



Annie Lennard Key Stage 2

Summer Term Reading Newsletter

Welcome to our third newsletter! Read on to find out about new fiction and non-fiction releases, types of book genres and recommendations, signposts to reading resources, upcoming dates and so much more...



Reading Resources

<https://www.funbrain.com/books> check this website out to read books and complete activities.

<https://magicblox.com/> use this website to read books online.

<https://storylineonline.net/> this website has lots of free books to read online.

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/> another good resource for reading.

Dates of note where reading is celebrated around the UK

May (Short Story Month)

- 2nd May– Harry Potter Day
- 4th May – Free Comic Book Day
- 5th May – National Cartoonists Day
- 9th May – Peter Pan Day
- 10-14th May – Reading is Fun Week
- 12th May – Limerick Day
- 22nd May – Sherlock Holmes Day

June (Audiobook Appreciation Month)

- 12th June – Anne Frank’s birthday

July

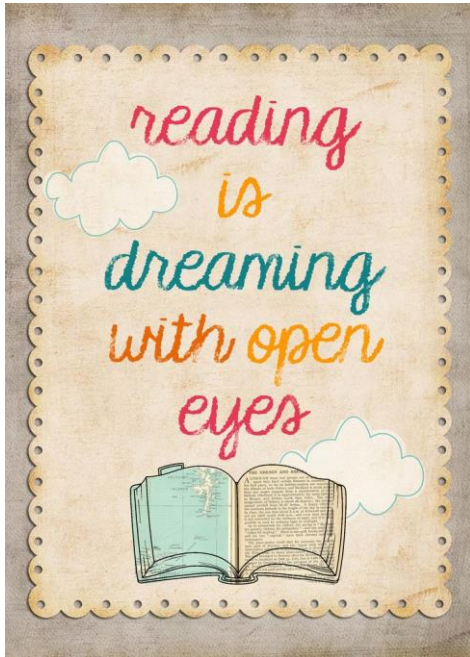
- 30th July – Paperback Book Day
- 31st July – J.K. Rowling’s birthday

August

- 2nd August – National Coloring Book Day
- 9th August – Book Lover’s Day

September (Library Card Sign Up Month)

- 6th September – Read a Book Day
- 22nd September – Hobbit Day
- 25th September – National Comic Book Day



Must listen to- Audio books

Megamonster by David Walliams

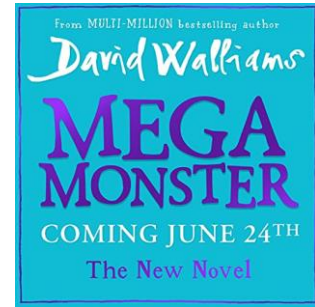
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The new children's book from number one best-selling author David Walliams – a timeless new adventure.

On a volcanic island, in the middle of shark-infested waters, stands the Cruel School. The lessons are appalling, the school dinners are revolting and the teachers are terrifying – especially the mysterious science teacher Doctor Doktor.

When Larker is sent to the school, she quickly realises something very odd is going on...something involving Doctor Doktor, a pair of strange spectacles, and a 'Monsterfication Machine'. And ultimately she finds herself face to face with a real life Megamonster.

There seems to be no escape – but for Larker, nothing is impossible....



Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

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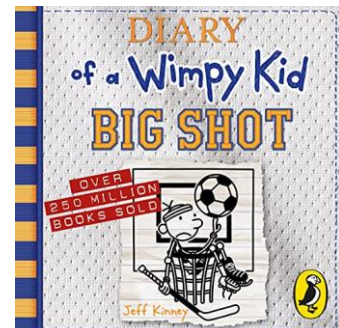
Brought to you by Puffin.

In *Big Shot*, book 16 of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series from number one international best-selling author Jeff Kinney, Greg Heffley and sports just don't mix.

After a disastrous field day competition at school, Greg decides that when it comes to his athletic career, he's officially retired. But after his mom urges him to give sports one more chance, he reluctantly agrees to sign up for basketball.

Tryouts are a mess and Greg is sure he won't make the cut. But he unexpectedly lands a spot on the worst team.

As Greg and his new teammates start the season, their chances of winning even a single game look slim. But in sports, anything can happen. When everything is on the line and the ball is in Greg's hands, will he rise to the occasion? Or will he blow his big shot?



Minecraft: The Dragon by Nicky Drayden

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Minecraft-Dragon-Official-Novel/dp/B08LJMRP64/ref=zg_bsr_19376662031_11?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=T96RRZ8R18Z2MTEQTQFN

Take flight with the ender dragon in this official Minecraft novel! When a desert town is threatened by illager raids, a young adventurer turns to a newborn dragon to save her home.

Zetta is the best potion-maker in the village of Sienna Dunes. Okay, maybe she's the only potion-maker in the village of Sienna Dunes. And maybe her potions don't exactly work like they're supposed to all the time. But when her village is menaced by a pack of illagers, only Zetta can see that the traditional ways won't keep Sienna Dunes safe anymore.

Zetta journeys to her eccentric aunt's workshop outside town to search for an answer and finds a lot more than she bargained for. A mysterious egg hatches into a scaly creature with purple eyes, black wings, and poisonous breath. It can't possibly be the mythical ender dragon...can it? And if it is, can Zetta raise it to be the savior her village needs?

The threat of the illagers is growing fast, and Zetta's accidental dragon is growing even faster. With the help of her two best friends and her daydreaming little cousin, Zetta must train the scariest (and scaliest) baby in the Overworld. But when the dragon is fully grown, will it save Sienna Dunes? Or will it spell the village's end?



The Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

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Winner of the 2021 Caldecott Medal

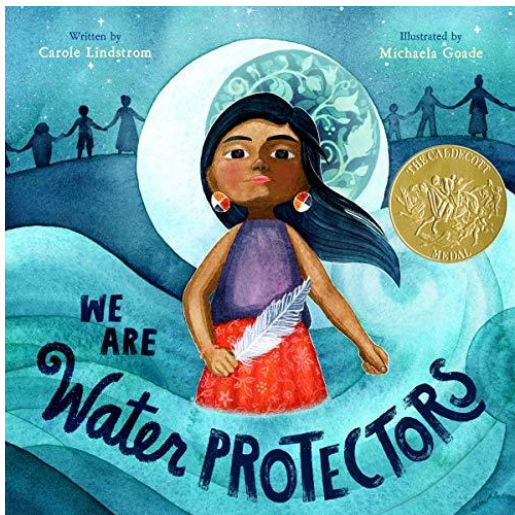
New York Times Best Seller

This program is read by the author.

Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, *We Are Water Protectors* issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption - a bold and lyrical audiobook written by Carole Lindstrom.

*Water is the first medicine.
It affects and connects us all...*

When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth
And poison her people's water, one young water protector
Takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource.



Must have comic books

I know that a lot of Year 5 are currently into comic books and graphic novels. So here are some award winning and popular comic books that are currently available to buy:

The Midnight Blade by Max Brallier

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Last-Kids-Earth-Junes-Flight/dp/0593117182/ref=sr_1_20?crid=3MTNB2LUJTB0V&dchild=1&keywords=comic+books+for+kids&qid=1623243967&rnid=1642204031&s=books&prefix=comic+books+%2Caps%2C937&sr=1-20

Netflix Original Series!

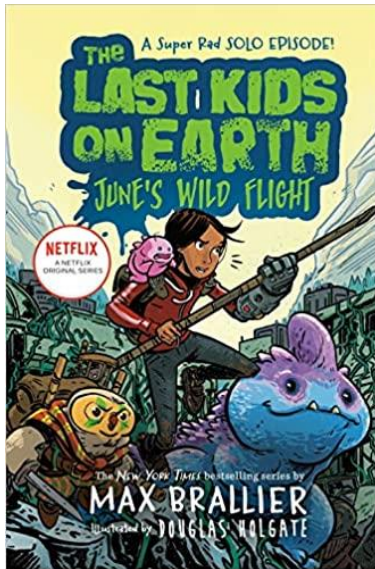
The *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling Last Kids on Earth series--now with over 7 million copies in print--presents June Del Toro in her very own adventure!

Told from June's point of view--and set between the shattering events of *The Midnight Blade* and *The Skeleton Road*--June's *Wild Flight* brings new characters, high-stakes action, and stunning revelations in an adventure that could only be June's. An essential Last Kids story that readers won't want to miss!

The Midnight Blade ended with a shocking twist: a long-missing villain has returned and now has an army of the dead at his command! Jack, June, Quint, and Dirk have battled the worst kind of monsters, zombies, and cosmic servants, but an endless horde of animated skeletons is *next-level*.

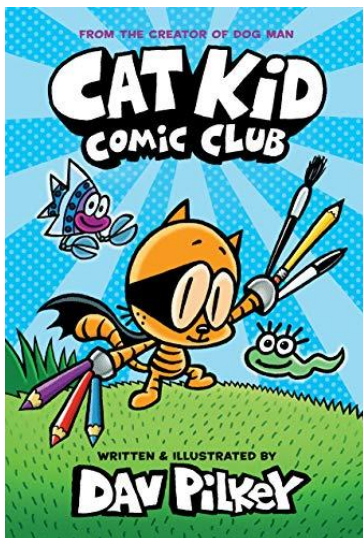
While the kids plan their next move, an unexpected threat emerges and June gets separated from her friends, dragged miles away from Wakefield to a town overgrown with monstrous vines and never-before-seen creatures. Drawing on her post-apocalyptic survival and action skills--and with the help of some odd new companions--June attempts to make her way back home. But not before she uncovers critical information about the mysterious Tower. Information that the future of our world may hinge upon . . .

Told in a mixture of text and black-and-white illustration, this is the perfect series for any kid who's ever dreamed of starring in their own comic book or video game.



Cat Kid Comic Club by Dav Pilkey

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Cat-Kid-Comic-Club-Pilkey/dp/1338712764/ref=asc_df_1338712764?tag=bingshoppinga-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=80195730923578&hvnetw=o&hvqmt=e&hvbmt=b&hvdev=c&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=&hvtargid=pla-4583795269215235&psc=1



The perfect present for DOG MAN fans - starring some of your favourite characters from the series!
Welcome to the Cat Kid Comic Club, where Li'l Petey (LP), Flippy, and Molly introduce twenty-one rambunctious, funny, and talented baby frogs to the art of comic making.

As the story unwinds with mishaps and hilarity, readers get to see the progress, mistakes, and improvements that come with practice and persistence.

Squid Kid and **Katydid**, **Baby Frog Squad**, **Gorilla Cheese Sandwich**, and **Birds Flowers Tree**: A Haiku Photo Comic are just some of the mini-comics that are included as stories-within-the-story, each done in a different style, utilizing humour and drama, prose and poetry, illustrated in different media including

- acrylics,
- pastels,
- coloured pencils,
- felt-tip markers,
- clay,
- hand-made cardboard sculptures,
- photographs,
- pipe cleaners,
- construction paper collages,
- and cookies.

Must Have New Reads

You Are a Champion by Marcus Rashford

https://www.amazon.co.uk/You-Are-Champion-How-Best/dp/1529068177/ref=zg_bs_69_1?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=WQ4J6ZW8F14CH64P3E6X

Marcus Rashford MBE is famous worldwide for his skills both on and off the pitch – but before he was a Manchester United and England footballer, and long before he started his inspiring campaign to end child food poverty, he was just an average kid from Wythenshawe, South Manchester. Now the nation's favourite footballer wants to show YOU how to achieve your dreams, in this positive and inspiring guide for life.

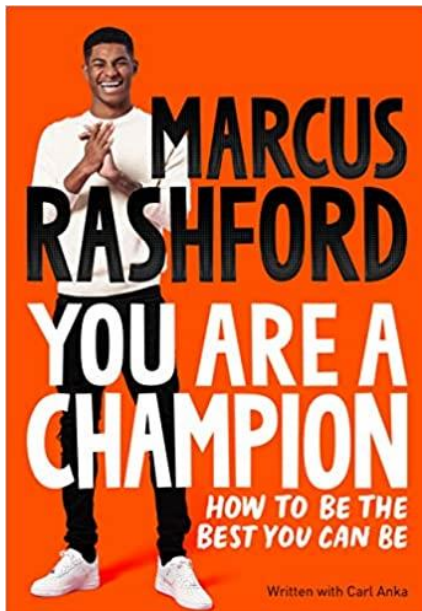
Written with journalist Carl Anka, *You Are a Champion* is packed full of

stories from Marcus's own life, brilliant advice and top-tips from performance psychologist Katie Warriner. It will show you how to be the very BEST that you can be.

It shows kids how to:

- Be comfortable with who you are – you can't be a champion until you're happy being you!
- Dream big
- Practise like a champion
- Get out of your comfort zone and learn from your mistakes
- Navigate adversity in a positive way
- Find your team
- Use your voice and stand up for others
- Never stop learning

With an afterword by Tim S. Grover.



Don't Worry, Be Happy by Poppy O'Neill

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dont-Worry-Be-Happy-Overcoming/dp/1786852365/ref=zg_bs_69_30?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=6SSVRAP87GZY47AJC6BG

Does your child appear to worry a lot?

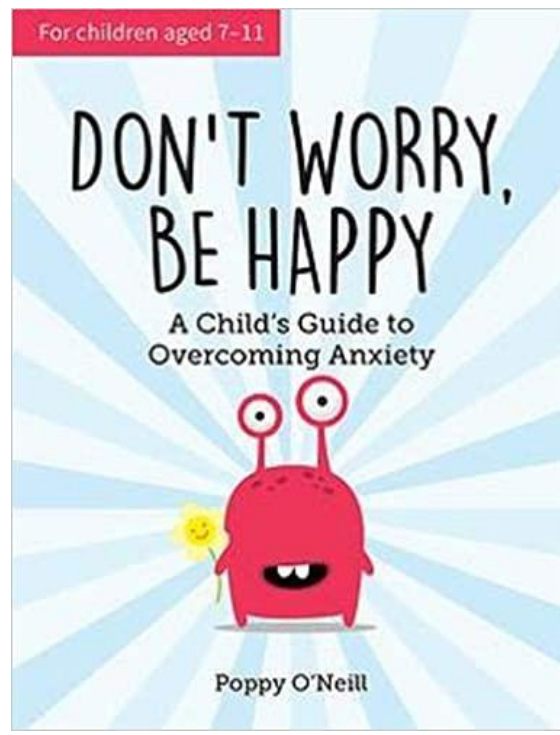
Perhaps they have frequent tummy upsets, or are irritable, tearful, angry or withdrawn?

Do they have problems concentrating or show a loss of enthusiasm for their usual interests?

These could all be signs that your child is struggling with anxiety.

This practical guide combines proven cognitive-behavioural therapy methods used by child psychologists in schools with simple activities to help your child to overcome anxiety. It's aimed at children aged 7–11 because a lot happens in these years that can impact a child's emotional well-being, not just now but for years to come.

Your child will be guided, with the help of Fiz – a friendly and supportive character they can identify with – through fun and engaging activities which are interspersed with useful tips, inspirational statements and practical information for parents.



You are Awesome by Matthew Syed

https://www.amazon.co.uk/You-Are-Awesome-Confidence-Bestseller/dp/1526361159/ref=zg_bs_15512123031_13?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=57V0GV05MZ8QY4DDVEBC

"A very funny and inspiring read! Brilliantly practical with a wide variety of examples that make it relevant for both boys and girls (and adults)!" - online customer review

"A truly inspiring book for the younger generation!" - online customer review

"Genuinely funny and engaging. There are messages in this book for both adults and children. It's a must read." - online customer review

"An awesome book about becoming awesome. How inspiring it is to know that there's a path to awesomeness and that anyone - absolutely anyone - can go down that path. This book shows you how." - Carol Dweck, Professor of Psychology, Stanford University

This positive and empowering guide, by bestselling mindset author Matthew Syed, will help boys and girls build resilience, fulfil their potential and become successful, happy, awesome adults.

I'm no good at sport ... I can't do maths ... I really struggle with exams ... Sound familiar?

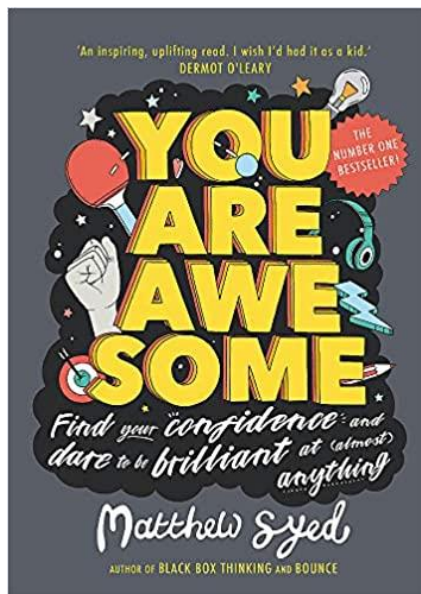
If you believe you *can't* do something, the chances are you won't try. But what if you really *could* get better at maths, or sport or exams? In fact, what if you could excel at anything you put your mind to?

You Are Awesome can help you do just that, inspiring and empowering young readers to find the confidence to realise their potential. The first children's book from *Times* journalist, two-time Olympian and best-selling mindset author Matthew Syed, it uses examples of successful people from Mozart to Serena Williams to demonstrate that success really is earned rather than given, and that talent can be acquired. With hard work and determination, practice and self-belief, and, most importantly, a Growth Mindset, there's no reason why anyone can't achieve anything.

Practical, insightful and positive, this is the book to help children build

resilience, embrace their mistakes and grow into successful, happy adults.

Also available: ***The You Are Awesome Journal***. Whether setting out your goals, planning the best practice ever, keeping calm with breathing exercises or making paper aeroplanes to understand marginal gains, you'll love the brilliant activities in *The You Are Awesome Journal* - it's the perfect companion to *You Are Awesome!*



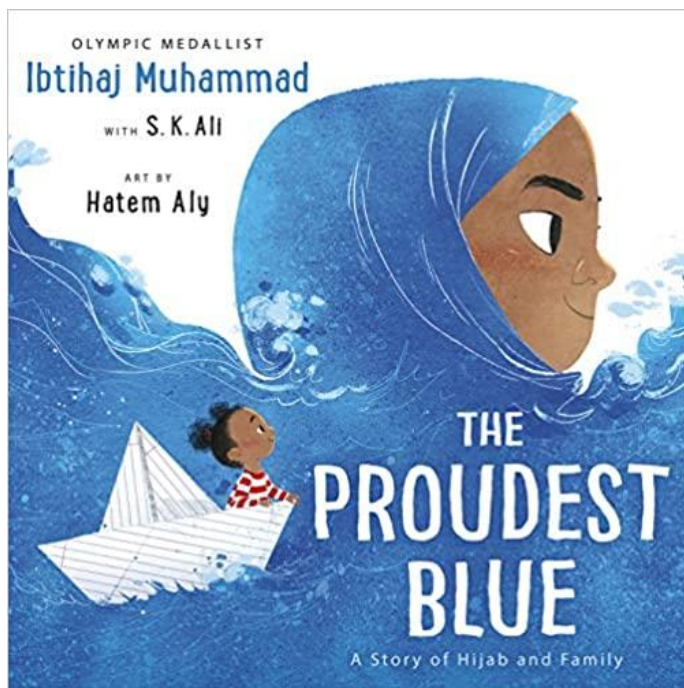
The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad

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Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave.

It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of wearing hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong?

This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.



Book talk – Pie Corbett

See below a list of questions you could use when you are talking about books:

'Book-talk' is about the ability to talk about books, developing the confidence to offer ideas and then reshape them in the light of other contributions. It helps children to trust their own ideas and interpretations, to talk effectively about a book, deepening their understanding, shifting their ideas, thinking together and moving comprehension forwards. 'Book-talk' only works if the books have anything worth saying about them. The quality of the book determines the depth of discussion. It is important to accept all answers positively about the books that children read. Children are encouraged to raise questions as well as make points and suggestions. (Pie Corbett, 2008)

- What sorts of things did you like or dislike? Was there anything that puzzled you?
- Have you read any other books like this? How did they compare? Which parts of the book stay in your mind most vividly? How did the main character change? What surprises are there in the book?
- How long did it take the story to happen? Where did the story happen? Which character interested you most? Who was telling the story? Talk about the links between the story and the illustrations.



Thank you for reading our third KS2 reading newsletter. I hope that you enjoyed it. For any questions, comments, then please email year5.als@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk to speak to Mrs Groves.

Happy reading,
Mrs Groves 😊