



LITTLE LEIGH

Primary School

Reading Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE LITTLE LEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL READING NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of our new Little Leigh Reading Newsletter.

At Little Leigh, we believe that "Books Open Doors, Reading Opens Minds." We are passionate about helping every child develop a lifelong love of reading and introducing them to the wonderful worlds that books can open up.

Our newsletter has been created with the support of our Reading Ambassadors and will celebrate all things reading across our school. Each month, you can look forward to book recommendations, author spotlights, reading news, pupil voice and ideas to help support reading at home.

Inside this edition, you'll find:



Recommendations from our Reading Ambassadors



Exciting new books for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 readers



A spotlight on our Author of the Month, Joseph Coelho



News from our recent visit from author Philippa Leathley



A reading tip to support reading at home

Reading is one of the most important skills a child will ever learn, but it is also one of life's greatest pleasures. We hope this newsletter inspires conversations about books at home and helps every child discover something new to read.

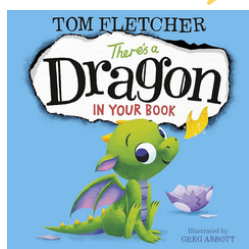
Happy reading!

WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN READING?

Child in
Year 2
said...



"I liked reading 'There's a Dragon in My Book'. The book has lots of dragon eggs which I enjoyed looking at. I liked taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge because I got to read lots of new books".



Read to the Beat

Over the summer, many of our children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge where they read a total of six books. Our ambassadors got to chat to some of these children where they discussed the books they enjoyed reading the most.

Child in
Year 4
said...

"I liked reading 'To Be a Cat' because it has a very funny storyline about a 12-year-old boy switching body with his cat."



Child in
Year 2
said...

"I enjoyed reading the 'Little People Big Dreams' book about Taylor Swift because she dreamed of being a singer when she was little and she became one."



Child in
Year 1
said...

"I read lots of books about animals like frogs, cats, ladybirds and mice because I love living creatures".



WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Does your child have a book they would like to share with the school? If they would like to tell us about a book they are enjoying, please encourage them to speak to Mr Marland or one of our Reading Ambassadors for the chance to share their reading in the newsletter.

WHAT'S OUT THIS MONTH?

BOOKS FOR EYFS & KS1



Little Ghost and Robot might seem completely different, but they have one important thing in common: they both know what it feels like not to fit in. As their friendship grows and they explore the world together, they discover courage, belonging and the joy of finding someone who understands you. A beautiful and heartwarming picture book celebrating friendship and found family.

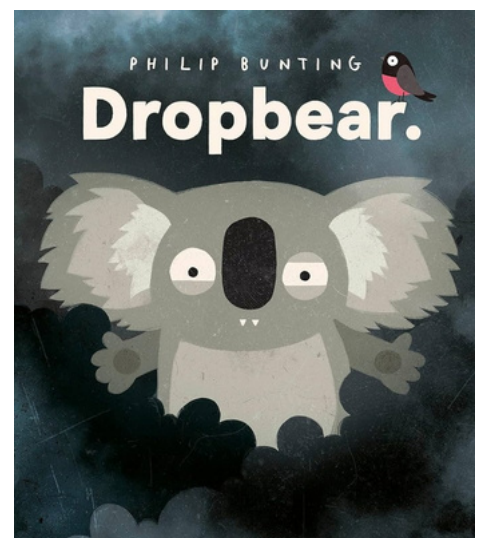


A beautiful and moving story that takes young readers into the icy world of the Arctic. Following the journey of a magnificent polar bear, this stunning picture book combines storytelling with fascinating facts about polar bears and their changing habitat. Perfect for young animal lovers and budding conservationists.



Everyone in fairytale land is getting ready for a very special party – everyone except one tiny troll, who is busy being terribly rude! The more insults he throws around, the bigger he grows, leaving Cinderella, the Three Little Pigs and their fairytale friends to work out how to stop him. A funny, rhyming story with a lovely message about kindness, perfect for sharing with younger readers.

Deep in the Australian bush lives the mysterious Dropbear, a creature everyone says should be feared. But when one brave little bird decides to discover the truth for herself, she learns that rumours aren't always what they seem. Funny, suspenseful and full of character, this picture book encourages children to think for themselves and not judge others by what they hear.



WHAT'S OUT THIS MONTH?

BOOKS FOR KS2



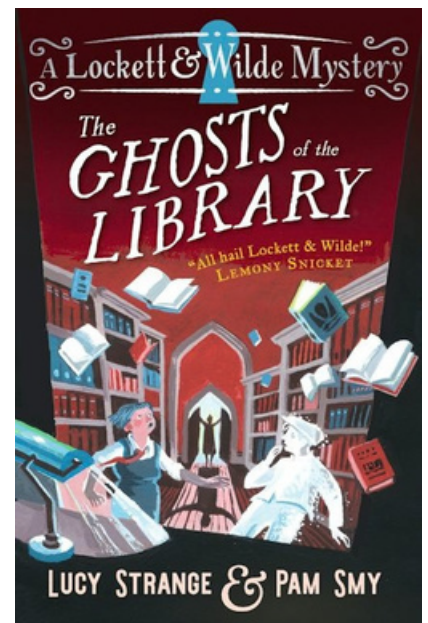
Cassie Morgan is almost at the end of her witch training, with just one final test standing between her and her Witch's Licence. But with the dangerous Erl King threatening both Britain and the magical land of Faerie, Cassie will need courage, friendship and all the magic she has learned to protect those she loves. An exciting, magical adventure full of mystery, friendship and family.

Orion, Scorpius and Lyra Cogsworth are three extraordinary siblings who have spent their whole lives hidden away in their inventor mother's workshop. When she suddenly disappears, they must venture into the outside world for the very first time, uncovering strange secrets and a sinister plot along the way. Packed with quirky inventions, mystery and humour, this is an exciting adventure about celebrating what makes us different.



Ten-year-old Adelaide Moncrief has an important mission: find her kingdom's missing dragon before the Great Census. Armed with an enchanted sugar bowl and plenty of courage and wit, she sets off on an adventure filled with dark magic, secrets and unexpected obstacles. A wonderfully imaginative fantasy for readers who love dragons, quests and magical kingdoms.

Winter has arrived in London, and Matilda and her ghostly companion Edgar have another mystery to solve. Between a strange wisp haunting a theatre, a ghost cat at school and a mysterious presence hiding among the library shelves, there are plenty of supernatural secrets to uncover. A wonderfully atmospheric mystery packed with ghosts, friendship and adventure.

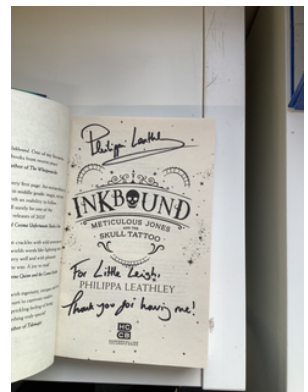


PHILIPPA LEATHLEY VISITS LITTLE LEIGH

This month, Key Stage 2 had the exciting opportunity to meet author Philippa Leathley, author of the 'Inkbound' books. During the assembly, Philippa spoke about her journey to becoming an author, the inspiration behind her writing and the creative process involved in bringing a story to life. Pupils enjoyed hearing how ideas can develop into published books and left feeling inspired to read and write themselves. Many children were particularly interested to learn more about 'Inkbound', with some already eager to read the first book.

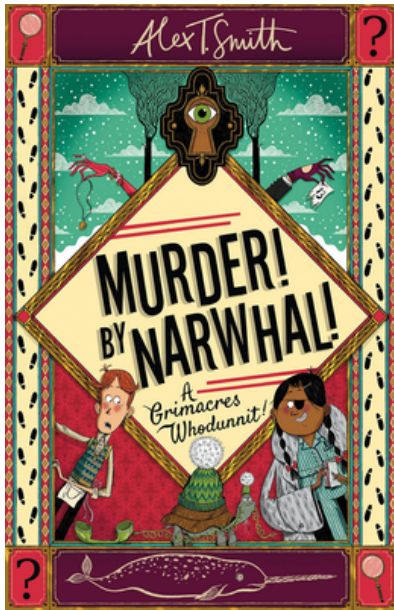
"I absolutely loved how interactive it was and I loved all of her characters."
- Mrs Owen

"I enjoyed the talk because she described her books in great detail. I would love to read her books in the future"
- Year 3 child



"The Inkbound books are true page turners. I haven't been hooked on books about magic this much since Harry Potter."
- Mr Marland

READING AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDATIONS

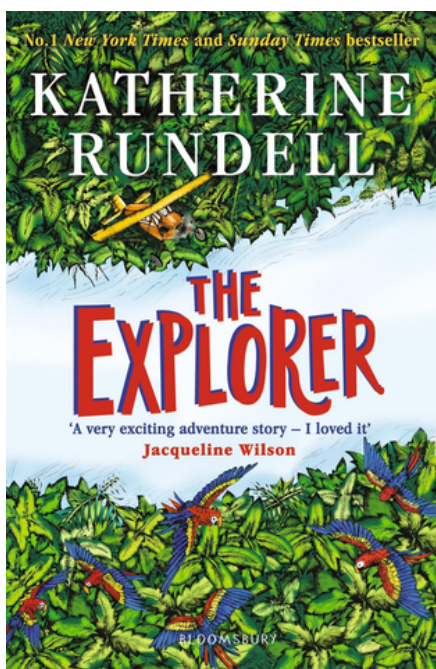


I like reading books about detectives so this book was the perfect choice for me. It was a very funny book. It is about murder but not intense so younger readers can still enjoy it.

EG, Year 6

This book has gripping characters and an intense storyline. The things I liked most about this book was how the characters have to work together to end the Sandwing war. I also love the different dragon tribes.

LB, Year 6



We love the amount of detail the author provides to this story. It has an exciting storyline which will make you want to read the next chapter straight away.

EG & LB, Y6

READING TIP OF THE MONTH

Many children go through phases where they are less enthusiastic about reading. This is a normal part of learning, and progress is not always a straight line.



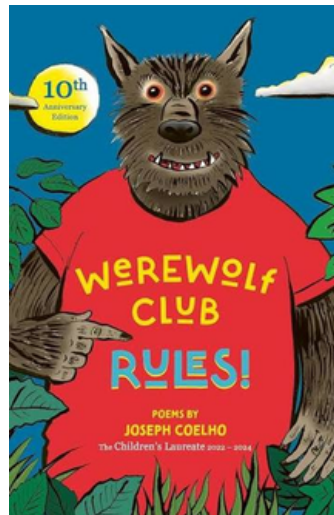
One of the most effective ways to encourage reading is to help children find books that genuinely interest them. Whether it's stories, comics, poetry, non-fiction or books linked to a favourite hobby, every type of reading counts.

Remember: occasional ups and downs in reading are completely normal.



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Our author of the month is Joseph Coelho who is an award-winning poet, playwright and children's author.



He grew up in a tower block in Roehampton, South West London, raised by a single mother.

He held the UK Children's Laureate post from 2022 to 2024, where he launched the Library Marathon, visiting and joining libraries across the UK to champion public libraries.



Joseph Coelho often visits schools and encourages children to write their own poems and stories.



GRAPHIC NOVELS

WANTED!

**CLEAR OUT A SHELF,
FILL OURS!**

**LITTLE LEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL IS LOOKING
FOR GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COMIC-STYLE
BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY.
IF YOUR CHILDREN HAVE ANY GRAPHIC
NOVELS THAT THEY NO LONGER NEED, WE
WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO GIVE THEM A NEW
HOME!**

**EVERY DONATION WILL HELP
US GIVE OUR CHILDREN
EVEN MORE EXCITING BOOKS
TO DISCOVER AND ENJOY.**

