



# Reading Newsletter.

Here are some questions to think about. I wonder how you would answer those questions? Why don't you ask them to friend or to someone at home?

What book would you like to read again?

What would you do to help other children enjoy reading?

Do you ever read the end of a book before the beginning?

Do you skip boring parts of a book?

Have you ever not enjoyed a book that a friend recommended?

Which book character would you like to meet?

Which setting from a story would you like to travel to?



I would answer Stig of the Dump to the first question!

If you were a fan of 'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow and I certainly was, you are going to enjoy this book too! **The First Year** continues the story of Nate, as he leaves primary school and begins at secondary school. This is so appropriate for our Year 6 children moving on this time but it is story that can be enjoyed by all. His rhyming prose engages and inspires readers.



**Alan, King of the Universe** by Tom McLaughlin. Well, he's not king yet, but he really wants to be! Alan is an orange cat who spends his days scheming up brilliant plans to fulfil his destiny - creating a brand-new country, Alanland, or cloning himself in an attempt raise an entire army of Alans. One way or another he will become king of the Universe! Great fun.

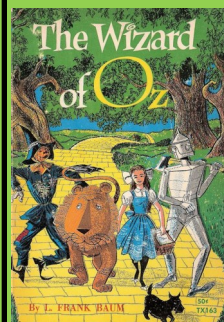
Animal lovers will enjoy this new non-fiction book, **Mega: The Most Enormous Animals Ever!** By Jules Howard. Beautifully illustrated and packed with facts to amaze and excite you.



## My Book Choices by Mrs Dunscombe

What book did you enjoy reading when you were a child?

My favourite childhood book was **The Wizard of Oz**.



I fell in love with this book because of the performances we did when I was at primary school. I kept reading the script because I loved it so much, and my parents went on to buy me the book.

It's a magical book about a young girl named Dorothy who lives with her aunty and uncle along with her best friend Toto the dog.

One day a tornado struck their house. Before Dorothy could reach safety, it lifted the house with them both inside. Dorothy and Toto find themselves in a peculiar land called Oz, far from Kansas.

This book is full of adventure and is truly magical. Along the way Dorothy encounters witches, makes some unusual friends and embarks on a quest following the yellow brick road to meet the Wizard of Oz. He is the only person who can help her get home and help her new friends get their wishes, but sadly it's not that straightforward. Before Dorothy and her friends' wishes were granted, the Wizard gives them a daunting task: defeating the Wicked Witch of the West. Dorothy quickly learns that there really is no place like home.

Who was your favourite book character and why?



My favourite book character was Winnie the Witch. I loved the illustrations and she was a fun, loveable witch who was clumsy with her magic.

If you could only take one book with you to read by the pool this summer, what would it be?

I would take the Hunger Games. I would want a book I could get lost in and forget my surroundings. I would want something action packed that keeps me on the edge of my seat. The not knowing the fate of the character and who will survive the games and will there be any cliff hangers along the way.

### Quick Quiz! Can you name these book settings?

~ Harry Potter's School? ~ Where Alice meets the Mad Hatter? ~ Percy Jackson' training camp? ~ The home of the Wizard of Oz? ~ Where Peter Pan fights Captain Hook? ~ The work place of the Oompa Loompas? ~ Travel through the Wardrobe to where Aslan lives? ~



# 2025 Read for EMPATHY



## Collection

Jump into  
someone  
else's story

A guide to  
empathy-building  
books for children  
aged 3-11

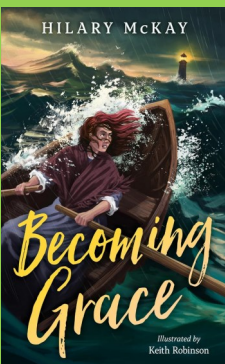


40 titles selected by experts

Empathy  
Lab

**Empathy Day-Thursday 12th June**  
Jump into someone else's shoes through a book! These stories will help you to learn about life from a different point of view. Can you think of other books you have read where you felt empathy for the character?

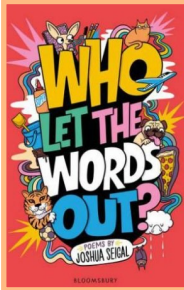
What is the name of the book  
by Jeff Brown about a boy who  
gets squashed by a pinboard?



Based on real-life events that saw Victorian heroine Grace Darling's bravery at sea celebrated and retold with energy and atmosphere. **Becoming Grace** by Hilary McKay does beautiful justice to the real Grace, and

provides modern-day readers with a thrilling tale of bravery.

Other books by Hilary McKay include...



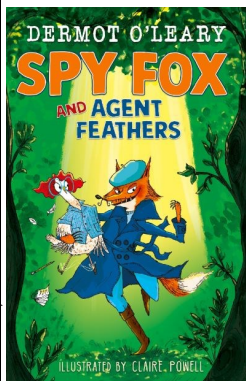
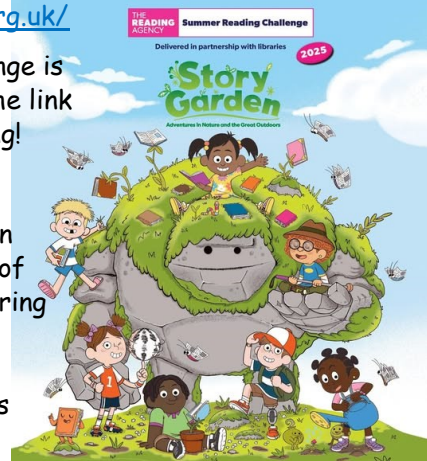
**Who Let the Words Out** by Joshua Seigal is bursting with his funny verse. Many poems will make you laugh, like 'Never' which begins 'never lick a cactus!' His poems are silly and designed to make you smile. With poems about cuddling tigers, pesky pet fleas and even what to do if your teacher starts acting like a chicken! Winner of the Laugh Out Loud Award. A worthy winner.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

This years Summer Reading Challenge is called, The Story Garden. Follow the link to set up a profile and start reading!

Could you be an intrepid explorer?

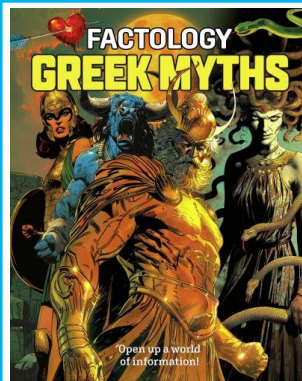
How do you fancy journeying into an enchanting world to meet all kinds of creatures? OR how about a rip-roaring adventure in the great outdoors? OR let's dazzle your friends with unbelievable facts about bugs, bees and superhero plants?



Charles the fox, spy extraordinaire, teams up with Gertrude Featherhorn, a chicken and master code-breaker to find his cousin and crucial war plans in a daring rescue mission during World War II. **Spy Fox** is a funny action-adventure story from bestselling children's author **Dermot O'Leary**. Check out his popular **Toto** series of books and **Wings of Glory**.



From the author of **Inkheart** comes the timeless tale of a city-hating girl who discovers a series of botanical clues leading to a hidden mystery in the heart of New York City. **The Green Kingdom** by **Corneila Funke**, introduces Caspia as she sets out to solve the riddles and, as she does, she meets friends she could never have imagined and discovers that anywhere can feel like home, if you are just brave enough to put down new roots. **The Green Kingdom** is perfect for fans of the **Greenwild** series.



Who doesn't like the **Greek Myths**? They are fantastic stories to enjoy again and again! Go back to a time when the Greek gods ruled the world and when the bravest heroes fought the deadliest monsters! Considered as some of the oldest and most famous stories ever told, this great introduction to Greek mythology will allow you to travel to the top of Mount Olympus, the tallest mountain in the ancient world. Action, drama and amazing creatures too!

Settings- Hogwarts / Narnia / The Chocolate Factory / Neverland / The Emerald City / Flat Stanley