



New releases!

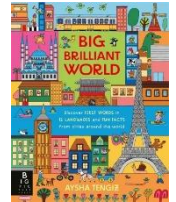


***Bella Built a Robot* Adam and Charlotte Guillain (author), Patrick Corrigan (illustrator)**

Bored of playing alone in Granny’s garden, Bella builds herself a robot to keep her company. Blue Robot is brilliant at baking but not very good at playing, so when Riley moves in next door, they decide to build another one. Red Robot is better at football but still not great at sharing or imagination. Together, Bella and Riley come up with a plan that lets the robots do what they’re best at – while the children enjoy playing and creating together. A warm and thoughtful story that shows imagination will always beat technology. Suitable for all children.

***Big Brilliant World* Matt Ralphs (author), Aysha Tengiz (illustrator)**

Big and bold in both title and content, Matt Ralphs’ Big Brilliant World is a fantastic non-fiction choice for curious young readers. Travelling through twelve famous cities including London, Tokyo, Paris and Mexico City, the book introduces children to landmarks, foods and simple phrases from around the world. Clear explanations and vibrant illustrations make each city engaging and easy to explore, encouraging interest in culture, language and global diversity. Packed with detail to spot and discover, this is an inspiring introduction to the wider world for children aged five and up.

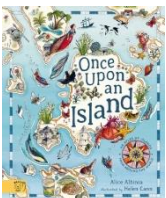
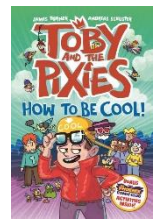


***Adventuremice: Of Mice and Mummies* Philip Reeve, Sarah McIntyre (author)**

Another fantastic instalment in the Adventuremice series by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. The vibrant illustrations are packed with detail, inviting children to pore over each page and making this an ideal read-along for younger readers. In this story, the Adventuremice uncover an ancient tablet leading them to the legendary tomb of Queen Nefertecake, but a sinister rival mouse is also on the trail. A thrilling race unfolds on a mysterious island filled with pyramids, sphinxes and hidden treasures. Both Philip and Sarah visited for an author event a number of years ago, inspiring many young readers so we always have soft spot for them! Suitable for Years 3 and up!

***Toby and the Pixies: How to Be Cool* James Turner (author), Andreas Schuster (illustrator)**

All Toby wants is to be cool and fit in, which is tricky when you’ve accidentally been crowned King by the pixies living at the bottom of your garden. In this instalment of the comic-book series, Toby reinvents himself as the “T-Train” with predictably chaotic results, as the pixies’ attempts to help spiral into mayhem. The comic is funny and bursting with bright panels and plenty of humour. A brilliant book (due to the fact it’s a comic!) for pulling reluctant readers back into reading; a chaotic, joyful comic that will be a good choice for many children! Suitable for Years 3 and 4.

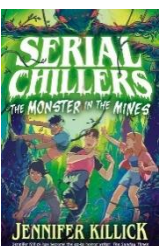


***Once Upon an Island* Alice Albinia (author) Helen Cann (Illustrator)**

Travel across oceans and through time in Once Upon an Island, the first children’s book by award-winning historian and storyteller Alice Albinia. Exploring 20 extraordinary islands from Orkney to Hawaii, this beautifully crafted non-fiction book reveals islands as places of mystery, history and imagination. Through first-person storytelling, read-aloud maps and stunning illustrations by Helen Cann, young readers discover how island cultures and landscapes have shaped the wider world. It’s perfect for explorers and anyone fascinated by faraway places!

***Dragon Girl and the Awakened Flames* Jenny Moore (author)**

The first book in the Dragon Girl series, Dragon Girl and the Awakened Flames is a funny, fast-paced fantasy adventure packed with magic and heart. When Emba Oak learns she hatched from a dragon’s egg, she also discovers she’s part of a dangerous prophecy – and that a wicked sorcerer wants her dragon blood. When her guardian Fred disappears, Emba sets off on a quest with the hilarious Odolf to find her. While there’s plenty of magic and peril along the way, the real power of this story lies in its joyful celebration of friendship, bravery and found family.



***Serial Chillers: Monster in the Mines* Jennifer Killick (author)**

Jennifer Killick’s Serial Chillers books are packed with lots of scares and this latest instalment is spooky, funny and completely unputdownable! When Travis, Zayd, Danielle and Seline investigate the strange secrets of their town, they find themselves deep inside an abandoned mine filled with carnivorous plants and something far more terrifying lurking in the dark. It’s creepy, fast-paced and laugh-out-loud in equal measure. Perfect for Year 5/6 readers who love being scared and entertained at the same time. It’s especially memorable for us, as we were lucky enough to see Jennifer at an author event at Earls High School two years ago, where she was absolutely fantastic. Perfect for fans of horror like *Stranger Things*.



World Book Day!

March can only mean one thing: **World Book Day!** This year at Newfield, we're celebrating World Book Day with a **World Book Day World Cup!** Teachers have recorded short videos recommending their favourite books, and pupils are watching these and voting for their favourites as the competition progresses through to a final winner. It's a fun way for children to hear about new books and see staff sharing their love of reading. On World Book Day itself, we'll also be hosting a **Book Café**, where children will have the chance to visit, browse and discover new books in a relaxed, exciting setting!



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 recommendation
 <p>https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/TmHxPx756v</p>	 <p>https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/SWcAht3FW6</p>

An author you might not know....



Sita Brahmachari won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize with her debut *Artichoke Hearts* and is one of the most interesting and important voices in children's books today. Her latest novel, *Tender Earth* was awarded an

honour by the International Board of Books for Young People. She was even the 2015 Booktrust's writer in Residence! Most of her books are suitable for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 but she has written a few for younger children. Her book 'Where the River Runs Gold' is a popular book in our upstairs library!



Book Brag!

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
There is only one rule: kill or be killed.

Set in a dark vision of the near future, a terrifying reality TV show is taking place. Twelve boys and twelve girls are forced to appear in a live event called *The Hunger Games*. When sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen steps forward to take her younger sister's place in the games, she will never believe how big her part in everything will become...

"I would recommend this if you like an adventure book with excitement and sometimes sadness! I really enjoyed it because it never gets boring; there's always something happening. This book is good for year 6 children." (Ophelia, Year 6)



Staff recommendation (for Children)

The Breakfast Club Adventures: The Movie Monster by Marcus Rashford

Join Marcus and friends as they solve another mystery in *The Breakfast Club Adventures*! This spooky adventure is the seventh exciting book in the series by England footballer and bestselling author Marcus Rashford MBE. Inspired by Marcus's own experiences growing up!

"My son and I have been reading this book together before bed and he loved it! He loved the mix of football skills chat and creepy creatures, in this case a 'wendigo' and how it is all linked together! Great stuff!" (Mr. Cochrane)

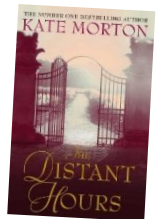


Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)

The Distant Hours by Kate Morton

The Distant Hours is a tale of love, loss, and a hidden secret. Edie Burchill's discovery of a long-lost letter leads her to Milderhurst Castle, where she uncovers her mother's mysterious past. As Edie delves deeper, she unravels secrets that have been buried for decades.

"I've read several Kate Morton books but this one was truly brilliant. Morton once again enthrals readers with an atmospheric story featuring unforgettable characters beset by love and circumstance and haunted by memory, that reminds us of the rich power of storytelling." (Mrs. Johnson)



Blue Peter Book Badge

Did you know your child can apply for a **Blue Peter Book Badge**! The badge is designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake – who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's *BFG* and *Matilda*! To apply, all your child needs to do is get in touch with Blue Peter to discuss a book they've enjoyed reading recently and draw a character or scene from the book. Click below for more information:

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