

## Annie Lennard Key Stage 2

### Spring Term Reading Newsletter

*We are fast approaching the Easter holidays!*

*Read on to find out about new fiction and non-fiction releases, types of book genres and recommendations, signposts to reading resources, dates of note and much more...*

### Reading Resources

As children start to advance through primary school, is it important that they have the resources available to build on their language, literacy and communication skills from home. Scroll through our list of games, reading activities, videos and more – designed with year 3, year 4 and year 5 children in mind

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/filter/?age=5-8>

Take a look at our activities to support older children build on their language, literacy and communication skills from home as they transition from primary to secondary school. We have curated games, booklists, crafts and quizzes for year 5, year 6, year 7 and year 8 children to support them with their literacy skills.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/filter/?age=9-12>

Other good websites for reading recommendations-

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-multiple-languages>

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Co-vid-](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Co-vid-19-Resources/19-Resources-for-schools/7-Top-Tips-to-Support-Reading-at-Home.pdf)

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## Dates of note

### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> March- World Book Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> March- International Women's Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> March- World Storytelling Day

### April

- 2<sup>nd</sup> April- International Children's Book Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April- Earth Day

### May

- National share a story month

### June

- 8<sup>th</sup> June- World Oceans Day

## How to win a Blue Peter Badge for reading

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

Apply for a Blue Peter Book badge

Introducing the exciting new Book badge, 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 earn your badge, just share your love of books with us by answering the questions below! You can apply using our online form or by post.

To earn this badge, you must:

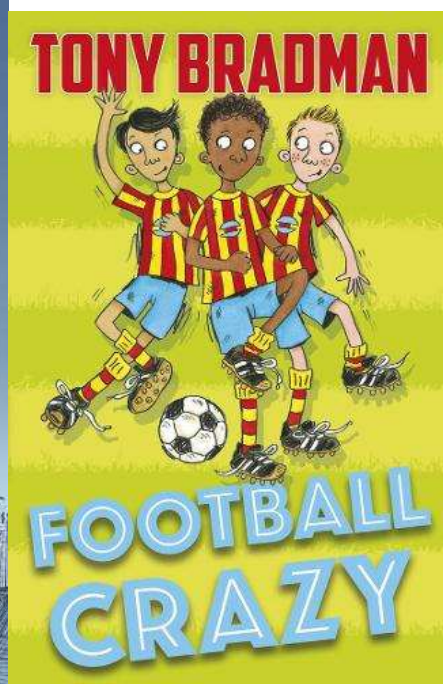
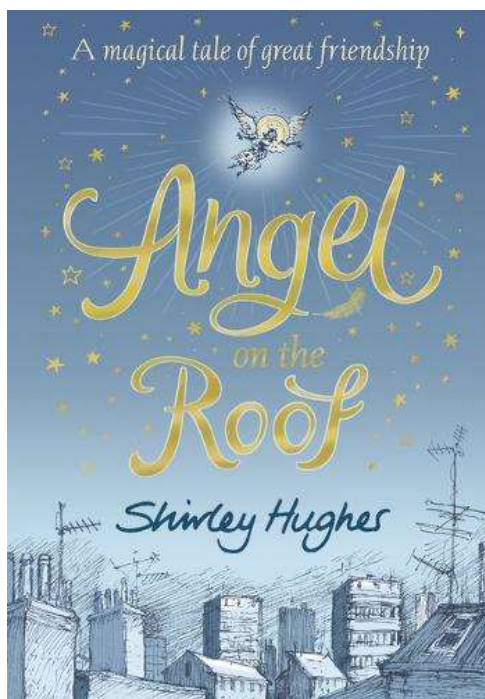
- Be aged between 5-15 years old.
- Apply for your Book badge online using the uploader form, or click the 'get the Book badge' button above, to download the paper application form.
- Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply and ask them to read the Privacy Notice and badge attraction terms and conditions.

- Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.
- If applying by post, send your application with the correct postage to: Blue Peter, BBC Bridge House, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2BH.

## *Must have reads (Fiction)*

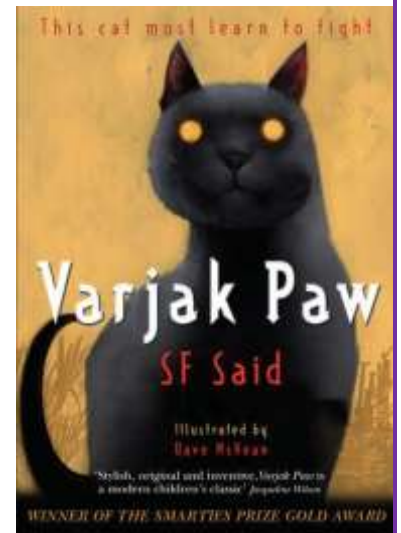
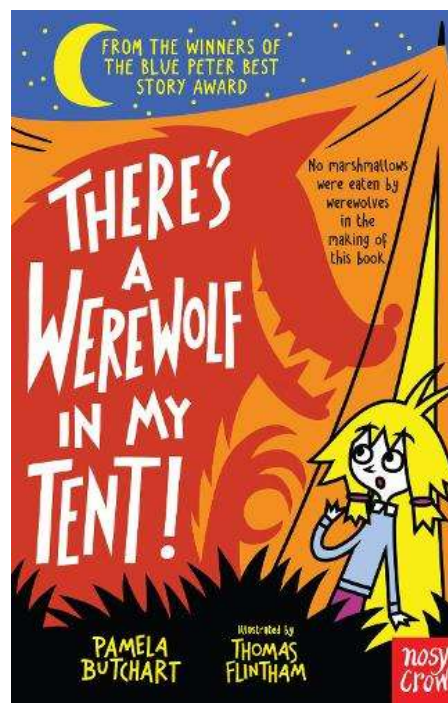
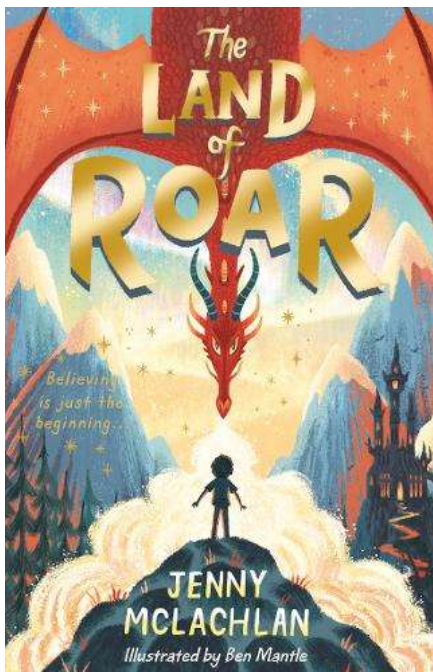
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/reading-list-for-year-3-pupils-ks2-age-7-8/>

All of the below books are recommended reads for Year 3 pupils, click on the link above to read about each of the books:



<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-4-pupils-ks2-age-8-9/>

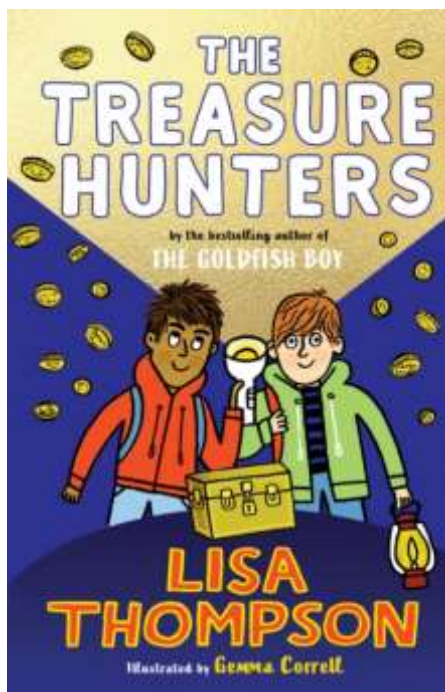
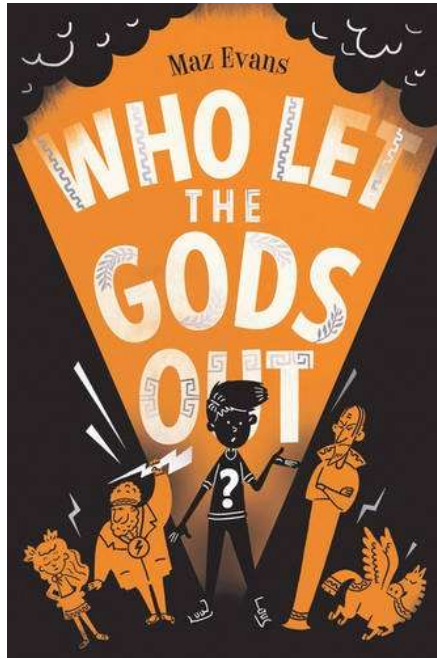
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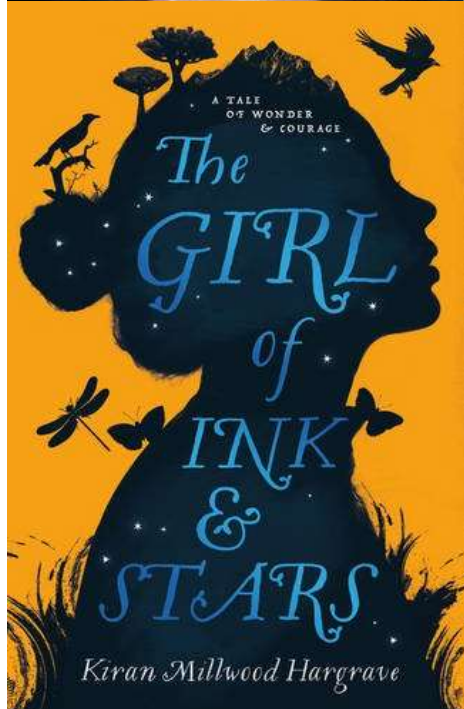
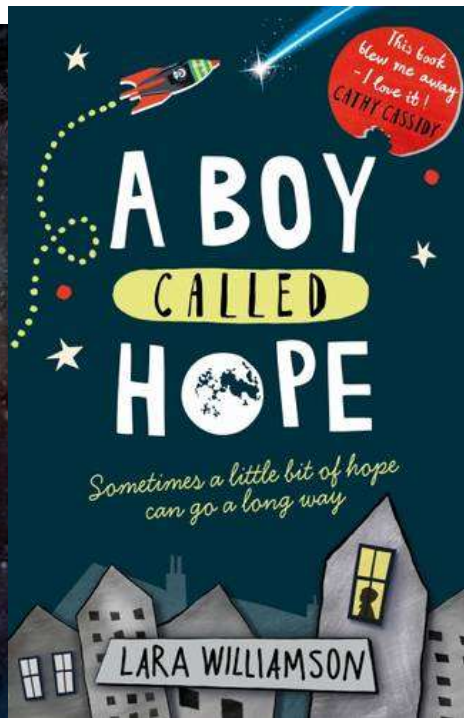
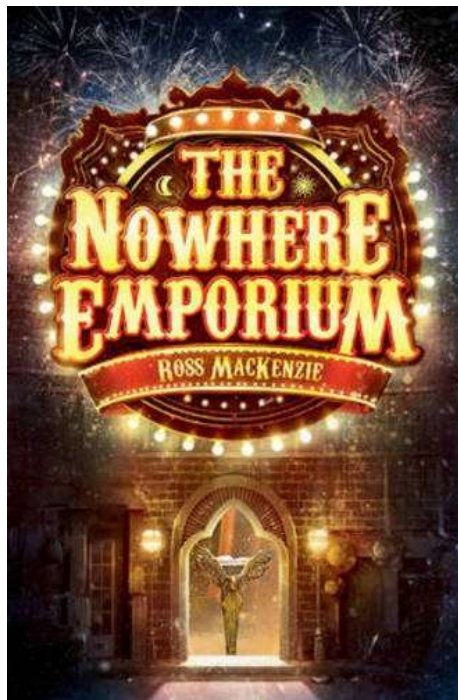
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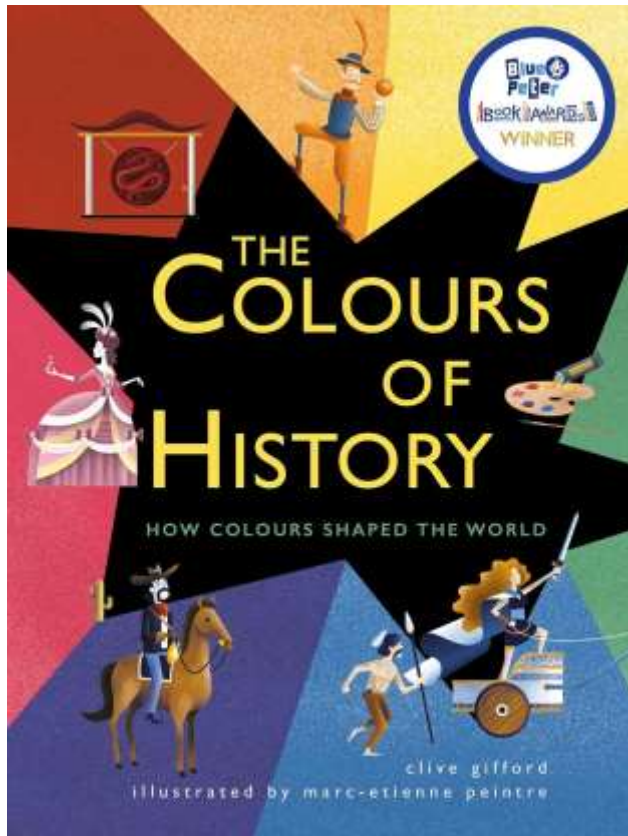


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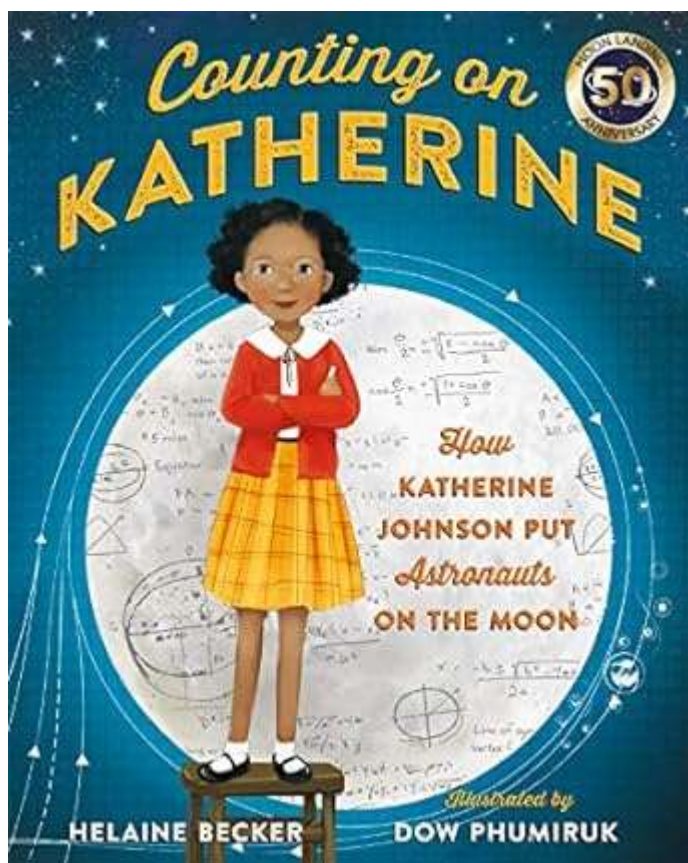
## Must have reads- Non-fiction



Why did Roman emperors wear purple? Which colour is made from crushed beetles? What green pigment might be used to build super-fast computers of the future? From black to white, and all the colours in between, every shade has a story to tell. Each colour group is introduced with a stunning and interpretive double-page spread illustration, followed by illustrated entries exploring the colourful history of particular shades. With vivid, thought-provoking illustrations and engaging, bite-sized text, this book is a feast for the eyes and the mind, ready to enthral budding artists and historians alike...

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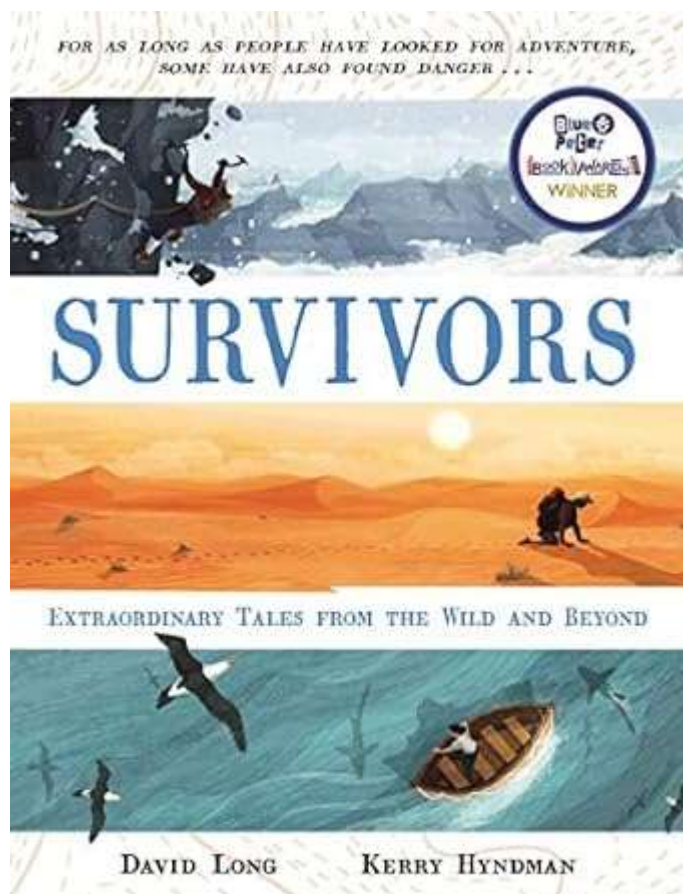
Winner of the information book category of the UKLA Book Awards 2020.

Katherine Johnson is the mathematical genius who helped make the historic Apollo 11 moon landings possible and made sure that Apollo 13 returned home safely when the mission was in critical danger.

As a child, Katherine loved to count. She counted the steps on the road, the number of dishes and spoons she washed in the kitchen sink, everything! Boundless, curious, and excited by calculations, young Katherine longed to know as much as she could about maths, about the universe . . .

Helaine Becker interviewed Katherine and her family for this authorized biography. From Katherine's early beginnings as a gifted student to her heroic accomplishments as a prominent mathematician at NASA, this is the true story of a groundbreaking African-American woman who went above and beyond what was expected of her in the 1960s, saving lives and making enormous contributions to history. Featuring Dow Phumiruk's gorgeous full-colour illustrations throughout.





Winner of the Best Book With Facts Blue Peter Book Award 2017.

Amazing real-life stories about extreme survival.

Beautifully presented in a large, paperback format, and fully illustrated in colour throughout, this wonderful anthology is a treat for all the family. Be shocked and amazed by these incredible real-life stories of extreme survival, including . . .

The Man Who Sucked Blood from a Shark, a sailor who survived for 133 days on a raft in the Atlantic when his ship was torpedoed, using shark's blood in place of fresh water.

The Girl Who Fell From the Sky, a teenager who fell 2 miles from an aeroplane and trekked through the Amazon jungle to safety.

The Woman Who Froze to Death - Yet Lived, a woman who was trapped under freezing water for so long her heart stopped. Four hours later, medics managed to warm her blood enough to revive her.

Combining classic tales such as Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic voyage, as well as more modern exploits such as the adventurer who inspired the movie 127 Hours, these astonishing stories will be retold by young readers to all of their friends.

'A gorgeously presented hardback book, full of incredible real-life stories of extreme survival . . . Ultimately an inspirational book, beautifully illustrated.' Angels and Urchins

'True-story fans will love this.' Inis Children's Books Ireland

'A wonderful mixture of the scariness of peril and the glorious uplift of survival. It's insightful, inspirational and all absolutely true.' Bookbag

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## **Competitions**

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/competitions> click here for the latest competitions to enter.

### **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.



Happy reading,

Mrs Groves ☺