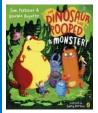


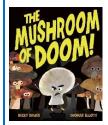
## New releases!



The Dinosaur That Pooped A Monster Tom Fletcher, Dougie Poynter (authors), Garry Parsons (illust.) Join Danny and Dino as they discover a world of monsters and slime! Will they find the delicious midnight snack they were searching for? Or will somebody make a MONSTEROUS meal out of them! With rip-roaring rhyme and laugh-out-loud silliness, the Dinosaur that Pooped series has sold over 1.5 million copies around the world! A brilliant addition to this ridiculously funny picture book series that is suitable for Reception and KS1.

Steam Train, Dream Train Deluxe Edition Sherri Duskey Rinker (author), Tom Lichtenheld (illustrator) From the creators of Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site comes a beloved bedtime classic—now refreshed with a shiny foil cover and a special foldout poster! Steam Train, Dream Train has been delighting families for over a decade, and this new deluxe edition invites both long-time fans and new readers aboard the Dream Train once again. As the mighty train heads into the midnight darkness, its animal crew loads the cars—polar bears with ice cream, elephants with paint, kangaroos with balls, and even dinosaurs lending a hand! Perfect for little ones who love trains, animals, and dreamy bedtime adventures. Suitable for Reception and up.





# **The Mushroom of Doom!** Becky Davies (author), Thomas Elliott (illustrator)

Mushroom is having the worst day EVER. First, he's not picked to go on the pizza (and Pineapple is chosen instead of him – can you BELIEVE it?! PINEAPPLE!). A witty revenge tale that shows how revenge never truly pays. Packed with humour for adults, clever wordplay (he's not just the Mushroom of Doom—he's a fun guy!), and playful nods to Bond villains. The illustrations match the zany plot perfectly, and giving mushrooms distinct personalities is impressively done. The ambiguous ending sparks discussion, as the Mushroom villain may—or may not—face consequences, and seems unable to learn from others' kindness. A laugh-out-loud picture book with the message that revenge never pays. Suitable for children aged 3 and above.

# **The Diary of Wiska Wildflower: The New School** Harriet Muncaster (author and illustrator)

This new series from the creator of Isadora Moon, Mirabelle and Emerald is every bit as charming as we've come to expect. Wiska Wildflower and her parents have moved from Twitching to Acornia, across Wiskling Wood. Starting a new school, Wiska misses her best friend Luna. She's quickly befriended by Cleobelle and Primrose, who admire her drawing and fashion skills—but don't share her love for creating adventures with twigling dolls. Are her new friends as kind as they seem? This new magical, miniature world that Harriet Muncaster has created will absolutely delight young readers, but she gives Wiska real world issues to deal with too, including negotiating new friends and situations, resisting pressure to conform and staying true to who you are. Suitable for children In Year 3 and 4.





# Game Over! Serena Patel (author), Louise Forshaw (illustrator)

When Jay discovers a talent for computing, will he pursue his newfound passion or follow the crowd? A heartwarming story from multi-award winning author of Anisha the Accidental Detective. Can you be true to yourself without losing your friends along the way? Jay is excited about a game-design project being worked on by the Computing Club at school. He wants to join in, but there's a big problem. Jay's friends think computing is only for nerds and they want him to a new football team with them. Both activities happen at the same time, so Jay has to choose. Can he find the courage to tell his friends how he really feels, and if he does, will it mean their friendship is over ...? Suitable for children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

## **The Strange Disappearance of Imogen Good** Kirsty Applebaum (author)

Kirsty Applebaum's The Strange Disappearance of Imogen Good is a magical, mysterious story that feels like a classic fairy tale with a modern twist. It starts with Fran being dropped off at her aunt and uncle's house when her mum suddenly has to go away. Fran isn't happy about it—mainly because it means spending time with her cousin Imogen, who she really doesn't get on with. But when she arrives, things take a very strange turn: Imogen isn't there, and even stranger, nobody else seems to remember she ever existed. This is exciting, spooky, and beautifully told—a story that keeps you guessing and stays with you long after you finish it. For children in Year 5 and 6.



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#### What's happening at Newfield?

In early October will be taking part in some exciting author events!

- KS2 will have the opportunity to join storyteller and cartoonist RAMZEE (Ramsey Hassan) for a virtual event celebrating all things comics! RAMZEE will also read from *The Cheat Book Volume 2*.
- KS1 will take part in an online sessions with the wildly popular **Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart** where they will vote for their favourite story ideas and hear an extract from You Choose Bedtime!



#### 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!

# Children's book recommendation

Grown-up book recommendatio

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# 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 spinoff series from Dragon Realm.



#### **Book Brag!**

#### **Evernight** by Ross MacKenzie

"I really like this book because I love the fantasy genre and anything magical in general. Evernight is about an orphan named Lara who goes on to discover her parent's past and her own powers. When her town gets raided by a mysterious group, and an everlasting night takes over, Lara must use her courage to stop the darkness and return light to her town. She goes on many different journeys on the way, making new friends and enemies. I really enjoyed this book and would recommend it to friends and family, and anyone who likes books with adventure with fantasy sprinkled in!" (Emelia, Year 6)



# Staff recommendation (for Children)

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Elmer and Wilbur by David McKee Elmer loves practical jokes, but so does his cousin Wilbur. Until, that is, Elmer has an idea which brings Wilbur back down to earth, in more ways than one...

"Elmer has been around for a very long time but is still a firm favourite with pre-school, early years and Key Stage 1 children. McKee's timeless, dry sense of humour is always top-notch and the stories are funny and memorable. My son loves reading them at bedtime and always laughs along!" (Mr. T. Roddison)

# Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)



Unruly by David Mitchell
In UNRULY, David Mitchell explores how England's

monarchs were in reality, a bunch of lucky individuals who were mostly as silly and weird in real life as they appear today in their portraits. "A little different for me this one. You can tell this

is written by a comedian, but one who loves his history. I agree that sometimes history can be a little dry, but this whistle stop tour of our early leaders will both inform and entertain. Ranging from some of the most well-known early rulers to some of the more unknown and obscure ones, I really enjoyed this book!" (Mr Cochrane)

# Young Writers Competition!

Young Writers is currently running a fun and creative competition called "The Recipe for Success", open to children aged 4–7 across the UK. Pupils are invited to write a short poem or piece of writing that describes their own unique recipe for success—whether that's for happiness, friendship, kindness, or achieving a goal. Entries can be imaginative, humorous, or heartfelt, and all participants have the chance to be published in a real book! It's free to enter, and schools can submit entries online or by post. Every child receives a certificate of merit, and selected winners may receive special prizes. It's a brilliant opportunity to celebrate young voices and encourage a love of writing. The closing date is 24th October.

For more information, click here:

https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/primary-4-7/recipe?view=ind



