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Reading Newsletter

Welcome to NJS!

Welcome back to a new year and a new series of Reading Newsletters. Every half term I will share with you a Newsletter promoting exciting books which you might like to read.

Reading for pleasure is a key feature of being at Newport Junior School. We want to share that love of books with you.

If you have a great book you would like to recommend please let me know and I could include your suggestion and review in a future edition.

Happy Reading!

Parents don't forget to check out our school guide to supporting reading at home.

<https://newportjuniorschool.org.uk/category/schoolnews/#post-30976>



My summer holiday read was *The Shark Caller* by Zillah Bethell.

This was such a wonderful story set in Papua New Guinea. You can almost hear the sea lapping against the shore!

A story of friendship, moral dilemmas and dreams. It has enough twists and turns to keep you gripped to the end. I loved the use of the Papuan New Guinea language, Pidgin English in the dialogue. Great fun to read!

We celebrated Roald Dahl day in school and shared our favourite books he wrote. These were the most popular. Is your favourite here?



Roald Dahl wrote 17 books for children. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was recently voted as the top read for Primary school children from a list of 100 books.

*Reading gives us
somewhere to go
When we have to stay
where we are*

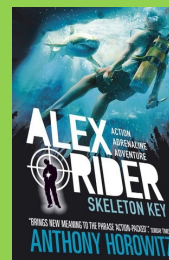


My Book Choices

By Mr Lawson.

What was your favourite book to read as a child?

My favourite book was from the Alex Rider series ; *Skeleton Key*. I loved the series as it was full of adventure and drama that was at a perfect level for me to understand. *Skeleton Key* was my favourite as the introduction mentions Alex surfing a famous wave in Cornwall called 'The Cribber'. I just so happened to read this for the first time as a 10 year old on a surfing holiday in Cornwall!



If you could keep one book only what would it be?

One book to read over and over again will be 'Mythos' by Stephen Fry, he retells the Greek myths in a descriptive and fictional tale. I feel I could read this over and over again and just learn more about how these myths are linked together and into modern society.

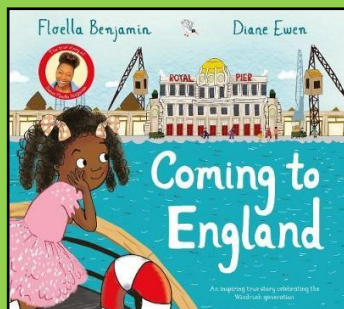
Who is your favourite book character and why?

My favourite book character comes the book 'Enders Game', a futuristic tale of battle between humans and aliens with an extremely intelligent young man named 'Ender' being in charge of the human space fleet.

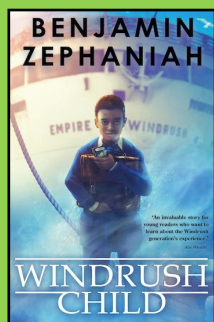
What book would you like to read next?

My next book will be coming from a series I have already read 16 of; it is in a series called 'Eagles of the Empire' following two Roman soldiers as they conquer Britain and expand the Roman Empire.

Black History Week is in October. Here are 5 books around the theme of Black History.

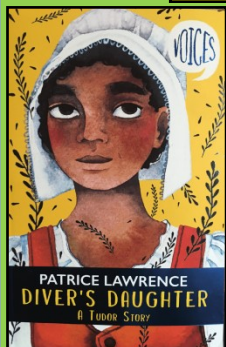
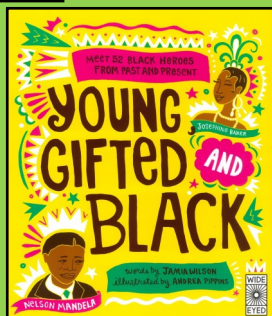


Coming to England by Floella Benjamin.



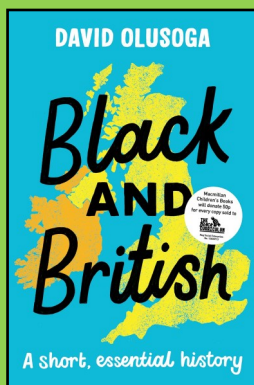
Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah.

Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson



Divers Daughter—A Tudor Story by Patrice Lawrence

Black and British by David Olusoga



Author Profile—Philip Ardagh

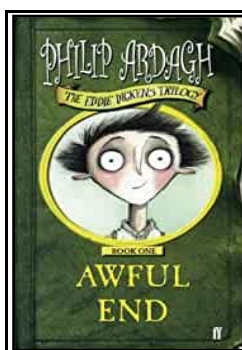
Philip Ardagh is two metres tall with a big, bushy beard and size sixteen feet, making him an instantly recognisable figure !

Philip Ardagh is the author of *The Grunts* and *The Secret Diary* series. He is probably best known for his *Grubtown Tales*, but he is author of over 100 books.

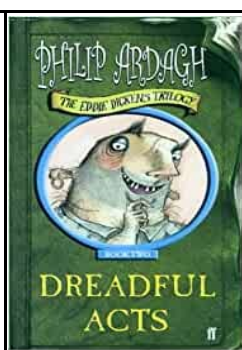
His books can be humorous, irreverent and often nonsensical but lots of fun!

I particularly enjoyed the *Eddie Dickens* series of books set in a bizarre Victorian world of the author's creation. The characters are often ridiculous and he made me laugh out loud with the situations he puts them into.

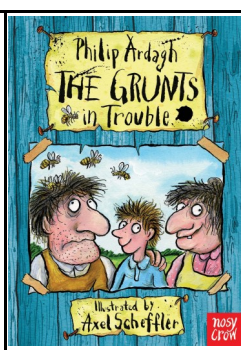
If you are interested why not check out his books! Below are four of my favourites.



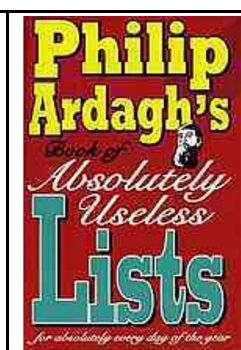
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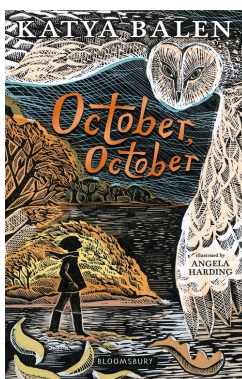
Dreadful Acts



The Grunts in Trouble



Book of Absolutely Useless Lists



October October by Katya Balen
A timeless tale of wild nature and family secrets.
A great Autumn read!



I loved this spooky story—definitely one for our older readers (Yr5/6). Aveline investigates the strange disappearance of Primrose Penberthy in this wonderful ghostly book. A great way to get ready for Halloween!



I enjoyed reading it so much that I have begun reading the follow up book. 'The Bewitching of Aveline Jones. I will tell you more about it next time!

Thank you for reading! Mr Rotherham.