



Kirk Fenton CE Primary School

Reading Newsletter

September & October 2020

Welcome to the first ever Kirk Fenton CE Primary School reading newsletter! Whether your child hasn't been able to put a book down during lockdown and summer, or if you've struggled to get them to pick one up, this newsletter is for you!

This newsletter will be published every half term. It's a chance to find out about new, high quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry as well as the opportunity to get tips and up to date information about helping your child with their reading journey.

As always, your support is hugely appreciated,
Mrs Cameron and Mrs Fitzpatrick (*English co-ordinators*)

The Importance of Reading for Pleasure

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987

 SCHOLASTIC

Every class teacher in our school commits to sharing a class book for a minimum of 10 minutes every day. We ask parents to match this time by listening to your child read for the remaining 10 minutes. There is overwhelming evidence that literacy has a significant relationship to people's life chances. Reading for pleasure is more important than either wealth or social class as an indicator of success at school.

If your child isn't a 'book worm' yet, don't worry! There are so many wonderful and exciting authors out there, that there's a book to engage and inspire your child out there... they just may not have discovered it yet!

Author Spotlight

Nizrana Farook



A special message from Nizrana...

Dear Children of Kirk Fenton CE Primary School, I hope you had a lovely and restful summer and are ready for the new term ahead. I've been enjoying the sunshine, summer fruits and lots of books!

A new year in school brings so many changes, and this one especially so. But some things always remain constant, and for me, reading is one of them. It's an escape into different worlds that are always there for me, and I find that so comforting.

Some of the new books I've read are Moonchild, Voyage of the Lost and Found by Aisha Bushby, The Beast and the Bethany by Jack Meggitt Phillips, The Unadoptables by Hana Tooke, Sky Pirates by Alex English, The Ship of Shadows by Maria Kuzniar, and Glassheart by Katharine Orton. Every one of them had a new world just waiting to be discovered.

In addition, I've been writing my next book, and that's taken me to a different world too. My first book, The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, is about a girl who steals from the rich to help the poor – getting herself, and her friends, into a lot of trouble over it! And yes, she does steal an elephant. The second, which I'm editing now, is set in the same world and has some great new characters, including another gigantic animal...

I hope your term is filled with lots of good things – seeing your friends and teachers again, immersing yourself in your school activities, and I hope lots of new discoveries through your reading and writing – Nizrana

The Girl who Stole an Elephant is on our long-term English plan for Y3 to enjoy later in the year so would be ideal for Y4+ so as not to ruin the surprise!

Sherburn Library

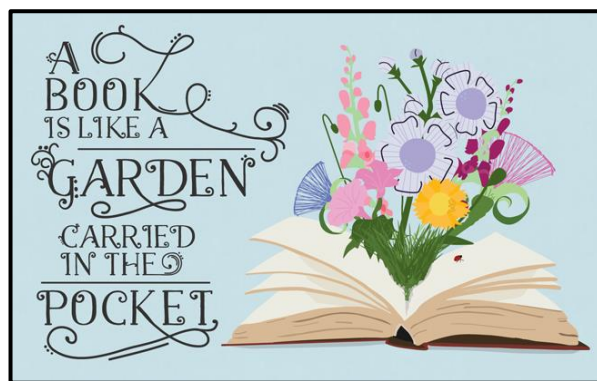
Opening Times

Tuesdays, Tuesdays, Thursdays: 9.30am – 5pm

Fridays: 9.30am – 1pm

Saturdays: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Sherburn library is now open to the public, albeit with some limited services.



Book borrowing is still available and if you feel you don't want to visit in person, they offer a Select and Collect service. Just give them a call to request the books you wish to borrow and they will get them ready for you to pick up from outside the door. Contact number: 01609 536033

Sherburn library also offer a stay and play session for children aged 0 - 4 on Tuesdays at 10.30 – 11.00am and a story time session on Thursdays at 10.00-10.45am. This is a great way for younger siblings to build a love of reading before starting school.

For the most up to date information and all the details you need, just visit :

<http://sherburninmetcommunitytrust.co.uk/library/>

Our Literacy in Science Collection



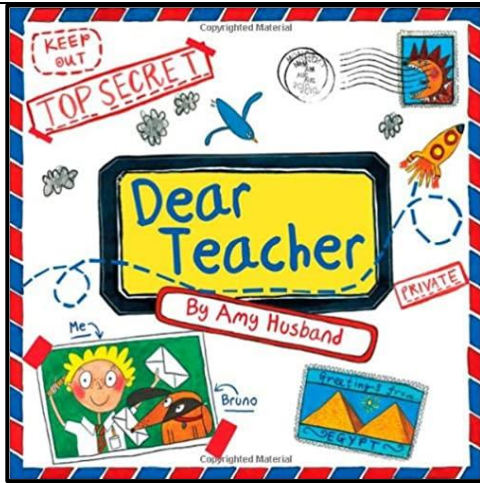
Despite being in the midst of a pandemic, we were blown away when science teachers across the country donated over 35 books to our school in return for us sharing our exciting new science scheme of work. We have had a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books donated, with books suitable for all our classes to enjoy from EYFS – Y6.

These books will be used to support science learning and make links across different subjects. We can't wait to begin sharing them with our children!

Starting Reception and Returning to School

Dear Teacher by Amy Husband

Dear Teacher is a hilarious collection of letters from Michael to his new teacher explaining why he can't go to class. From



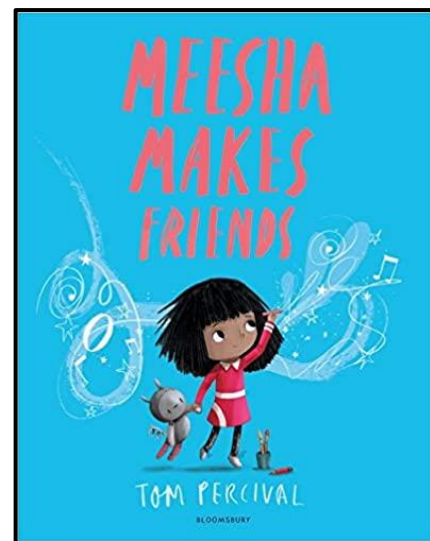
traveling to the pyramids of Egypt to getting attacked by pirates and going to the moon in a rocket ship, each letter is increasingly outlandish.

When Michael's teacher writes back telling him how sorry she is he'll miss all of the exciting school activities planned for the year, Michael realizes all the fun he'd really miss out on.

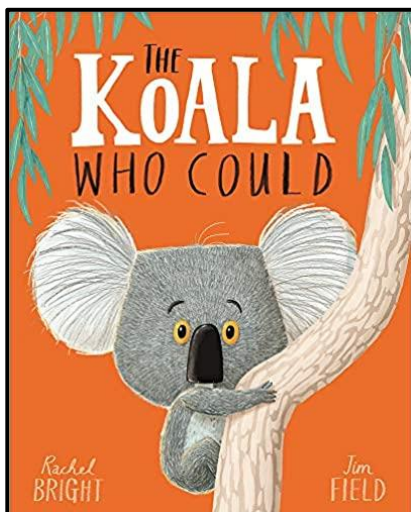
Meesha loves making things, but there's one thing she finds difficult to make - friends. She doesn't know quite what to do, what to say or when to say it, and she struggles reading and responding to social cues. But one day she discovers that she has a special talent that will help her to navigate challenging social situations and help her to make friends.

A warm and affectionate look at the joys and difficulties of making and keeping friends, relating to others, and finding your place in the world.

Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival



The Koala who Could by Rachel Bright



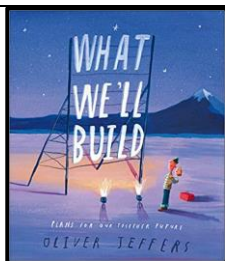
Meet Kevin. A koala who likes to keep things the same. Exactly the same. But sometimes change comes along whether we like it or not... And, as Kevin discovers, if you step outside your comfort zone and try new things, you might just surprise yourself!

A funny rhyming story about dealing with change and overcoming worries, from the bestselling creators of *The Lion Inside*.

New Releases

What We'll Build: Plans for Our Together Future by Oliver Jeffers

A father and daughter set about laying the foundations for their life together. Using their own special tools, they get to work;



Published on 6th October 2020 and suitable for EYFS+

building memories to cherish, a home to keep them safe and love to keep them warm. The much-awaited sequel to 'Here We Are' which was used by our classes as the first book back in September.

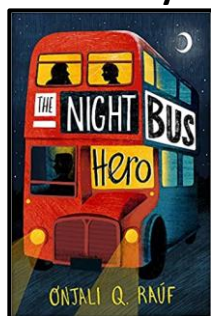
The latest in a very popular series and ideal for fans of The Worst Witch and Isadora Moon. When Amelia Fang's baby brother, Vincent, accidentally enters a mysterious land – the place where all squished toads go – Amelia has to embark on a daring adventure to rescue him. But even if Amelia and her friends do find Vincent, will they be able to find their way home? Or will they be trapped in the toad afterlife FOREVER?

Amelia Fang and the Trouble with Toads by Laura Ellen Anderson



Published on 1st October 2020 and suitable for Y2+

The Night Bus Hero by Onjali Q Rauf



Published on 15th October 2020 and suitable for Y4+

From Onjali Q. Rauf, the award-winning and best-selling author of The Boy at the Back of the Class, comes another incredible story, told with humour and heart. Told from the perspective of a bully, this book explores themes of bullying and homelessness, while celebrating kindness, friendship and the potential everyone has to change for the good.

When thirteen-year-old Olia, steps through a magical doorway, she discovers another land. A land tangled by magic, where hope is lost, and a scheming wizard holds all the power. Soon Olia learns that she is destined to save this land, but with time running out and her new friends and family in danger, she must search for the magic within herself - to save everything and everyone she loves.

The Castle of Tangled Magic by Sophie Anderson



Published on 1st October 2020 and suitable for Y5+

Supporting our Local Bookshops

The Blue House Bookshop, Bootham, York

Children's bookshops don't get any better than this! Give your child the 'book shop experience' with a visit to this beautiful one. Open Monday to Saturday 1 – 4.30pm to walk in.

Or why not book a browse and have the whole shop to yourselves for half an hour – from 5pm or Sundays from 2.30pm. To book, just email a date and time to

karen@thebluehousebookshop.co.uk



The Little Apple Bookshop, High Petergate, York



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Word Origin WOW-er!

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Did you know that the Old English word 'æppel' (apple) was used to describe any kind of fruit?

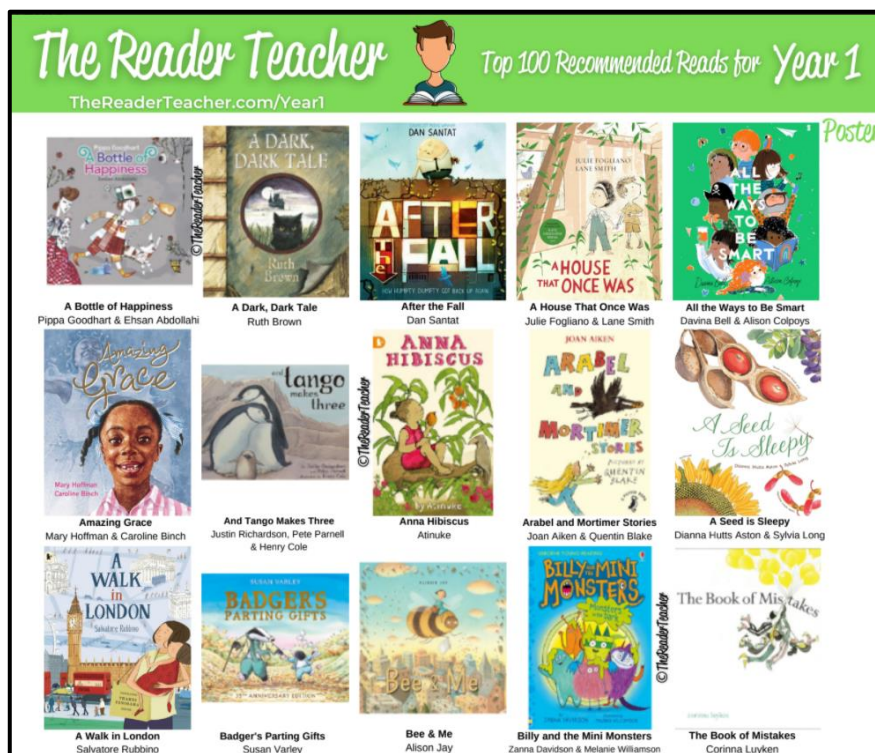
Peach was 'persicum' in Latin (Persian apple).

Pomegranate was 'apple with many seeds.'
Pineapple was named as a 'fruit' that looked like a 'pine cone.'

Guiding Children's Reading Choice

Does your child always read books by the same author or the same genre of book? Children's choice about what they read is really important, but it's also important that they know what's out there to be able to make an informed choice, with adults guiding them towards quality books wherever possible. Any reading is better than no reading, so it's not worth a battle, but children's series can often contain the same sort of style and vocabulary, making children read more passively (especially if the book has been made into a film that they have seen.)

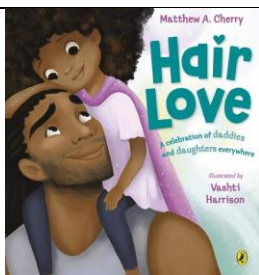
To help guide parents and children into new, undiscovered directions with children's literature, we have shared a recommended reads list for each year group. This can be found on the individual class pages of our school website.



by @MrEPrimary

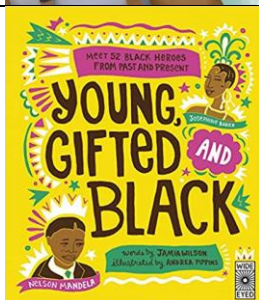
October: Black History Month

Each year, the whole month of October is dedicated to highlighting the importance of understanding Black History. There are many books available to open up discussions and these are just a small sample. For more about Black History Month, see the official website <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>



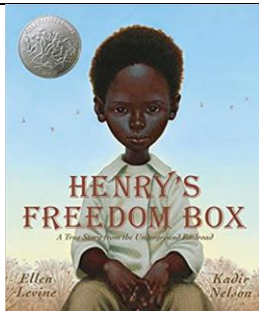
Hair Love by Matthew Cherry

Zuri's beautiful hair has a mind of its own! It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Mum always does Zuri's hair just the way she likes it, but Daddy is keen to learn to style it for an extra special occasion.



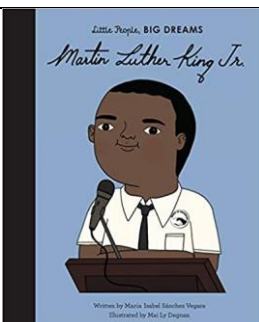
Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson

Meet 52 icons of colour from the past and present in this collection of stories about strong, courageous, talented and diverse men and women: the perfect read to encourage, inspire and empower children young and old.



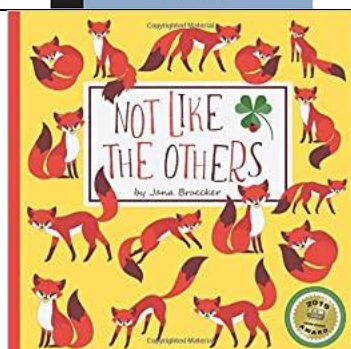
Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine

Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom.



Martin Luther King, Jr – Little People, Big Dreams

This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the inspiring activist's life.



Not Like the Others by Jana Broecker

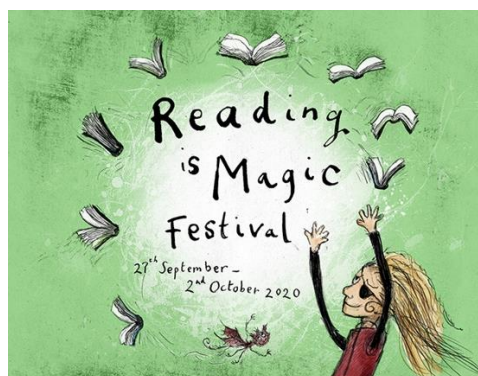
This book about diversity promotes acceptance, understanding, and kindness for all by showcasing that each of us, irrespective of our own unique qualities, is an essential part of a bigger picture. Which fox has the fluffiest tail? Where is the squirrel that holds an acorn? Over 250 forest animals fill the pages of this beautifully illustrated book. Little eyes will be eager to spot the one animal that is *Not Like The Others*, little ears will cherish the fun, fact-filled rhymes, and little minds will learn that it's our differences that make us special.

Exciting dates, events and competitions to get involved with!

Rotary Young Writer Competition **Open now for ages 7-11**

The Rotary hosts a range of competitions to encourage and celebrate young talent. The Young Writer competition offers participants chance to express themselves and get creative with the written word. After being given a theme, participants can choose to write fiction or non-fiction, a story or a poem. It's a chance to be imaginative.

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/media/2020/07/2020-21-Young-Writer-Information-Pack.pdf>



Reading is Magic Festival **27th September – 2nd October**

An online festival packed full of engaging activities for all readers, in association with Cressida Cowell, children's laureate and author of 'How to Train your Dragon.'

Sign up for updates and see the latest information at www.readingismagicfestival.com/

**NATIONAL
POETRY
DAY 2020**

See It Like a Poet

National Poetry Day and Competition **1st October**

National Poetry Day generates an explosion of activity nationwide, thousands of amazing events across the UK – in schools, libraries, bookshops and hospitals, on buses, trains and boats – all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together. The 2020 theme is Vision.

Poetry is part of the National Curriculum for all ages in primary and is a fun way to squeeze reading into even the shortest amount of free time.

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/>