



Annie Lennard Key Stage 2
summer Term Reading Newsletter

We are fast approaching the end of the year!

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

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

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=9-12>

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.

Other good websites for reading recommendations-

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/parents-and-families/>

<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-19-Resources/Resources-for-schools/7-Top-Tips-to-Support-Reading-at-Home.pdf>

Dates of note

May

- Get Caught Reading Month
- Short Story Month
- 1 – Mother Goose Day
- 2 – International Harry Potter Day
- 2-8 – Children's Book Week
- 3 – World Press Freedom Day
- 5 – National Cartoonists Day
- 6 – Free Comic Book Day
- 9 – Peter Pan Day
- 12 – Limerick Day
- 16 – Love a Tree Day
- 20 – Eliza Doolittle Day
- 22 – Sherlock Holmes Day
- 31 – Walt Whitman's birthday

June 2023

- Audiobook Appreciation Month
- Rainbow Book Month
- 10 – Ball Point pen Day
- 12 – Anne Frank's birthday
- 16 – Bloomsday (celebration of Irish writer James Joyce's life)
- 22 – Octavia Butler's birthday
- 23 – Typewriter patent awarded
- 25 – Eric Carle's birthday

July 2023

- National Anti-Boredom Month
- Read an Almanac Month
- 11 – E.B. White's birthday
- 17 – World Emoji Day
- 21 – Ernest Hemingway's birthday
- 30 – Paperback Book Day
- 31 – J.K. Rowling's birthday

August 2023

- 2 – National Colouring Book Day
- 9 – Book Lover's Day (also November 4)

- 21 – Poet's Day
- 31 – We Love Memoirs Day

Classics

The Secret Garden

by Frances Hodgson Burnett, illustrated by Jillian Tamaki

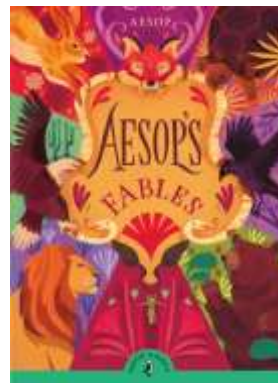
A young orphan, Mary, is sad and lonely after being sent to live with her uncle until one day she discovers an old key and a hidden door that leads to a secret, magical garden.



Aesop's Fables

by Aesop

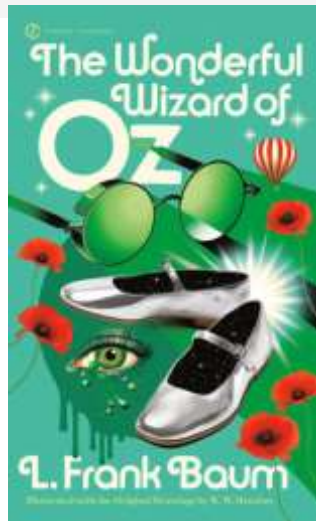
This book is a collection of stories collected by Aesop which teach morals and lessons through fun and awesome tales. Young readers love these humorous and irreverent stories that often centre around animals. These make great read 'alouds' for both families and classrooms.



The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

by L. Frank Baum

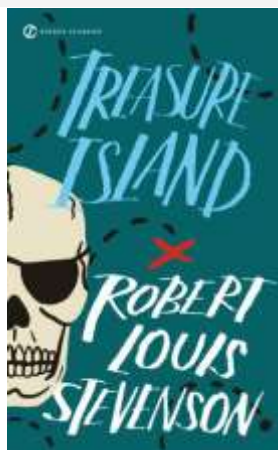
Another classic that many kids (and adults) know only as a movie. The book provides an even more complex look at Dorothy's journey to find home and the friends she meets along the way.



Treasure Island

by Robert Louis Stevenson

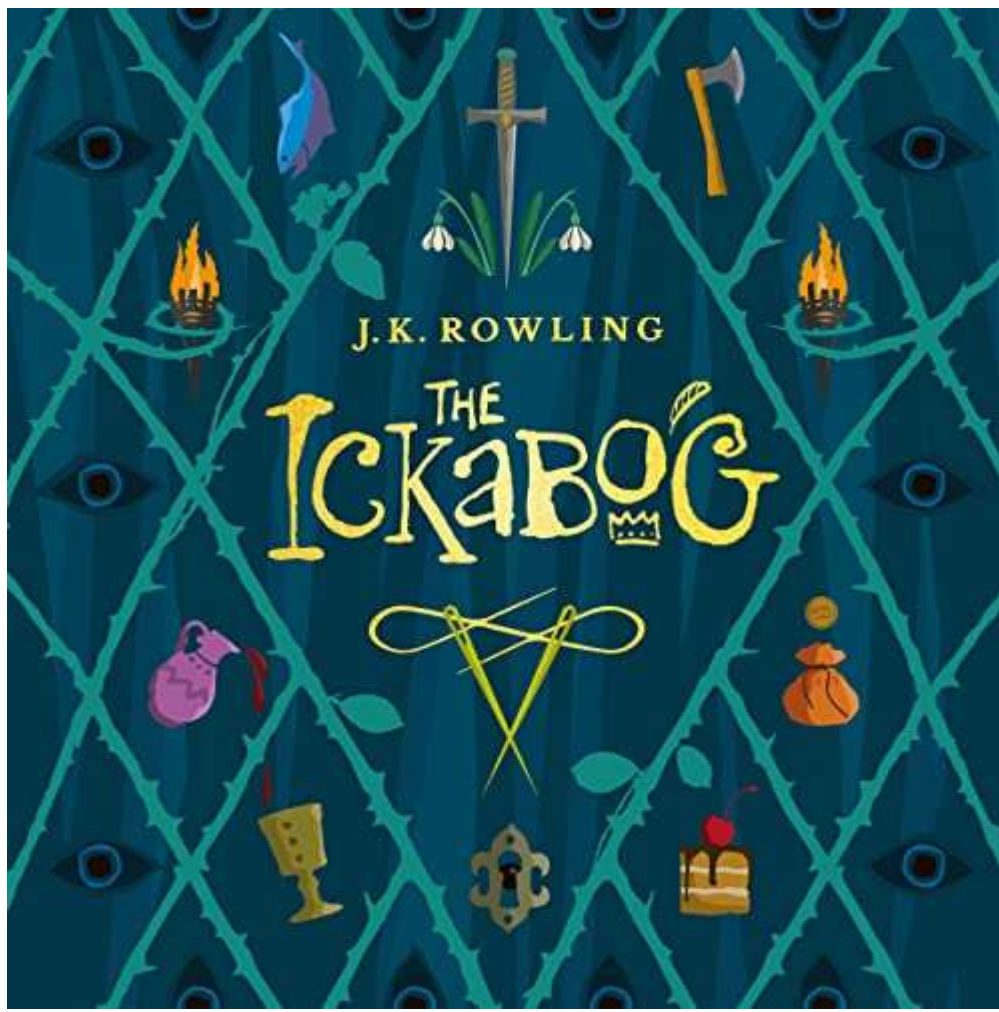
This fast-paced story also reveals deep lessons about the human spirit through legendary characters like Jim Hawkins and Long John Silver.



Must have reads- audio books

<https://www.audible.co.uk/cat/Childrens-Audiobooks-Audiobooks/19376662031>

Audible continues to have a fantastic selection of audiobooks for children.



The Ickabog is coming...

A mythical monster, a kingdom in peril, an adventure that will test two children's bravery to the limit. Discover a brilliantly original fairy tale about the power of hope and friendship to triumph against all odds, from one of the world's best storytellers.

The kingdom of Cornucopia was once the happiest in the world. It had plenty of gold, a king with the finest moustache you could possibly imagine, and butchers, bakers, and cheesemongers whose exquisite foods made a person dance with delight when they ate them.

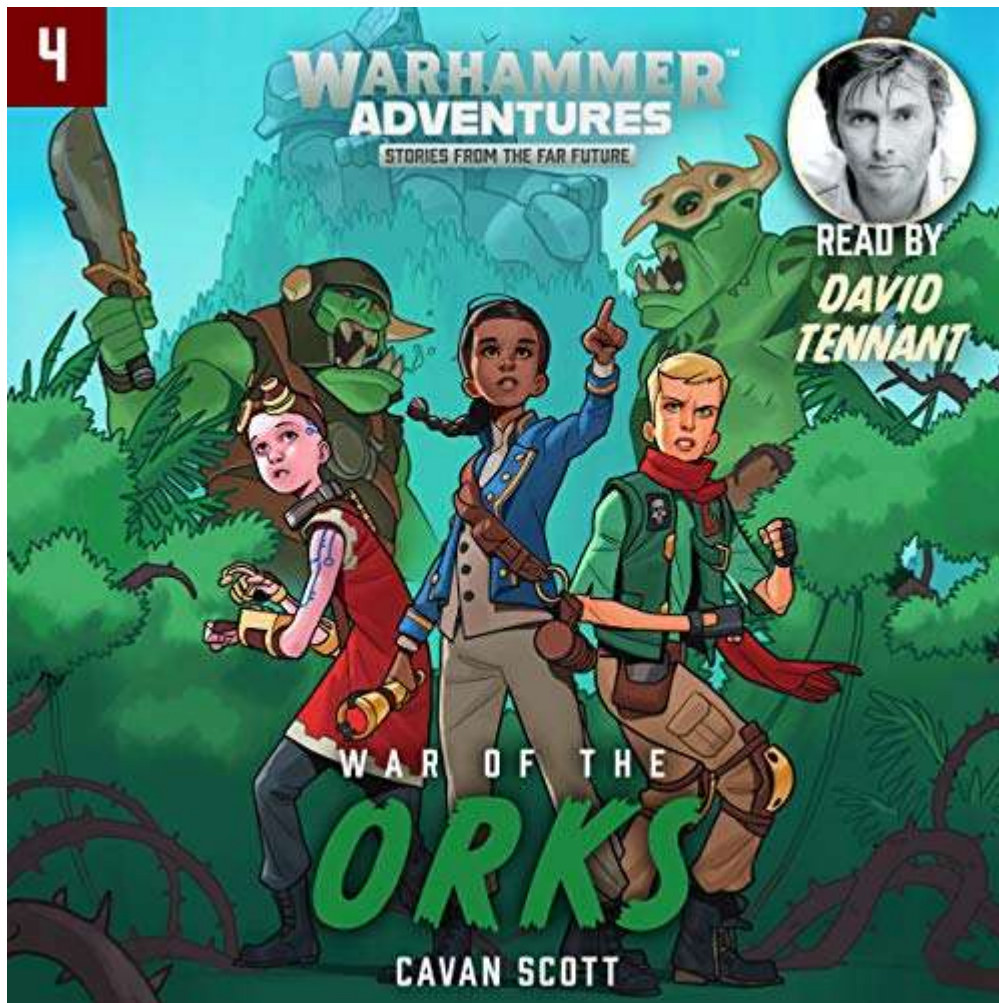
Everything was perfect - except for the misty Marshlands to the north, which, according to legend, were home to the monstrous Ickabog. Anyone sensible knew that the Ickabog was just a myth to scare children into behaving. But the funny thing about myths is that sometimes they take on a life of their own.

Could a myth unseat a beloved king? Could a myth bring a once happy country to its knees? Could a myth thrust two children into an adventure they didn't ask for and never expected?

If you're feeling brave, immerse yourself in this audiobook to find out....

Narrated by Stephen Fry. Click on the link below to listen to a sample.

https://www.audible.co.uk/pd/The-Ickabog-Audiobook/B08D9VXX83?ref=a_cat_Child_c2_zing_0&pf_rd_p=de84a241-7113-4647-b0ba-b6dcae851ee6&pf_rd_r=NKAMH0C27XGNQ1WDTTYN&pageLoadId=vlonXfbgfoK00hRG&creativeId=57b910ed-39d1-4ced-83c1-39970b059a5a

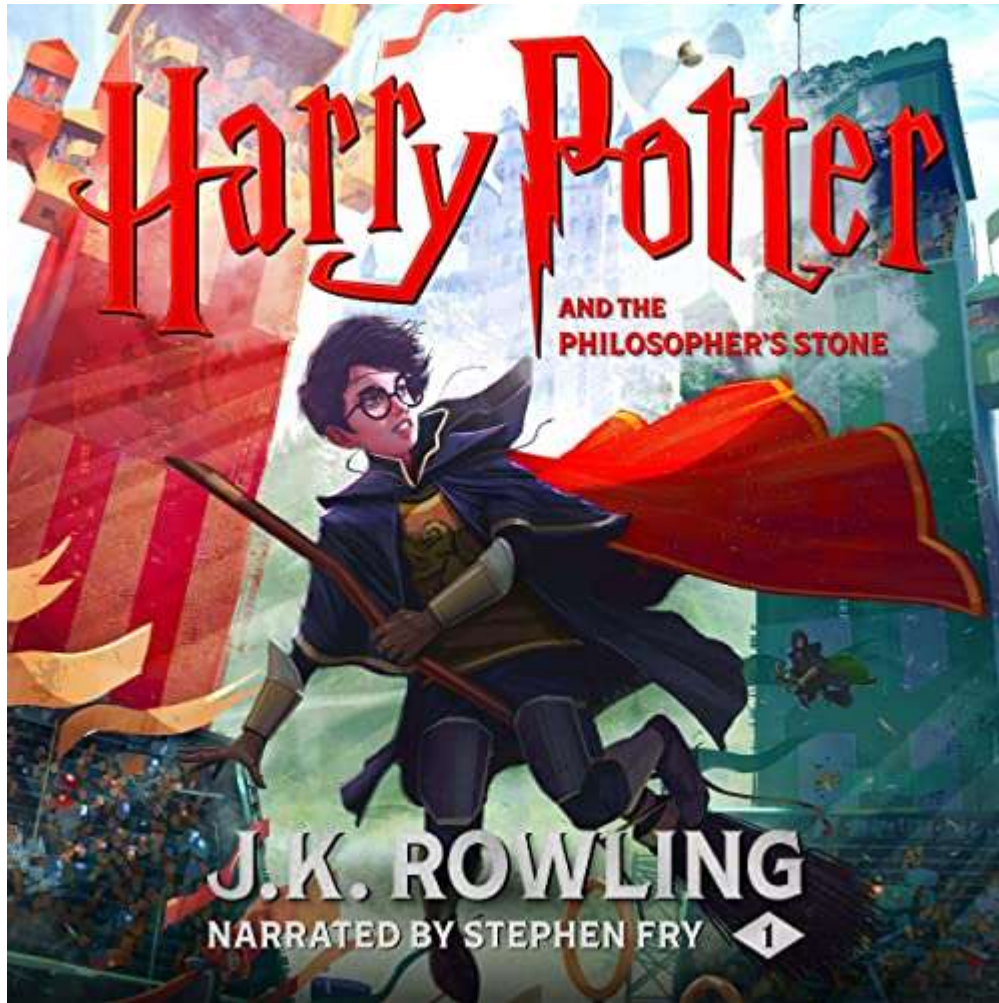


Still searching for the Emperor's Seat, Zelia, Talen and Mekki arrive on the jungle planet of Weald. Accompanied by the ingenious alien ape Fleapit and the dashing Rogue Trader Amity, Zelia and her friends become embroiled in a war between two brutish tribes of green-skinned orks! Only by using their wits can they hope to survive this savage encounter....

Written by Cavan Scott. Narrated by David Tennant.

Click on the link below to listen to a sample

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"Turning the envelope over, his hand trembling, Harry saw a purple wax seal bearing a coat of arms; a lion, an eagle, a badger and a snake surrounding a large letter 'H'."

Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat at number four, Privet Drive. Addressed in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. An incredible adventure is about to begin!

Having now become classics of our time, the Harry Potter audiobooks never fail to bring comfort and escapism to listeners of all ages. With its message of hope, belonging and the enduring power of truth and love, the story of the Boy Who Lived continues to delight generations of new listeners.

Theme music composed by James Hannigan.

Listen to *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* [here](#).

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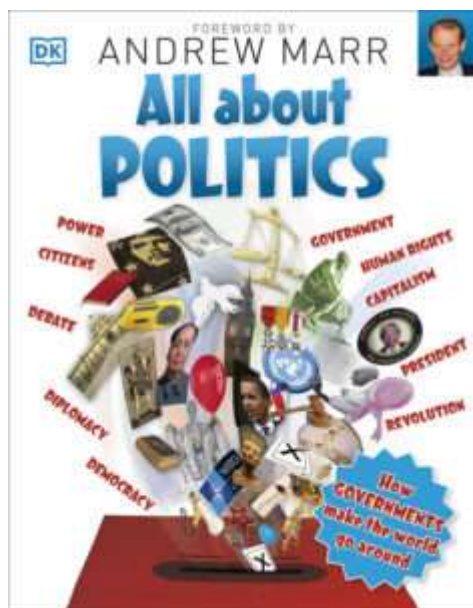
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Must have reads... British Values/ King's Coronation

DK and Andrew Marr

Non-fiction

All About Politics is a children's information text about how the political system works in the UK. Find out how different systems and beliefs have developed, what modern democracy looks like, how laws are made and what happens behind the scenes in parliament. This book answers big questions through clear explanatory text and bright, appealing graphics. We particularly like the way that All About Politics explains how children can have their voices heard and get involved in politics.



Opal Plumstead- Jacqueline Wilson & Nick Sharratt

Fiction meets political history in this gripping and moving story from popular author Jacqueline Wilson. When Opal's father is sent to prison, Opal must start work at the Fairy Glen sweet factory instead of following her dreams of going to university. But when Opal meets the legendary Mrs Pankhurst and her fellow suffragettes, she gains a growing awareness of just how far these women will go to pursue their democratic rights. Set during a significant turning point of British history when the Votes for Women movement was

gaining traction and WW1 was about to begin, Opal Plumstead is an important book that offers an insight into how the suffrage movement helped to shape British democracy and one that carries a powerful message about fighting for what you believe in.



The Accidental Prime Minister

Tom McLaughlin

Chapter book

This is a popular and funny story about one boy's unexpected rise to power. When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were in charge of the country, his video goes viral all over the world. Soon, people are calling for the current leader to resign and before long Joe ends up with the most extraordinary new job. The Accidental Prime Minister is a big hit with KS2 and a great springboard for helping pupils to reflect on the responsibility of leaders in democracies like the UK. You may also like [The Accidental President](#) by the same author.

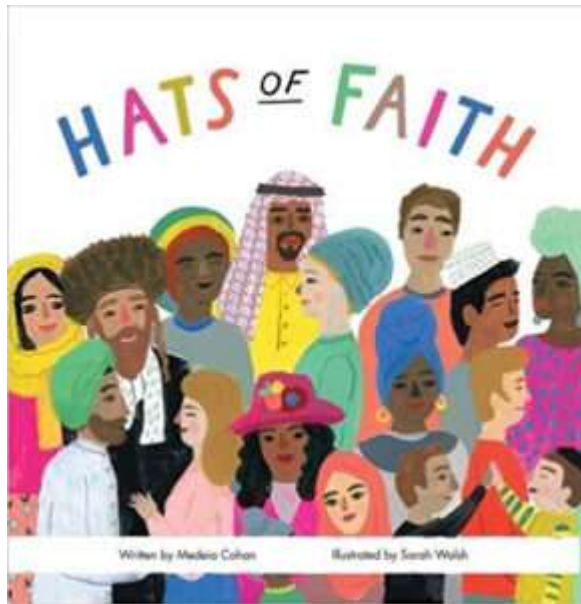


Hats of Faith

Medeia Cohan-Petrolino
& Sarah Walsh

Non-fiction

This book is a beautifully illustrated introduction to the shared custom of head covering. Using accurate terminology and brightly coloured imagery, Hats of Faith helps educate and prepare young children for our culturally diverse modern world. Encouraging an early and open dialogue between parents and children.



The Island

Armin Greder

This is a powerful picture book suitable for upper KS2. When the inhabitants of an island discover a naked man and his tattered raft washed up on their beach, they are reluctant to take him in because he seems so vastly different. The islanders refuse to give the man a job or treat him as their equal. As their fear and hatred grow and grow, the islanders eventually send the man to death, opting to turn their island into a stark fortress where strangers are not accepted. The Island is a captivating story that serves as a good starting point for discussions about prejudice and how a society can be shaped by the way it deals with people who have physical, spiritual or cultural differences.



Competitions

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/competition/blue-peter-bookmark>

Blue Peter Bookmark

Make your own Blue Peter bookmark!

Did you miss our Summer Reading Challenge ambassadors Max and Harvey on [Blue Peter](#) last Friday?

They visited the famous Blue Peter Garden to compete in a Gadgeteers themed quiz and made their own scratch away bookmarks!

Catch up now on [BBC iPlayer](#)!

[Make your own bookmark here!](#)

Challenge your mates to read six of your favourite books this summer with this Blue Peter Summer Reading Challenge bookmark.


Every time your friend finishes a book, they can scratch away at their bookmark to reveal the next book challenge you have set them – how cool is that?

Can they read all six books by the end of summer?

You will need:

- Card
- Paper
- Colouring pens or pencils
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Clear sticky tape, or packing tape

[Get down to your local library](#) to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge or [sign up online](#) and earn badges for reading books!

Tell us what six books you are challenging your friends and family to read in the [Chat](#) 

Why not challenge your friends to read a blog, a comic, or even listen to an audiobook?

You can read wherever and however you like!

[How to access books](#)

Happy reading,

Mrs Groves 