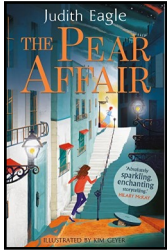




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# Reading Newsletter

As we see the weather getting better outside and we get closer to our Easter break I would like to share with you some fantastic books that have caught my eye. Mr Jones shares with us his book choices and there is a profile of author, Tom Fletcher to check out. My first recommendation is...



**The Pear Affair by Judith Eagle.** Penelope Magnificent is in Paris with her horrible parents hoping to find the only person in her life that has ever been kind to her, Pear, her old au pair. The mystery of where she has vanished will take you around the wonderful city of Paris to discover the truth of why she has disappeared and why no-body will talk about her! A great adventure story to read.

**The Snow Spider Trilogy by Jenny Nimmo.** I really enjoyed the first part of this trilogy. It is a spine tingling tale, set in a remote Welsh village. Gwyn is given a brooch for his ninth birthday and told to 'cast it to the wind!' In so doing he discovers the powers of becoming a magician. He will need to use all his new found magical skills to battle the evils that await him. Will the mysterious Snow Spider be able to help?



**Kid Normal by Greg James and Chris Smith.**

Murph is a bit out of his depth when he starts his new school. His mum has sent him to a school for Superheroes by mistake because Murph has no powers at all! This is a great first book in this series and it comes highly recommended. If you a fan of humour, superheroes and you can also secretly spot the hero inside everyone, then this book is perfect for you too!



**NAME**  
Murph (aka Smurf Face, Captain Brush, Kid Normal)

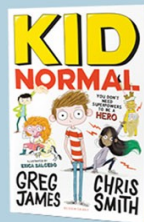
**SUPERPOWER**  
None (unless you count bravery, seeing things other people don't see, staying positive ...)

**LIKES**  
Midnight cheesery

**DISLIKES**  
Mumbarrassments of all kinds, not knowing what the heck is going on

**MOST LIKELY TO**  
Save the day!

**KILLER LINE**  
'Huddle up. I think I know how we can do this'



## MEET MURPH

#KidNormal • @gregjames • @itschris smith • @kidsbloomsbury

Other books in the series include..

Kid Normal and the Shadow Machine, KN and the Rogue Heroes, KN and the Final Five.



Did you know that authors Greg James and Chris Smith work together on Radio 1?

Did you know that the Kid Normal series has sold over 100,000 copies worldwide and has been translated into 19 different languages?

Emil and the Detectives by Erich Kastner is a classic adventure story set in Berlin, Germany before the Second World War. The hero, Emil, must enlist the help of a group of children, who call themselves the detectives to help him track down his missing money and find the thief.



## My Book Choices By Mr Jones

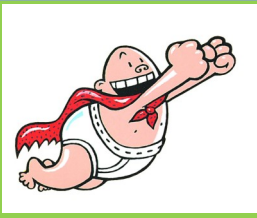
**My favourite book as a child** was 'Alex Rider - Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz. I remember waiting impatiently to get my own copy and was completely immersed as soon as I read the first page! The story and the character of Alex Rider made me want to grow up and work for MI6 as I wanted to get involved in some of the incredible adventures I had read in the story!

**My favourite book character** would have to be Luke Crawford, the protagonist in Rob Child's 'Soccer Mad' book! I read this book so many times as I was obsessed with football and, just like Luke Crawford, loved learning facts and trivia about the sport! He was the captain of his school team and some of the matches in that books kept me entertained for hours on end! I would read these books on holiday with my family and still remember how excited I would get every time Luke played a new match!

**If I was only allowed to keep one book,** I would chose 'Soldier Spy' by Tom Marcus. A real life insight into the world of an MI5 spy! I read this book a couple of years ago after seeing it on tele and was gripped from first word to last... I even purchased it on audible so I could listen to it whilst driving! I loved every single chapter and would happily read it over and over again!

**My next book** is going to be 'Into Thin Air' by Jon Krakauer, a true story about the 1996 disaster at the top of Mt Everest. The author gives an insight into his own journey to the summit, and the harrowing events that took place on his descent down the mountain! Being a big fan of the outdoors myself, I can't wait to see what it was like for Krakauer to tackle the tallest mountain in the world – and how he lived to tell the tale!!

This is the complete list of Captain Underpants Novels! How many have you read?



1. The Adventures of Captain Underpants.
2. The Attack of the Talking Toilet
3. The Invasion of the Incredibly Naughty Cafeteria Ladies from Outer Space.
4. The Perilous Plot of Professor Poopypants.
5. The Wrath of the Wicked Wedgie Woman
6. The Big Bad Battle of the Bionic Booger Boy (Part 1)
7. The Big Bad Battle of the Bionic Booger Boy (Part 2)
8. The Preposterous Plight of the Purple Potty People.
9. The Terrifying Return of Tippy Tinkletrousers
10. The Revolting Revenge of the Radioactive Robo-Boxers
11. The Tyrannical Retaliation of the Turbo Toilet
12. The Sensational Saga of Sir Stink-A-Lot

All written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey. An author who clearly loves alliteration!

Dav Pilkey also wrote the Dog Man Books! Ask for them in our library!

### Guess the Famous Bears!

1. A character created by Michael Bond. He came from darkest Peru and loves marmalade sandwiches?
2. This bear lives in Hundred Acre wood with his best friends. He is scared of Heffalumps and Woozles! But loves honey.
3. Author, Rudyard Kipling wrote about this bear as he accompanies Mowgli and Bageehra on their adventures.
4. Yanka is sometimes a girl, sometimes a bear! Do you know the name of the book by Sophie Anderson she appears in?
5. Which bear is this? The \_\_\_\_\_ bear.



<p>History lovers...</p>	<p><b>The Swallows' Flight</b> by Hilary McKay</p> <p>Set during the Second World War, four ordinary lives combine amid the chaos and conflict of the war. Clever and action packed.</p>	<p>Mystery lovers...</p>	<p><b>High Rise Mystery</b> by Sharna Jackson</p> <p>Detective duo, Nik and Norva, aim to solve the mystery of a murder in the centre of London. A great whodunit to try and solve as you read along.</p>
<p>Geography lovers...</p>	<p><b>Floodland</b> by Marcus Sedgwick</p> <p>Imagine as a result of climate change large parts of the UK are now underwater! This is the story of Zoe and her family and how they survive. (Yr5/6)</p>	<p>Graphic Novel lovers</p>	<p><b>No Country</b> by Joe Brady</p> <p>Set in the future, with war raging and families seeking safety. This has a real message for the troubles of the world today! Powerful and Poignant.</p>
<p>Science lovers...</p>	<p><b>The Many Worlds of Albie Bright</b> by Christopher Edge.</p> <p>A great, laugh out loud at times story with real heart too. A tale of parallel universes, quantum physics and rotting bananas!</p>	<p>Wildlife lovers...</p>	<p><b>The Lost Whale</b> by Hannah Gold</p> <p>Did you love the Lost Bear? Then you will love this incredible book which teaches about the importance of protecting these magical creatures.</p>

### Author Profile—Tom Fletcher

Such a hugely popular author across the school and with certain staff too!!

Tom Fletcher released his first book in 2012 (The Dinosaur that Pooped Christmas) and has now gone on to write 27 books for children. The Dinosaur the Pooped series was written with his fellow McFly bandmate, Dougie Poynter. Some of his most sought after books at NJS include The Christmasaurus, The Creakers and The Danger Gang. These books are always in demand in our school library! If you love Christmas and Dinosaurs, then Tom Fletcher could be the author for you!

Mrs Wheat is a big fan and was lucky enough to meet him! His books are very popular with the Moody family too!

Which is your favourite Tom Fletcher book?



<https://twitter.com/tomfletcher>



Q. How did the soggy Easter Bunny dry himself?  
A. With a hare dryer!



Q. What did one colored egg say to the other?  
A. Heard any good yolks lately?



### Easter Jokes for Kids

What kind of stories do rabbits like best? Ones with hoppy endings!

1. Paddington
2. Winnie the Pooh
3. Baloo
4. The Girl who Speaks Bear
5. The Last Bear

Thank you for reading! Mr Rotherham.