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Dear Parents/Carers,

Again, thank you for all of the emails in response to this newsletter. It is lovely hearing that our children are enjoying these books at home and that you are engaging with the newsletter.

Reading storybooks to young children will familiarize them with story structure which, in turn, should help facilitate their comprehension of stories. Discussion about the text will familiarize the children with strategies that readers use to comprehend text (Sulzby & Teale, 1991). Whether your child is in EYFS or Year 6, reading with/to them, will make a difference.

We continue to engage and inspire our young children by ordering and purchasing new texts featured on our newsletter; providing reading for pleasure opportunities in the classroom each day such as book brags and have a rolling display in the library of key messages each month.

Mr Rizzo

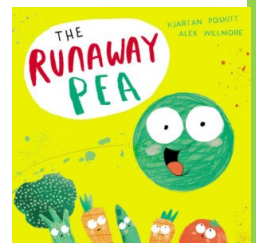
Books for Topics

SCAN ME

If you like... **Supertato** Try these...

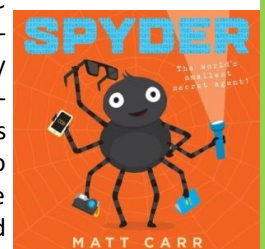
Visit www.booksfortopics.com for more ideas!

It's time for tea, but one pesky pea has decided to ping himself off the plate in search of a party! The rogue pea shoots, flings and bounces across the kitchen as he embarks on his perilous adventure - but will he find the fun he is looking for or is the kitchen a scarier place than he thought?



The perfect pants are hard to find for someone shaped like me. Could Octopants be just the job? Why not dive in and see . . . ? There are all-in-ones for urchins and slipper-socks for eels... but will Octopus ever find a pair of pants to fit? A hilarious rhyming romp, packed with underwater underwear!

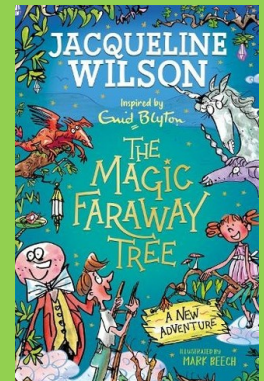
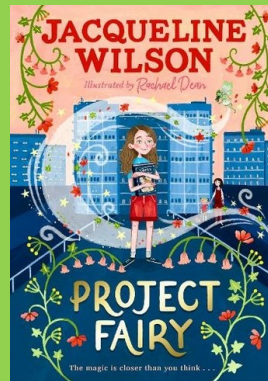
Created in Matt Carr's signature comic-book style with a palette of bold primary colours, this entertaining story follows Spyder, a secret agent arachnid whose codename is 008. Spyder is sent on a highly important mission to save one boy's birthday cake from the destructive intentions of an uninvited Bluebottle.



Jacqueline Wilson Author Visit

On Thursday 4th May, our Jacqueline Wilson competition winners attended The Earls High school to listen to Jacqueline Wilson speak about her latest books and the journey she had been on to become a successful author. The children were fascinated when listening to her and were amazed that, even at the age of 77, each morning before she starts her day, she writes between 500 and 1,000 words. This includes birthdays, Christmas and New Year.

The pupils were able to be part of a question-and-answer session and also had the wonderful opportunity to personally meet and greet her on the stage. As an extra surprise, they were presented with a copy of 'The Primrose Railway Children'. The children were impeccably well-behaved, and we look forward to attending further events in the future.



KS1 Author of the Month

Tom Percival



Perfectly Norman

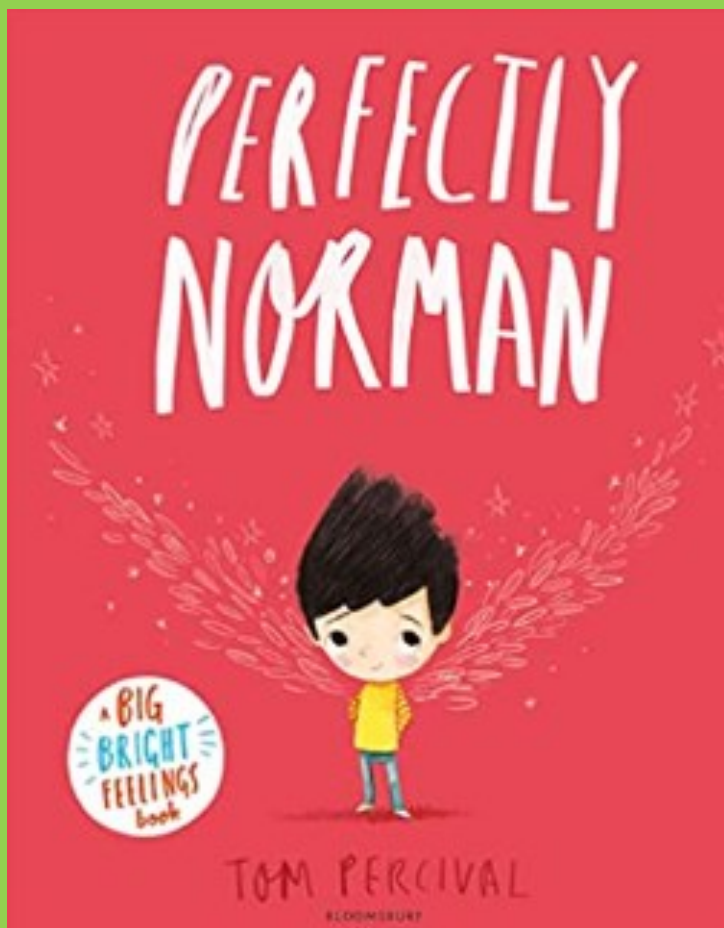
An uplifting story about celebrating diversity and embracing what makes you you - from Tom Percival's bestselling Big Bright Feelings series

Be open, be honest, be you! Big Bright Feelings for little people.

'A sweet and truly uplifting story that celebrates diversity in a subtle but unique way, and inspires children to dare to be different and have the courage to stand out.' *BookTrust*

Norman had always been perfectly normal . . . until the day he grew a pair of wings!

Norman loves his new wings, and has the most fun ever trying them out high in the sky. But then he has to go in for dinner. What will his parents think? What will everyone else think? Norman feels the safest plan is to cover his wings with a big coat.



Norman had always been normal
– *perfectly* normal.



Until one day . . .

KS2 Author of the Month

Jess Butterworth

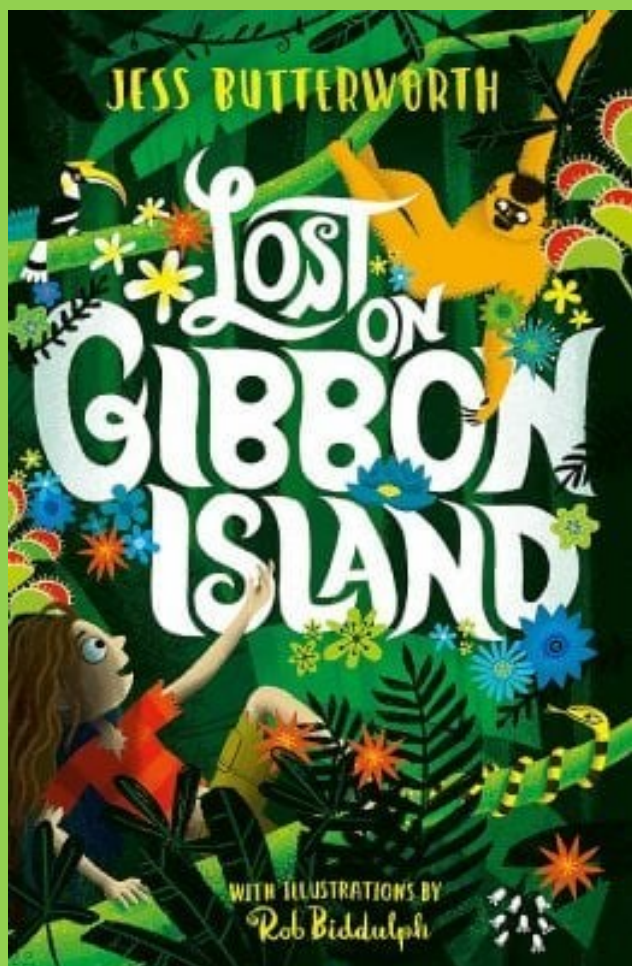


Lost on Gibbon Island

The Last Bear meets *The Life of Pi* in this adventure-filled survival story set on a lush Cambodian island! Meet 12-year-old Lark, who finds herself ship-wrecked with no one but a baby gibbon for company. Can she survive storms, lack of food and jelly-fish infested waters and find her way home?

'If you're reading this, hopefully you've come to rescue me. My name is Lark Taylor, and I've been shipwrecked on an island. The last mainland I was on was Cambodia, miles and miles away from home.'

When Lark's mum takes her family with her on a research trip to Cambodia, Lark never expects that she'll end up stranded on a deserted island! But that's exactly what happens when her boat is shipwrecked.



DAY 1

Midday

If you're reading this, hopefully you're coming to rescue me. My name is Lark. I'm twelve years old and I've been shipwrecked on an island. Writing 'shipwrecked' makes it sound as though I was washed up on an island by mistake, but I'm pretty sure it wasn't an accident. I think someone was trying to kill me. On purpose. In fact, I'm ninety-nine-point-nine per cent certain.

If someone doesn't find me soon, I'm going to send this notebook out in a bottle over the ocean to try and get help. And if help doesn't come in time ... well at least you can use this diary as evidence for what happened to me.

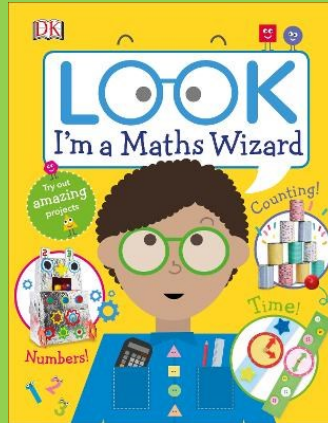
You'll need to know where I am to come and rescue me, but the problem is I'm not sure I know. We started from mainland

Monthly Recommended Reads

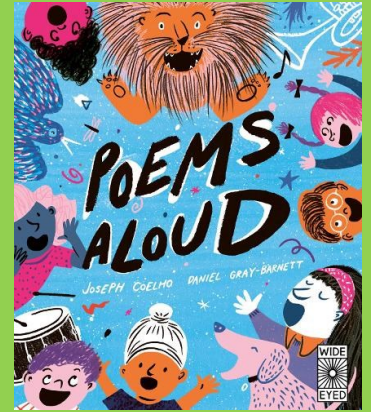
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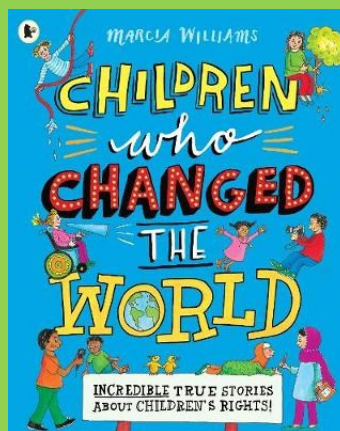
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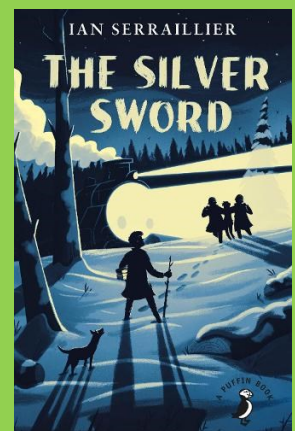
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Year 6

