



# Reading Newsletter.

2024, a new year and the chance to set ourselves a reading challenge! I wonder how many books you might read this year? Maybe you have a book you are very keen to read? Why not try to read a book by an author you haven't tried before! Remember, your teachers and Mrs Breen in the library are always ready to recommend some great new books you might enjoy!

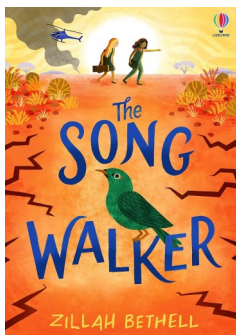
My first recommendation is an older classic tale, I remember reading while I was at school! **The Ghost of Thomas Kempe by Penelope Lively.** A fantasy children's novel where James, the main character, encounters the ghost of Thomas Kempe a 17th Century former inhabitant of the house where James lives. No one else in the house believes in ghosts so it's up to James to get rid of him. Or he'll have no pocket money or pudding ever again.!



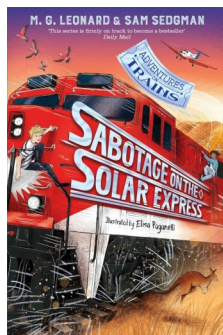
My next recommendation is a current favourite. **Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell.** Fans of books set in magical worlds, with mythical beasts and epic adventures will love this new tale from Katherine Rundell.

Christopher's grandfather is the guardian of the way into a magical land where creatures of myth and legend survive. That land is Archipelago, once protected from the rest of the world, until now! Things are changing and creatures are breaking through to where humans live. This book feels like a future classic. I know you will love it.

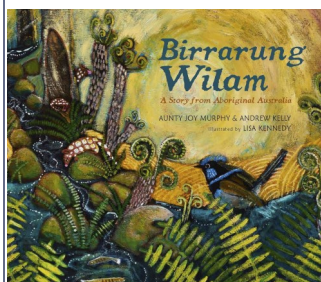
## Three Books for Australia Day!



**Song Walker by Zillah Bethell.** Adventure story of discovery and growing friendship set in the heat of the Australia Outback.

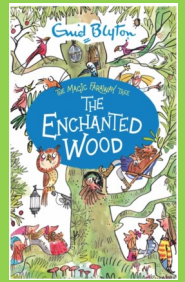


**Sabotage on the Solar Express by M.G Leonard.** Another action packed train journey in this series, this time through Australia!



**Birrarung Wilam**  
An aboriginal tale by **Aunty Joy Murphy.** Beautifully illustrated and evocative of life on and around the mighty Yara River in Australia.

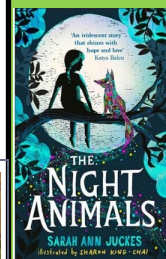
## My Book Choices By Mrs Cox



My favourite book as a child was **The Enchanted Wood** by Enid Blyton.

My favourite character was Mr Saucepan Man because the image that I conjured up of him in my head as a child really made me smile and has stuck with me even to this day. He was a very scatty character who was partially deaf and was very loud but didn't realise how loud he was, especially because he was walking around with saucepans and kettles hanging off him crashing about. The fact that he also shared a house with Mr Watzisname made me smile too, as together they were a real double act who were loud and forgetful.

If I had to choose a copy of one book to keep, which is an extremely difficult decision, it would have to be a copy of **The Enchanted Wood** as not only was it a firm favourite of mine as a child but also I read it to each of my children when they were younger and they equally loved it as much as I did, so for many reasons this book holds lots of special memories for me.



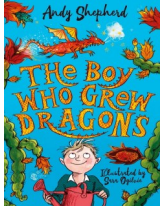
The next children's book that I would like to read is called **The Night Animals** by Sarah Ann Jukes, it is a story about mental health and family bonds and how 'rainbow shimmering ghost animals' guide the main character, Nora, through difficult times.



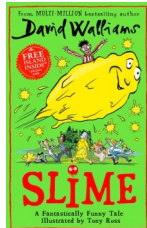
If you love the Iron Man by Ted Hughes- why not try **The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown. A great story about Roz the Robot and how she learns to survive in the wild. Look out for other books in the series! Gripping!

These are our current Class Reading books! Reading for Pleasure, with the teacher is the best part of the day!!

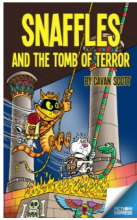
**3B** The Boy who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd



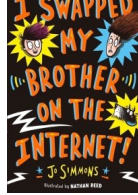
**3T** Slime by David Walliams



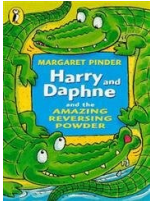
**3L** Snaffles and the Tomb of Terror by Cavan Cott



**4N** I Swapped my Brother on the Internet by Jo Simmons



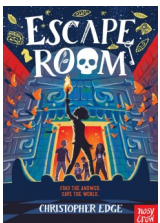
**4M** Harry and Daphne and the Amazing Reversing Powder by Margret Pinder



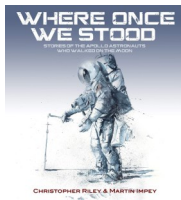
**4OP** The Danger Gang by Tom Fletcher



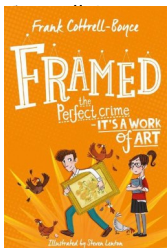
**5P** Escape Room by Christopher Edge.



**5J** Where Once We Stood' by Christopher Riley.



**5M-** Framed by Frank



**6K** Thief by John Pilkington



**6B** Wonder by R.J. Palacio

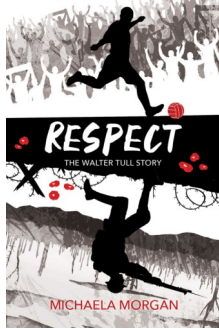


**6J-** Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick



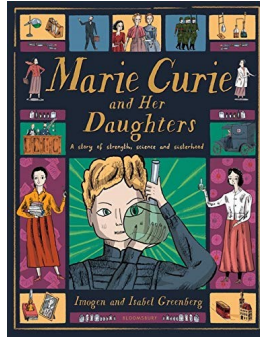
While preparing for our Waxwork Museum Day we have thought about who inspires us. Here are three books about inspirational people you may not have heard of! Don't forget to check out all the Little People Big Dreams books in the school library for more inspirational people.

**Respect by Michaela Morgan**



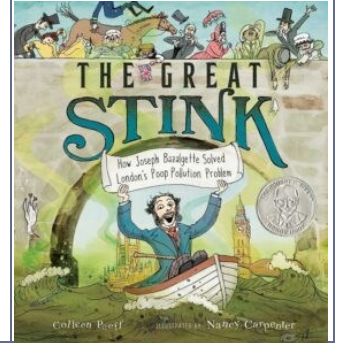
Tully has an amazing talent. Football. But when the First World War begins, Tully must fight for respect on the battlefield not the pitch ... Based on the amazing true story of Walter Tull, a First World War hero and one of the first black British professional football players

**Marie Curie and Daughters by Imogen Greenberg.**

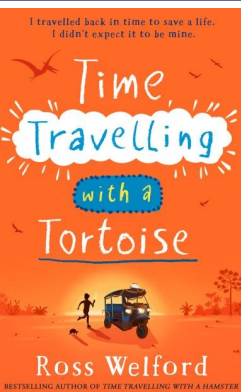


Meet Marie Curie. Shy and reserved, she loved science more than anything else in the world. But she lived at a time when women couldn't be scientists. Marie followed her passion and is now remembered for her game-changing discoveries. This book charts her life and that of her daughters who changed the history of science forever

**The Great Stink by Colleen Paeff**



Discover the true story about the determined engineer, Joseph Bazalgette, who fixed London's pollution problem. It's the summer of 1858, and London's River Thames STINKS. But the smell isn't the worst problem. Every few years, cholera breaks out, and thousands of people die. Bazalgette has the answer. Sewers!



**Time Travelling with a Tortoise by Ross Welford.**

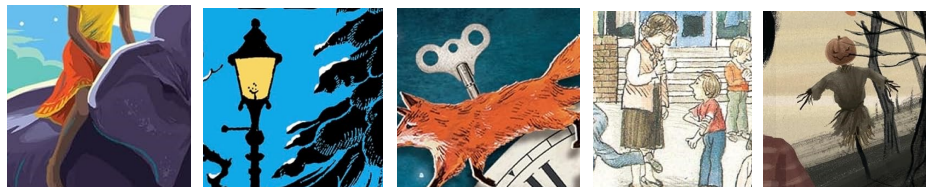
This new release is a funny and heart-warming tale. Al travels back in time to save his father but it leads to problems. Someone gets stuck in dinosaur times! Al learns time travel is more complicated than he first thought. From the author who brought you Time Travelling with a Hamster, The Kid who came From Space and What not to do if you turn Invisible.

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