving around the worst band on Earth who suddenly find themselves competing in an intergalactic Battle of the Bands.

"I like this book because it has songs in it, and you can scan the QR codes to listen to them. The songs are really good, and it makes the book more interesting."

(Thomas D – Year 3)



Becoming by Michelle Obama

An intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir by the former First Lady of the United States.

"This fascinating autobiography not only tells the story of Michelle Obama's life but also gives a fascinating insight into life at The Whitehouse and a behind the scenes look at the Presidency. It touches on family life, politics, her journey through Princeton and Harvard Law School and also her experience of being a black woman in the USA." (Mrs. Priest)



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