



# Kirk Fenton

# Reading Newsletter

## September 2021

Welcome to our latest reading newsletter!

We have had a great start to the new school year, which has included lots of lovely book talk in our new classes, finding out about the books we love and the ones we will be sharing this year. In this edition of our reading newsletter, you will find reading news, book reviews and lots more!

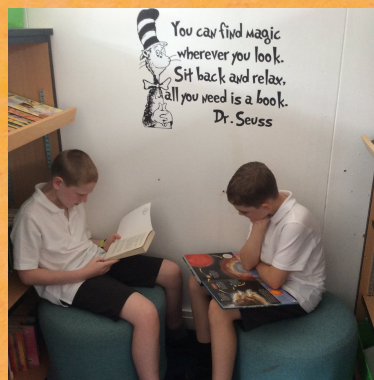
*Thank you!*



A huge thank you to the parents and carers who have bought a book for school from our Amazon wish list. These are being enjoyed in our classrooms and in our new library.

### Kirk Fenton has a new library!

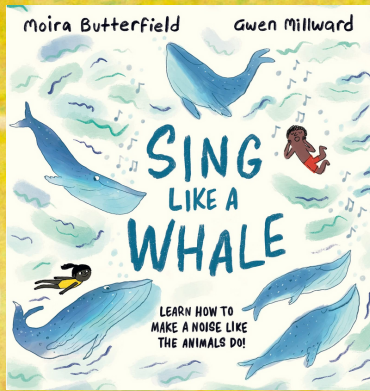
We have been very busy over the summer, moving the library into its new home, and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying the new space since they returned. It is full of fantastic books and is a lovely sanctuary to sit in and enjoy diving into a story. In the next few weeks, we are hoping to start sessions after school for parents and carers to come and choose books with their children.



Did you know, if a child reads for 20 minutes a day, they are exposed to up to 1.8 million words a year.



# Book Reviews



Sing Like A Whale Ages 3+

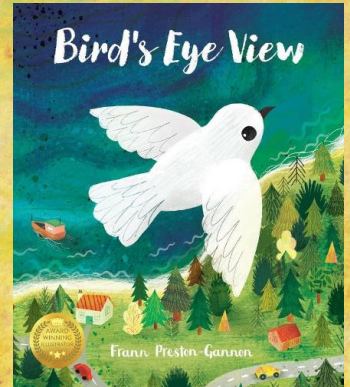
Moira Butterfield & Gwen Millward

A brilliant interactive book where children are encouraged to imitate sounds so that they can communicate like a variety of different animals. It's a raucous read that will lead to some giggles but also helps to understand how animals communicate and what their sounds actually mean.

Bird's Eye View Ages 5+

Fran Preston-Gannon

It is time for Little Bird to leave the nest but her mother warns her about humans. As she flies, she sees the good and bad things that humans do. But ultimately she sees their kindness when a family look after her when she injures herself. A reminder that if you can choose to be anything - Be Kind



Kitty and the Starlight Song Ages 6+

Paula Harrison

If you know a child who loves adventure, pets and problem solving, and you want to share with them a story full of friendship, kindness, action and overcoming fears, look no further than Kitty and the Starlight Song.

Twitch Ages 9+

M.G.Leonard

This fantastic book won the Sainsbury's Children's Book Awards last week and is a very worthy winner!

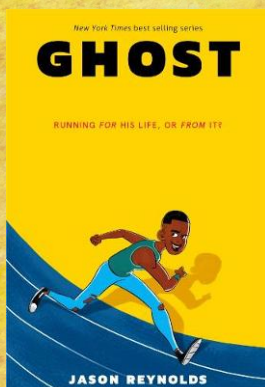
It is the first book in a brand new mystery adventure series celebrating friendship, bravery and the incredible world of birds



Ghost Ages 10+

Jason Reynolds

An amazing story of self discovery, growing up and changing for the better.. A warming and heartfelt read. As the book says, 'show that you can't run away from who you are, but what you can do is run toward who you want to be'.





## Visit your local library

We are very lucky to have Sherburn and Villages Community Library down the road from us; a community library for Sherburn in Elmet and surrounding villages, run by volunteers with North Yorkshire County Council support. The children's section of the library has been recently revamped and it is full of lovely spaces to sit and enjoy one of the many lovely books available.

The library is open:

Monday: 09:30 - 17:00

Tuesday: 09:30 - 17:00

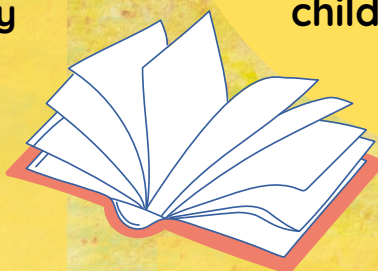
Wednesday: CLOSED

Thursday: 09:30 - 17:00

Friday: 09:30 - 13:00

Saturday: 09:30 - 12:30

Sunday: CLOSED



Coming soon...

If you would like to find more book recommendations for your child, we are currently creating a 'reading' section on our website full of great book suggestions, book news and tips for helping your child develop a love of reading.

## Buy local!

In each of our reading newsletters, we will be introducing a local, independent book seller. Fox Lane Books are an online book store, based in Thorpe Willoughby. They have a wide range of children's books on their website and can order anything that isn't listed.  
<https://www.foxlanebooks.co.uk/>



Fox Lane Books are currently offering parents and carers a 10% discount. Simply enter the code: CFS10 at the checkout.

## Introducing Kirk Fenton's new Reading Ambassadors

We were delighted to have so many children apply to be a Reading Ambassador. Their applications showed how much they love and value reading, and how much they want to help all of our children find books right for them.

Our ambassadors will soon be busy reviewing and recommending books and sharing their love of reading across school.

