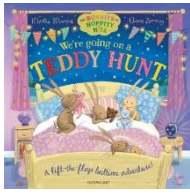


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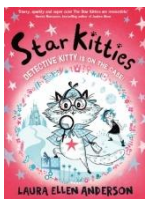
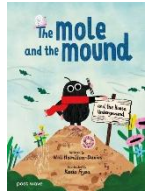


***We're Going on a Teddy Hunt* Martha Mumford (author), Cherie Zamazing (illustrator)**

The bunnies of Hoppity Hill need help to find their teddies before they go to bed. As we follow them on their search, there are flaps to lift, some of which reveal the missing teddies, some of which show us other sweet little animals. Meanwhile, the sun is sinking, but don't worry, by the time they're tucked into bed on the final page, the bunnies all have their teddies. Cosy, reassuring and lots of fun, this is perfect for sharing at bedtime and just the thing to establish a soothing nighttime routine. Suitable for all!

***The Mole and the Mound* Will Hamilton-Davies (author), Kasia Fryza (illustrator)**

Mole is busy building a simple mound to share with his friends, but Bird, Beaver and Bee don't understand why. They think their own homes are far more impressive and set off to build something better, missing the signs of an approaching storm. When it hits and destroys their houses, they have no choice but to take shelter with Mole—only to discover that his ordinary-looking mound is far more special than they ever imagined. Suitable for all!

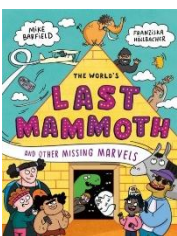
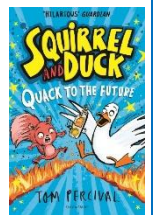


***Star Kitties: Detective Kitty is on the Case* Laura Ellen Anderson (author / illustrator)**

A fun, magical early chapter book packed with adventure, friendship and adorable feline fun. Meet the Star Kitties—cute cat friends who live on the planet Whiskery Paw! When Tabitha arrives for her birthday, she's excited to celebrate, but Queen Moggaline has gone missing, turning party plans into a search mission. Can Tabitha solve the mystery and still have a special day? With bright two-colour illustrations and an engaging style, it's perfect for young readers beginning their chapter book journey and building confidence in independent reading. Year 2 and up!

***Squirrel and Duck: Quack to the Future* Tom Percival (author / illustrator)**

A hilarious, illustrated adventure about unlikely friends Squirrel and Duck, packed with mystery, mayhem and laugh-out-loud moments. When Duck starts having strange flashbacks to a secret underground lab, the pair set off to uncover the truth, meeting a curious ferret and a very unfriendly scientist along the way. As they dig deeper, they discover some shocking secrets about why they're the only two talking animals in the world. Bursting with lively illustrations and zany humour, it's perfect for readers aged 7+, and fans of Tom Percival—a firm children's favourite and one of our Dudley Children's Book Award nominees last year at Newfield!

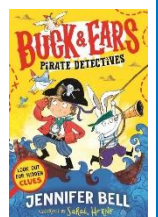


***The World's Last Mammoth and Other Missing Marvels* Mike Barfield (author), Franziska Höllbacher (illustrator)**

A fascinating and funny exploration of lost wonders, missing mysteries and things long gone but not forgotten. From the Hanging Gardens of Babylon to the disappearance of Amelia Earhart, this book uncovers the stories behind vanished places, creatures and people. Along the way, readers discover modern links and surprising survivors that still exist today. Packed with intriguing facts and humour, it's perfect for curious readers who love history, mysteries and a good laugh. While a relatively high reading level, it could easily be read to younger children.

***Buck & Ears, Pirate Detectives!* Jennifer Bell (author), Sarah Horne (illustrator)**

A hilarious, puzzle-packed pirate adventure perfect for young readers who love mystery and mischief. Buck and his loyal rabbit, Ears, are the worst pirates on the Seven Seas—until the fearsome Captain Bloodfang forces them to follow a trail of clues to find her missing chef or face being turned into pirate stew! Joined by their misfit crew, they must solve the case before time runs out. Packed with jokes, illustrations and clues for readers to crack along the way, it's an interactive, laugh-out-loud story full of fun and adventure. It is also the first in a new series of books, so readers can get to know the characters from the start! Suitable for Years 3 and 4 and up!



***Crow: Thief of Magic* Fiona Dixon (author), Nicolette Caven (illustrator)**

An exciting and immersive fantasy adventure perfect for Years 5 and 6. Crow is a young thief surviving on the streets of Starsgard, until a dangerous heist leads him to become an apprentice to a mysterious sorcerer. As he learns the art of dream magic, Crow discovers a darker force rising—one that could threaten the entire city. Faced with difficult choices and unsure who to trust, he must decide where his loyalties lie. With a richly detailed world and gripping storyline, this is a brilliant choice for confident readers who enjoy magic, epic fantasy and complex characters.

<p>Local authors!</p> <p>Kit de Waal Kit de Waal was born in Birmingham in 1960 and is a celebrated author known for her powerful and empathetic storytelling. Her debut novel, 'My Name is Leon' (2016), which explores themes of foster care, identity, and race, was met with critical acclaim and adapted for television. She is also well-known for championing working-class writers and increasing accessibility in publishing. Her latest novel, published last year, is called 'The Best of Everything'. It's about a bereaved woman who has to learn to form new relationships; it's the author's first novel in seven years - a tender and funny tale of forgiveness.</p> 	<p>Recommend a book!</p> <p>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!</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="791 338 1145 371">Children's book recommendation</th> <th data-bbox="1145 338 1505 371">Grown-up book recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="791 371 1145 622">  https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/TmHxPx756v </td> <td data-bbox="1145 371 1505 622">  https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/SWcAht3FW6 </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Children's book recommendation	Grown-up book recommendation	 https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/TmHxPx756v	 https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/SWcAht3FW6
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<p>An author you might not know....</p> <p>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 Oxford with her husband and their rescue cats! She continues to inspire young readers with her imaginative storytelling and captivating characters. Her novel "The Island at the End of Everything" is another acclaimed work, shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award and the Blue Peter Book Award.</p> 	<p>Book Brag!</p> <p>Two Sides by Polly Ho-Yen A gentle, beautifully illustrated story about friendship and its challenges. Lula and Lenka are very different but great friends—until an argument leaves them hurt and apart. As they realise something doesn't feel right, they must find a way to make things better, in a story many children will recognise and relate to. <i>"A really good book which goes into detail about why people fall out. It shows you how sometimes when we fall out with our friends it can be over something really very silly. There really are two sides to every story!" Recommended by Estelle (Year 5)</i></p> 				
<p>Staff recommendation (for Children)</p> <p>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. <i>"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</i></p> 	<p>Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)</p> <p>The List of Suspicious Things by Jennie Godfrey <i>"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</i></p> 				
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