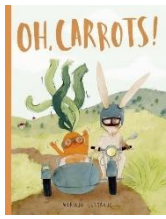




**New releases!**

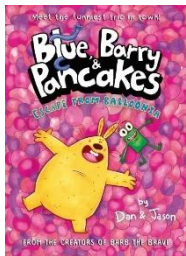
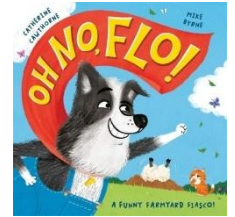


***Oh, Carrots!* Mariajo Ilustrajo (author), Mariajo Ilustrajo (illustrator)**

From the award-winning creator of *Flooded*, *Lost* and *I Love Books* comes a humorous and heartfelt tale about growing a friend. Mr Rabbit enjoys his quiet life but feels lonely at times. When he plants carrots, one seed grows into a walking, talking carrot who wants to be his friend. Initially irritated, Mr Rabbit soon realises the joy of companionship. This beautifully illustrated book celebrates the magic of new friendships and self-discovery. This strikingly illustrated, engaging picture book celebrates the magic of making new friends and shows children how the best friends help us learn more about ourselves. It's perfect for children in Early Years.

***Oh No, Flo!* Catherine Cawthorne (author), Mike Byrne (illustrator)**

A fantastically funny farmyard fiasco to read aloud, written by Catherine Cawthorne and illustrated by Mike Byrne. Farmer loves her animals and her trusty sheepdog, Flo. When Farmer gets sick, Flo tries to help but ends up in a muddle! Will Flo get the jobs done or will the farmyard chaos worsen? This laugh-out-loud animal adventure will have all readers shouting 'OH NO, FLO!' as Flo's antics unfold, making it the perfect book for storytime. Ideal for fans of *Duck in the Truck*, *You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus* and *Poo in the Zoo*. Suitable for children in Early Years.



***Escape from Balloonia* Dan Abdo (author)**

Meet the funniest trio in town! There's Blue, the thoughtful bookworm, Barry, the brilliant inventor, and Pancakes, the happy-go-lucky adventurer. Despite their differences, they ALWAYS have each other's backs... One day, Blue and Barry are enjoying a quiet afternoon when Pancakes bounds in with a surprise - she's made a rocket out of balloons! And a whole planet named Balloonia! Blue and Barry agree to take a quick peek at Pancakes' creations, but what's meant to be a fun tour quickly turns into an ordeal as the gang finds themselves face to face with the biggest and meanest Balloonian of all - BALLOON KONG! A brilliant Key Stage One graphic novel. Bright colours, a bonkersly fun adventure involving friendship, alien pool parties, cake & listening to others.

***The Misadventures of Mina Mahmood* Farhana Islam (author), Simran Diamond Singh (illustrator)**

Welcome to the joyous world of Mina and best friends Reema and Mobeen! They can't wait for their school trip to Shiremoor Oaks Adventure Centre until spooky stories about Bertie Blackteeth, who haunts the woods, scare them. With Bertie lurking and the school bully becoming the teacher's pet, this trip will test their friendship, courage, and love of potato chips. Perfect for fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Little Badman*, this hilarious and heart-warming series navigates the chaos of primary school and family life, teaching kids that you can be both nervous and brave. It's perfect for confident readers in Years 3 or those in Years 4 and 5.



***The Boy With Big Decisions* Helen Rutter (author)**

More than just a book—a world of choices awaits! This imaginative interactive adventure lets young readers shape the story. Fred can't make decisions; his parents always tell him what to do. When Fred sees the bus for Browtree, he wonders if he should jump on and pretend to be a new student. Will he be brave enough to follow a different path? You, the reader, will help Fred make decisions, stand up for what he believes in, and face choices about drama. YOU are in charge of *The Boy With Big Decisions*! This engaging story encourages readers to explore their own decision-making skills and discover the power of choice. A modern-day 'choose your own adventure' book which is suitable for children in Years 5 and 6.

***Serial Chillers: The Witch in the Woods* Jennifer Killick (author)**

This thriller from the author of the super-spooky *Dread Wood* series is perfect for fans of R.L. Stine's *Goosebumps* and *Stranger Things*. Welcome to Hazard, an ordinary town where strangeness is a way of life. Sinkholes appear without warning, people go missing too often, and things really do go bump in the night. To Travis and his classmates, Hazard is home. But when they're assigned a school project to investigate the town's history, they discover something strange and alien beneath Hazard. What can they learn from the mysterious witch in the woods? And if the witch does exist, will they make it home to tell the tale? A scary tale suitable for children in Year 6.




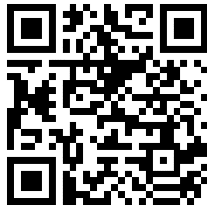
**What's happening at Newfield?**

Our Year 5 pupils got the chance to meet **Jennifer Killick**, the bestselling author of the Dread Wood series, to talk about her brand-new book, *Witch in the Woods*. Pupils were thrilled to meet Jennifer and hear about her writing journey, gaining inspiration for their own creative pursuits. *Witch in the Woods* is a funny, spooky, sci-fi thriller perfect for children aged 9-12 and fans of Goosebumps and Stranger Things.



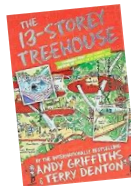
**Recommend a book!**

Have you or your child read a book which you'd like to recommend!? Scan the QR code (or click the link below) and your book recommendation may appear next month in the Reading Newsletter!

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**An author you might not know....**

**Andy Griffiths** is one of Australia's most popular children's authors. His books have sold more than 10 million copies in Australia and have won dozens of awards. Many of the books were illustrated by Terry Denton. *"Andy and Terry live in the best treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry! Just watch out for the sea monkeys! Andy Griffiths' fantastically funny 13-Storey Treehouse is told through a combination of text and illustrations!"*



**Book Brag!**

**Stick Boy** by Paul Coomey  
It's tough fitting in when you're born to stick out! Stick Boy and his family move to Little Town, where there's more to worry about than being the new kid. A mysterious plot involving Baron Ben's Mega Mall, pop star Jonny Vidwire, and suspicious HomeBots infiltrating homes unfolds. Can Stick Boy and his friends uncover the evil plan before it's too late? Perfect for fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Tom Gates, and Timmy Failure.  
*"This book is about a 'stick boy' who lives in a 3D world. It reads a little like Diary of a Wimpy Kid. The book is funny and also has lots of adventure in it; I loved it!" Recommended by Alex (Year 5 pupil)*



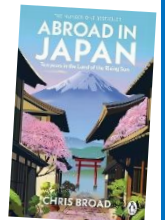
**Staff recommendation (for Children)**

**Simply the Quest** by Maz Evans  
Simply the Quest is the second book in the "Who Let the Gods Out?" series. Elliot and Virgo face new challenges as death-daemon Thanatos and his mother threaten the world. With the help of immortal allies, they must reunite the Chaos stones and learn to be heroes. The book blends humour, adventure, and heartfelt moments; it's suitable for Years 4, 5 and 6.  
*"This is the sequel to Who Let the Gods Out. It follows the life of Elliot Hooper and the Greek Gods, who live with him. It's just as good as the first book and I'm excited to read the third book. It's quirky and informative, definitely worth a read." Recommended by Ms. Saunders*



**Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)**

**Abroad in Japan** by Chris Broad  
"Abroad in Japan" is a bestselling memoir by Chris Broad, a British filmmaker and YouTube sensation. The book chronicles his decade-long experience living in Japan, filled with hilarious and fascinating stories that explore the culture clash and eccentricities of Japanese life. It's an excellent read for anyone curious about Japan!  
*"A great book that covers the authors first few years in Japan as an English teacher. I have listened to their podcast for a few years so have heard some of the stories mentioned but they are in much more detail in the book. I would love to visit Japan one day, so hearing about the varied culture and amazing locations was really fascinating." Recommended by Mr. Cochrane*



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