

New releases!

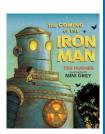


Imagine a World Jenny Clark (author), Katie O'Rourke (illustrator)

An amazing adventure into a wonderful world that might be closer to home than you think, Jenny Clark's Imagine a World is a joyful exploration of some of nature's most remarkable secrets. Full of awe and excitement, this journey into the imagination will take you on an unforgettable voyage of discovery. A love letter to our precious planet and all of its wonders, Imagine a World explores the marvels of Earth and the creatures we share it with. It also includes fun ideas for children to encourage and build their connection to nature. Perfect for children in Nursery upwards.

The Coming of the Iron Man Ted Hughes (author), Mini Grey (illustrator)

This gorgeous abridged edition brings The Iron Man to a picture book audience for the very first time! The Iron Man isn't scary - he's just very, very hungry . . . It's not until he starts chomping on fence posts and tractors that he comes to the attention of the angry farmers - who trap him in a hole with the help of a little boy called Hogarth. He resurfaces again, upturning picnickers. So Hogarth comes up with a plan - it turns out that the scrap yard, with its metal bedsteads, broken down cars and old cookers is the perfect home. This simplified retelling of the story is perfect for children in Reception and up.





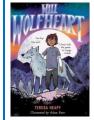
Star Cat: Unicorns in Space James Turner & Yasmin Sheikh (author)

A dynamic and wacky galactic adventure full of hi-jinks and hilarity – space has never been this silly! After destroying a highly advanced civilization by littering, Robot One is taken to meet his match - space unicorns, bursting with unbearable loveliness! What will Robot One's selfishness do to the galaxy's sweetest creatures? Will he see the error of his ways? The Star Cat series is very clearly organised with bright, bubbly characters that absolutely leap off the page. Always popular with children! Suitable for pupils in Years 2/3 and up.

Dinosaur Desert Dr Nick Crumpton (author), Ola Plocinska (illustrator)

Step into the thrilling world of dinosaurs with young palaeontologist Zofia Jaworowska, whose courageous journey from wartime Poland to the Gobi Desert led to the discovery of iconic fossils like the Velociraptor and Deinocheirus. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of her birth, this beautifully illustrated book by Ola Plocinska blends gripping storytelling, graphic novel spreads, and fossil-hunting tips to inspire the next generation of explorers. A brilliant non-fiction read for dinosaur fans in Year 2/3 upwards.





Will Wolfheart Teresa Heapy (author), Adam Beer (illustrator)

Will loves his dog Whiskers more than anything, so when a house move separates them, he's heartbroken. But during a weekend visit, Will is whisked away to a magical realm where Whiskers has become a talking wolf — and their bond is stronger than ever. Together, they explore the enchanting yet perilous WolfWorld, filled with warring wolf packs, mysterious allies, and moonlit adventures. With stunning illustrations by Adam Beer and a heartfelt message about love and belonging, Will Wolfheart is a must-read for dog lovers and fans of magical realism alike. Suitable for confident readers in Year 4 and up.

The Uninvited Ross MacKenzie (author)

Ross MacKenzie's The Uninvited is a gripping magical adventure that blends fantasy with powerful themes of immigration, freedom, and belonging. When the mysterious Faerae arrive seeking refuge from war, thirteen-year-old Samm finds himself in a divided world where fear and compassion collide. Living in a refugee camp and discovering a hidden gift, Samm embarks on a perilous quest that could change the fate of two worlds. With vivid storytelling, a hauntingly imaginative setting, and a cast of unforgettable characters, this thought-provoking tale is both timely and timeless — a must-read for fans of magic with meaning. Ross MacKenzie (author of The Nowhere Emporium) is one of our favourite contemporary authors at Newfield and this is sure to be another hit for children in Years 5 and 6.



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Reading Certificates

- Our popular Reading Certificates are again back for another year! Did you know that last year approximately 36,000 "reads" were logged by you as parents and our teachers in school – that's a lot! A staggering amount of children managed more than 300 reads across the year (one-read-aday) which is a brilliant achievement.
- This year, certificates will be a little harder to get, with them being given out for every **100** reads (After an initial **50** certificate to encourage them to keep reading!) However, so children feel even more special about receiving these certificates, it will now be done in a *special reading assembly* so everyone can see just how hard children are working! Therefore, next year children can potentially receive **50**, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600 certificates.

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....



Frank Cottrell-Boyce Accomplished, successful and award-winning, Frank Cottrell-Boyce is one of our best-loved authors. His books have been shortlisted for a multitude of prizes, including the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. Millions, his debut children's novel, won the

CILIP Carnegie Medal 2004, and remains his most famous book. The author has gone on to write countless books suitable for children across Key Stage 2, with *Framed, The Great Rocket Robbery* and *Noah's Gold* are some of his best, adventurous and funny books.



Book Brag!

The Elsewhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie
The Nowhere Emporium has vanished. Daniel
and Ellie set out to find it, uncovering magical
bookshops, deserted islands, and mysterious
magicians along the way. But something
dangerous is growing inside the Emporium
itself. This gripping sequel to the award-winning

The Nowhere Emporium takes readers back into

a world where imagination is power—and anything can happen. Perfect for children in Years 5 and 6.

"It's full of adventures and mysteries just like the first one. I really recommend it for fans of fantasy and who like a gripping adventure!" (Brogan – Year 6)

Staff recommendation (for Children)

Factopia by Kate Hale and Andy Smith

Welcome to FACTopia! A brilliantly connected trail of surprising facts – all verified by Britannica. Did you know a squid's brain is doughnut-shaped? Or that butterflies drink turtle tears?

"My son borrowed this from the library and he loved it! Each fact leads to the next via (sometimes very loose) random links and themes! The photos and artwork are great, and really add to the experience of reading the book. An easy read full of interesting and random facts!" (Mr. L. Cochrane)



Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)

The Maiden by Kate Foster

Inspired by a real-life case, Kate Foster's *The Maiden* is a remarkable story with a feminist revisionist twist, giving a voice to women otherwise silenced by history.

"This book was based on real historical events. Lady Christian is arrested and sentenced to death, by the maiden, for murdering her lover. It details her plight and the events that lead up to the murder. It's a very unique read and definitely worth a read." (Mrs. C. Saunders)



BBC 500 Words Challenge!

The BBC's 500 Words is the UK's biggest children's writing competition for ages 5—11. To enter, children write an original story in 500 words or fewer—any genre, any topic! It's been very popular for a number of years with children at Newfield and this year promises the same! The competition opens for entries on **23rd September 2025**, with two age categories (5–7 and 8–11). Winners will have their stories read by celebrities and celebrated at a special event, with amazing prizes up for grabs. Keep an eye on the official site for entry details: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words

