



Reading Newsletter

Summer 2020

Welcome to our Summer Term Reading Newsletter—a place for us to share reading recommendations and support our children in accessing and enjoying great books. Our Summer Term Reading Newsletter is a bumper edition—containing double the amount of recommendations than ever before!

We have been so pleased to see how much reading has been taking place this past term. It was lovely to see so many of you at the KS1 Book Swaps, and likewise with the collection of loaned-out books for KS2 ‘class readers’. It has been brilliant to see our parents, staff, home learners and school learners all able to enjoy the same great books together.

We have said many times before how we strongly believe that regular reading is crucial—not just for academic learning but also as a chance to relax and escape. We therefore encourage you to keep up this regular reading over the Summer Holiday and we hope that the suggestions in this Reading Newsletter will be a good place for you to start.

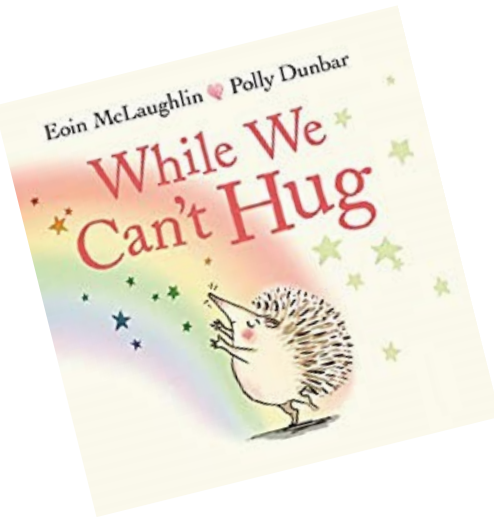
If your child would like to keep a record of the books they read over the summer, to show their teacher in the first week of September, please see the print-out at the end of this newsletter.

We would love to see what they have enjoyed reading and perhaps they can give us some recommendations of their own!

Lastly, we would like to wish all of our families the very best for a peaceful and relaxing summer break. Happy reading!

Readers aged 5+

While We Can't Hug by Eoin McLaughlin and Polly Dunbar



A heart-warming picture book that shows us ways to be affectionate while social distancing.

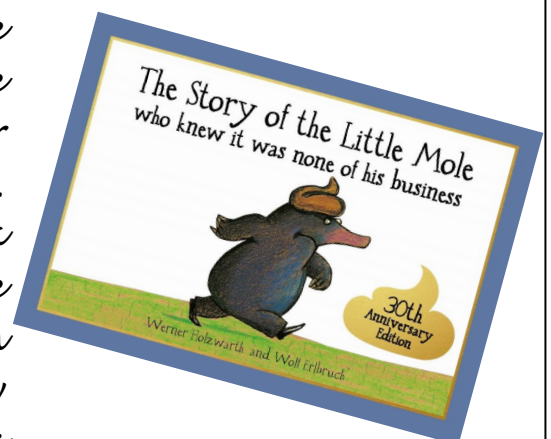
Hedgehog and Tortoise were the best of friends. They wanted to give each other a great, big hug. But they weren't allowed to touch.

"Don't worry," said Owl. "There are lots of ways to show someone you love them."

So the two friends wave to each other, blow kisses, sing songs, dance around and write letters. And even though they can't hug and they can't touch, they both know that they are loved.

The Story of the Little Mole by Werner Holzwarth and Wolf Erlbruch

This hilarious picture book tells the tale of a little mole who wakes up one morning only to have one of the other animals 'do its business' on his head. The Little Mole then sets out to track down the culprit to exact his revenge in his own little way. His investigation takes him into the world of many animals, as he wanders and compares the pile on his head to the piles that animals leave behind them!
Outrageously funny!



Readers aged 5+ (continued)



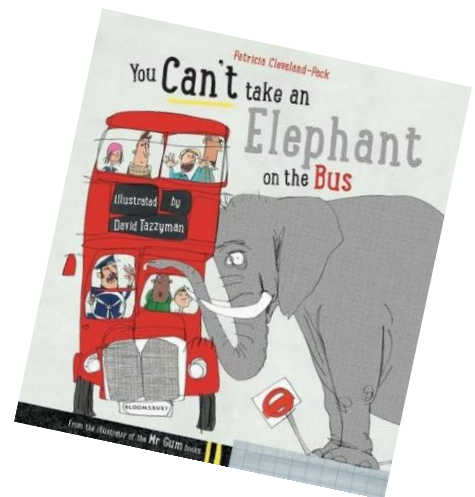
The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas

One day, the Colour Monster wakes up feeling very confused. His emotions are all over the place; he feels angry, happy, calm, sad and scared all at once! To help him, a little girl shows him what each feeling means through colour. A gentle exploration of feelings for young and old alike.

You Can't Take An Elephant On The Bus by Patricia Cleveland-Peck

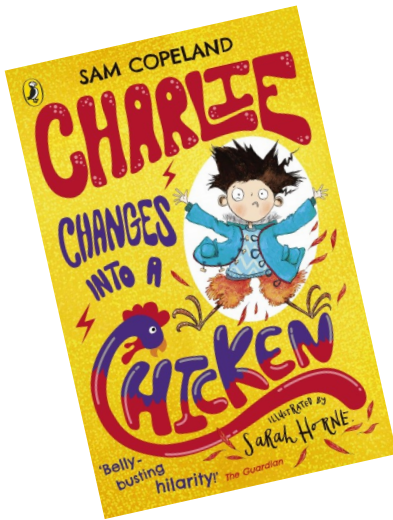
*You can't take an elephant on the bus,
It would simply cause a terrible fuss!
Elephants' bottoms are heavy and fat,
and would certainly squash the
seats quite flat!*

Never put a camel in a sailing boat, or a tiger on a train, and don't even THINK about asking a whale to ride a bike... This riotous picture book is filled with animals causing total disaster as they try to travel in the most unsuitable vehicles. A real romp of a book, with hilarious rhyming text and spectacular illustrations.



Readers aged 7+

Charlie Changes Into A Chicken by Sam Copeland



Charlie McGuffin has an incredible secret... He can change into animals. All sorts of animals: a flea, a pigeon, even a rhino. Trouble is, he can't decide when - it only happens when he gets worried. And right now, Charlie has quite a lot to worry about:

- His brother (who is in hospital)
- His parents (who are panicking about it)
- And the school bully (who has Charlie in his sights)

And even though every kid wants a superhero power, Charlie isn't keen on changing into a chicken in the middle of the school play. So with the help of his three best friends, Charlie needs to find a way of dealing with his crazy new power - and fast!

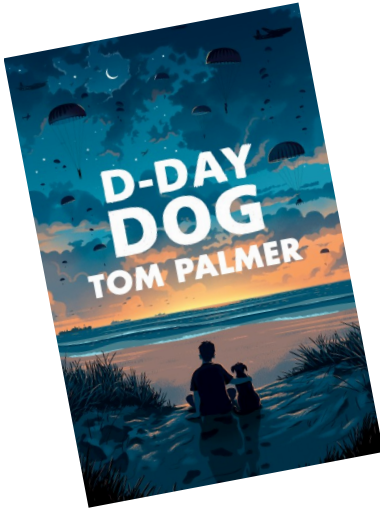
Happy by Nicola Edwards and Katie Hickey

The perfect soothing read for quiet time, 'Happy' gently encourages young readers to explore their emotions and the beautiful world around them. This poetic journey to a place of happiness and calm will inspire and empower your child to enjoy the practice of mindfulness.



Readers aged 7+ (continued)

D-Day Dog by Tom Palmer



Jack can't wait for the school trip to the D-Day landing beaches. It's his chance to learn more about the war heroes he has always admired - brave men like his dad, who is a reserve soldier. But when his dad is called up to action and things at home spiral out of control, everything Jack believes about war is thrown into question. Finding comfort only in the presence of his loyal dog, Finn, Jack is drawn to the heart-wrenching true story of one particular D-Day paratrooper. On 6 June 1944, Emile Corteil parachuted into France with his dog, Glen - and Jack is determined to discover their fate ...

You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet! by Steven Butler

The second book in this fabulously funny series—be sure to read *The Nothing To See Here Hotel* first!

Having just saved the hotel from a goblin prince, Frankie Banister and the guests are looking forward to enjoying themselves and celebrating the summer holiday of Trogmanay! But when a snow storm blows in (complete with Yeti family), and a number of mysterious guests arrive, something sinister seems to be taking over the hotel and celebrating is the last thing on anyone's mind...



Readers aged 9+

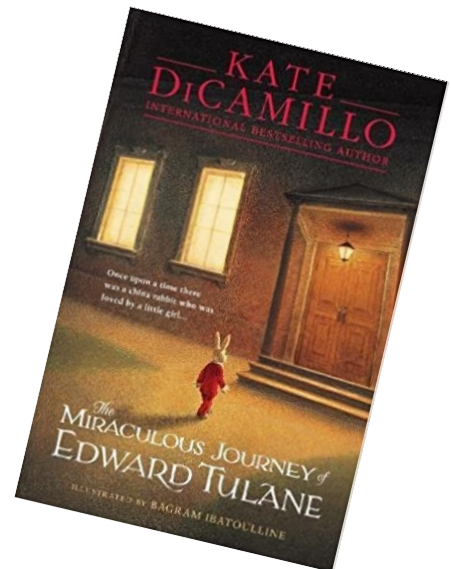
Orphans of the Tide by Struan Murray



A breathtaking fantasy adventure! When a mysterious boy washes in with the tide, the citizens believe he's the Enemy - the god who drowned the world - come again to cause untold chaos. Only Ellie, a fearless young inventor living in a workshop crammed with curiosities, believes he's innocent. But the Enemy can take possession of any human body and the ruthless Inquisition are determined to destroy it forever. To save the boy, Ellie must prove who he really is - even if that means revealing her own dangerous secret...

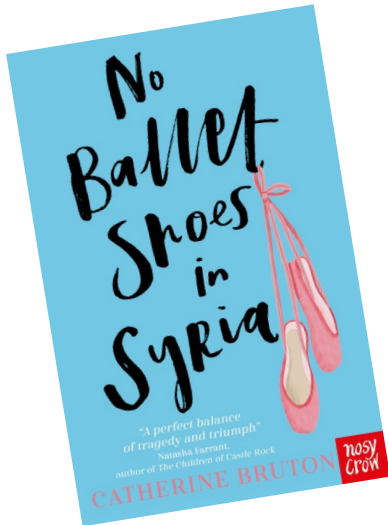
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

The magical story of the adventures of a lost toy rabbit. Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey. He travels with tramps, works as a scarecrow, comforts a dying child... and finally learns what it is to truly love.



Readers aged 9+ (continued)

No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton



Aya is eleven years old and has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to remain in the country, to make a home for themselves and to find Aya's father - separated from the rest of the family during the journey from Syria. With beautiful, captivating writing, wonderfully authentic ballet detail, and an important message championing the rights of refugees, this is classic storytelling - filled with warmth, hope and humanity.

Somerset Tsunami by Emma Carroll

A sinking boat . . .

A girl in disguise . . .

A disappearing sea . . .

When Fortune Sharpe carves a boat from a tree with her beloved brother, Gem, she's only having a bit of fun. But now is not the time for a girl to be drawing attention to herself. She is sent away to find work dressed as a boy. Luckily a rich manor house is hiring.

Yet Barrow Hill's inhabitants harbour dangerous secrets of their own, the suspicious owner is hunting for witches, and the house itself is a little too close to the sea . . .



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Summer Reading



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Book:	Star rating (out of 5):