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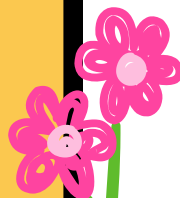
Welcome to the very first edition of our reading newsletter. This newsletter is designed for both parents and children and we hope you enjoy sharing it. Our aim is to keep you up to date with what is happening with regard to reading at our school. You will find lots of information here about what we are doing to promote reading for pleasure, as well as a round-up of favourite books and new releases. Happy reading!

The Reading Team



## The Borrowers Book Club

We are really excited to have launched our new KS2 book clubs this term, The Borrowers Book club. Miss Corcoran has the pleasure of meeting with each book club fortnightly to discuss everything book related. The children in the book clubs are Reading Ambassadors for their class and regularly promote new books with their peers.



## BLUE PETER BOOK BADGES:

Blue Peter has introduced an exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing characters to life such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, you just need to share your love of books by answering a few questions! You can apply using their online form or by post. Please click [here](#) for the link to the Blue Peter website.



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### READING FOR PLEASURE!

Our school is proud to be part of the Open University (OU) Reading for Pleasure Programme. As part of the programme, we have introduced a number of initiatives in classes:

- Book vote
- What book is your teacher reading?
- Alphabet of authors
- Recommended books
- Book swap



The Open University



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### Supporting Readers at Home

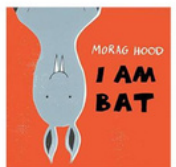
Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



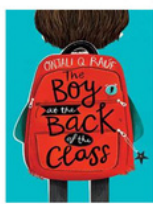
Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!



Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.



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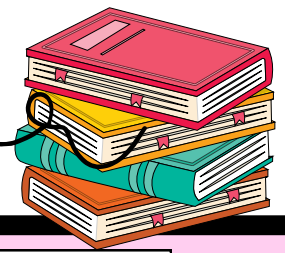
For more ideas see the OU website: [www.ourfp.org](http://www.ourfp.org)



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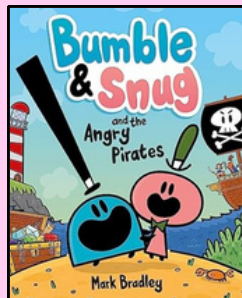
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### SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHERS!

#### Teacher recommended reads:

**Mrs Ramsey:** I have read **Bumble and Snug and the Angry Pirates**. This is a book about two best friends who have big feelings. It is great for KS1 and lower KS2. It isn't presented like a usual story but instead uses colourful pictures and comic-like layouts, so if you enjoy reading stories with these in, you'll love it!



### KS1



**Mrs Richards:** **The Colour Monster** by Anna Lenas  
This is a story about a girl who helps a monster understand his emotions and how she can help him.

I found this book to be a great way to open conversations with young children about their own emotions. It is beautifully illustrated with a lovable main character (even if he is a monster) and shows them how sharing their feelings can lead to feeling better and something else rather special.

### KS2

**Mrs Binstead:** **Impossible Creatures** by Katherine Rundell.

For Year 5/6 children who love adventures, heroes and mythological creatures. When Christopher is sent to stay with his grandfather, he discovers the secret entrance to a mysterious world, the Archipelago. Before long, he finds himself on a dangerous and exciting quest to save this magical world.





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### BORROWER'S CLUB REVIEWS:

#### Beast Quest Inferno - Adam Blade

I like Beast Quest Ferno the Fire Dragon because Tom goes to the King and goes on a quest to unlick Ferno's collar which stops him turning against them from the Dark Wizard's curse.

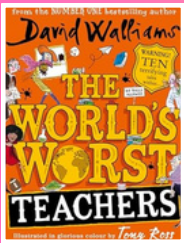
- Dougie (Badger)



#### The World's Worst Teachers - David Walliams

I like this book because it makes me laugh and it's interesting. You should read it because it's funny. I like all of the characters, except the Deputy Head, Miss Seethe! I would give it 10/10!

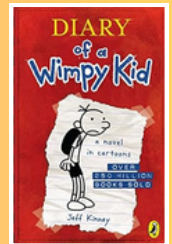
- Anna (Chameleon)



#### Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Jeff Kinney

This is a good book because when bad things happen, I find it funny and exciting. I rate it 10 out of 10.

- Micaiah (Caterpillar)



#### Dog Man, Lord of the Fleas - Dav Pilkey

I like this book because it is funny. I think you should read this book because it has flip-o-rama, and the illustrations are incredible!

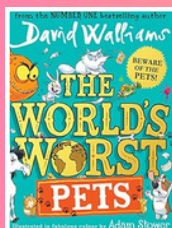
- Josiah (Caterpillar)



#### Captain Underpants - Dav Pilkey

I like this book because the characters have a good time (even in jail), i think you should read this book because it made me laugh and I'm sure it will make you laugh too.

- Angelo (Badger)



#### The World's Worst Pets - David Walliams

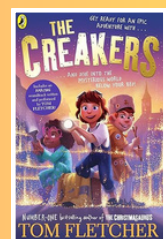
I like this book because it is so so terribly funny. You should read it to enjoy all of crazy things the animals get up to!

- Pamela (Chameleon)

#### The Creakers - Tom Fletcher

I really enjoyed this book because the parents get cheeky and break the rules! I think you would like this book because it is interesting, exciting and full of adventure! 10/10!

- Sophie (Bear)





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#### **The Last Bear - Hannah Gold**

I like this book because it has incredible description and language features! It is the first one in a series and is 10/10!

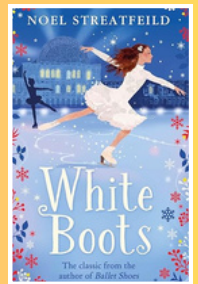
- James (Bear)



#### **White Boots - Noel Streatfeild**

I like this book because it encourages people to do the Olympics, and even inspires me to try my best at things I want to achieve.

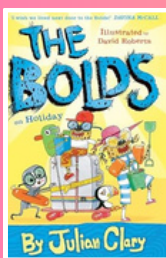
- Miriam (Penguin)



#### **The Time Tider - Sinéad O'Hart**

The Time Tider is full of mystery and adventure. I would recommend this book to people who enjoy plot twists and unexpected turns.

- Aya (Penguin)



#### **The Bolds on Holiday - Julian Clary**

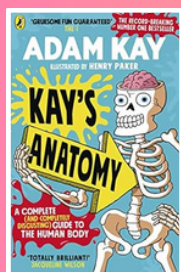
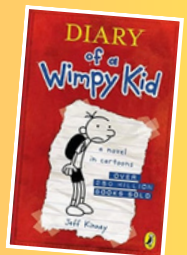
This book is full of smiles and laughter because of the characters constantly smiling, giggling and enjoying the adventures they go on.

- Remell (Polar Bear)

#### **Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Jeff Kinney**

I would recommend this book because the way that the author has written the books is funny, and really enjoyable. It's as if it is talking to you!

- Alfie (Polar Bear)



#### **Kay's Anatomy - Adam Kay**

This book is hilarious and it teaches you a lot about Science, in particular, all about the human body. I have learnt so much from this non-fiction book!

- Daniel (Toucan)



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## UKLA LIST OF LOVED BOOKS:





**KS1**

**Lots of Dots** - Pippa Goodhart & Anna Doherty



**Dare We Be Dragons?** - Barry Falls

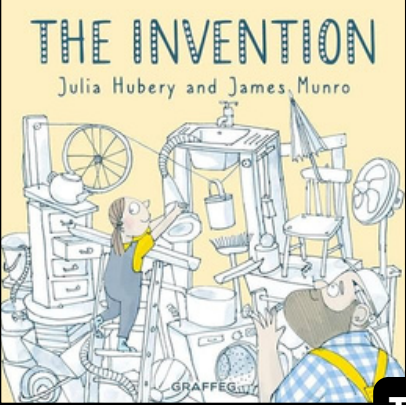
**KS1**



**THE INVENTION**  
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**My Dad Is a Tree** - Jon Agee






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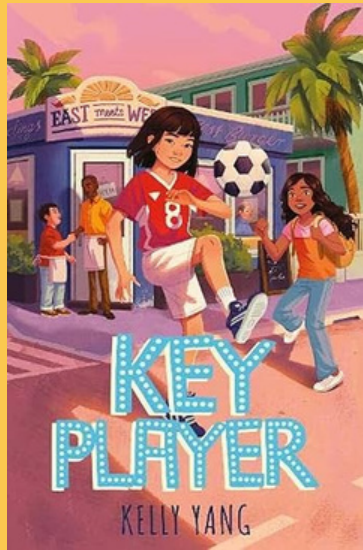
### UKLA LIST OF LOVED BOOKS:



KS2

**Key Player -**

by  
Kelly Yang



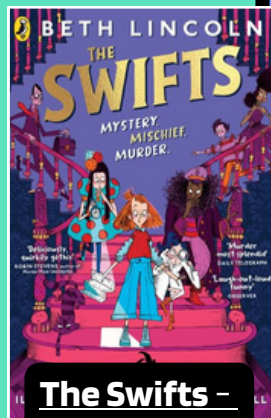
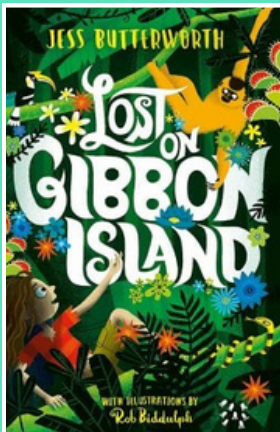
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**The Boy Who  
Saved a Bear -**  
Nizrana Farook



KS2

**Lost on Gibbon  
Island - Jess  
Butterworth**



**The Swifts -**  
Beth Lincoln



### TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR COMING TO ST. JOHN'S:

We have the Scholastics Book Fair  
visiting our school from **Tuesday  
23rd April- Friday 26th April**. A  
separate letter will be sent out with  
more details.

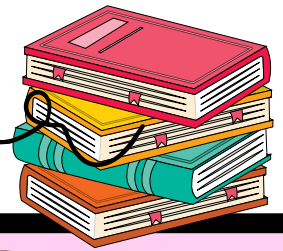




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# FUN QUIZ



Guess the book title and author from the grid below.



Make a note of your guesses and you can find out the answers in the next reading newsletter!