

New releases!

Tiger, Don't Worry! Daishu Ma (author / illustrator)

In this heart-warming tale of friendship, responsibility and courage, Mei and her exuberant friend Tiger eagerly try to help make tea, but their efforts lead to broken tools and panic! Fearing being scolded, they run away, but Mei soon realises the importance of facing their mistake. Returning home with trepidation, they are met not with anger, but with patience - and a lesson on how to make tea properly! Suitable for children in nursery, reception of key stage one.





Basil Dreams Big! Lu Fraser (author), Sarah Warburton (illustrator)

An adorable story about resilience and self-belief from the creators of Mavis the Bravest and One Camel Called Doug. "How do I steer? And how do I stop? What if I lose all my UPNESS and ... drop?!" Basil the bat doesn't believe he can fly. No matter how hard he tries, he just can't do it. But when a thundering storm threatens the safety of his beloved friend, Moth, will Basil find his wings and believe in the bat he CAN be?. Suitable for children in nursery, reception and key stage one.

Teachers Vs Aliens Vs the Kids! Steve Williams (author), Ellie O'Shea (illustrator)

ALIENS HAVE INVADED LITTLE OAK SCHOOL! When a school assembly is interrupted by an ALIEN INVASION, bookworm Finley Swinnerton finds himself catapulted into an unlikely quest to save the planet, humanity and even Derek the school Guinea Pig! Join Finley for an adventure as he grapples with alien assassins, cowardly headmasters and intergalactic overlords in a tale of slime, grime and PE teachers past their prime. Exploring themes of empathy, bravery, creativity, friendship, growing up, life changes and imagination, it is suitable for newly independent readers in Years 2 and 3.





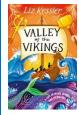
Donut Squad Neill Cameron (author), Neill Cameron (illustrator)

Ever wondered what donuts get up to when they're not being eaten? No, because that would be silly! But it turns out, donuts have BIG PLANS FOR WORLD DOMINATION!!! Meet Sprinkles, the leader of the Squad; Jammyboi, who spreads stickiness EVERYWHERE; Dadnut and Lil' Timmy, who explain obscure facts, and Spronky, who is bizarrely unconventional! But don't mention the arch-nemeses of the donuts . . . the bagels, secretly plotting Donut Squad's doom! Perfect for children in Years 3 and 4 who like silly comedy adventures!

Quiet Riot Nadia Finer (author), Holly Farndell (illustrator)

Why is it, when we see people achieving incredible things, that they all seem so outgoing? Where are all the softly spoken leaders, artists, innovators and champions? *Quiet Riot: True Tales of Shy Superheroes Who Changed the World* is a book all about the people who have changed our world but aren't always the loudest! Quiet Riot shares the triumphs and successes of shy people from all over the world and all kinds of backgrounds, including athletes, writers, explorers, inventors, artists, singers and activists. Each section ends with a series of useful coaching questions to help you absorb the book's key messages. Suitable for Years 4 and 5.





Valley of the Vikings Liz Kessler (author)

Neptune and Thor battle for power and their fight upsets the balance of the world. Lightning strikes, curses fly and towering waves swallow a Viking longship and its crew into a watery valley, taking with it the secret of the magical blue crystals! A thousand years later, Emily, a girl who is half human, half mermaid, discovers a bangle with a mysterious and beautiful blue crystal. With the help of her human and mer friends, she discovers the truth about the jewel - and the danger the world faces. The team must race against time to persuade the powerful but notoriously selfish gods of sea and sky to make peace with each other! Perfect for children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

The Kingdom by the Sea Robert Westall (author)

When a bomb during an air raid destroys Harry's home and kills his family, he knows that he is all alone in the world and has only himself to rely on. Anxious that he will be sent to live with his fussy Cousin Elsie he goes on the run across the war-battered land of North East England, his only friend in his journey a stray dog that he meets on the beach. Will Harry ever find a place to call home again, or will he be on the run forever? A story which was originally published back in 1990, this version is ready for a new group of children to enjoy! Suitable for children in Year 6.







What's happening at Newfield?

- Year 1 have been planting seeds as part of their science topic but this will also be used in English where they will write instructions about how to grow and keep the plant alive!
- Year 2 have been using The Portal to explore a jungle as part of their writing about Fables! They used it to imagine the sights and sounds of what such a tropical place might be like!
- Year 3 have also used The Portal to explore Roman Chariot racing! This was then used to help them with their Roman narrative writing! Exciting stuff!

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....

Kiran Millwood Hargrave is a British author from Surrey, known for her award-winning children's books. She studied at Cambridge and Oxford, and her debut novel, "The Girl of Ink & Stars", won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the British Book Awards Children's Book of the Year! Kiran lives in



Book Brag!

Mic Drop by Sharna Jackson

Nik and Norva are back in the second book of Sharna Jackson's detective series for kids. During October half term, popstar TrojKat returns to The Tri to film a music video. When tragedy strikes, the police think it's an accident, but Nik and Norva suspect foul play. With their friend George, they use their detective skills to uncover the truth and bring the culprit to justice!

"This is the second in the series and just as good as the first. It's a brilliant mystery which is funny and just a little bit crazy in parts! 5/5 – perfect for Year 5 and 6." Recommended by Callie (Year 5 pupil)

Staff recommendation (for Children)

The Treasure Hunters by Lisa Thompson

A gripping, page-turning mystery adventure from the bestselling author of modern classic The Goldfish Boy. It's suitable for fans of Frank Cottrell Boyce's *Millions* and classic action adventure movie *The Goonies*!

"A quick and easy read about 4 children that get sent on an outdoor residential style weekend and end up finding pirate treasure! Interesting characters including the main boy, Vincent, who has dyspraxia and finds some everyday things challenging and has to work hard to overcome some issues to get through all challenges he and his new friends face!"." Recommended by Mr. Cochrane



Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)

The List of Suspicious Things by Jennie Godfrey

"This book is set in 1979 in a bleak town in Yorkshire. Twelve-year-old Miv and her friend Sharon are living under the shadow of the Yorkshire Ripper. In order to discover his identity, they take it upon themselves to make a list of anything suspicious in their town. They begin to uncover more than they bargained for. Although this story has a dark side, the relationship

between the main characters is heartwarming and the stories of the other people in their community are intriguing. There are lots of historical and social details about life at the end of the 70s that make it an interesting and enjoyable read. I didn't see the end coming!" Recommended by Mrs. Roper

Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2025: Winner Announced!

The Cafe at the Edge of the Woods (by Mikey Please) has been crowned the Overall Winner of this year's Waterstones Children's Book Prize! Now in its 21st year, the Waterstones Children's Book Prize celebrates the best in new writing for children and teenagers, as voted for by Waterstones booksellers. Mikey Please is a BAFTA award-winning and Oscar-nominated animation director and writer.

The Cafe at the Edge of the Woods is his first picture book and was inspired by a family game played during lockdown. It tells the story of Rene, who opens a cafe beside an enchanted wood ready to serve the finest cuisine with the help of newfound waiter, Glumfoot. However, she discovers that the locals have a very peculiar palette, requesting all kinds of disgusting things...



