

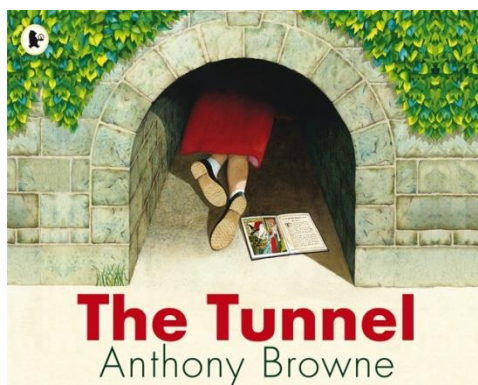


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Reading Newsletter

Our new termly newsletter that focuses on reading both in and out of school.

Author Spotlight: Anthony Browne



Last term, our Book Week featured Anthony Browne's 'The Tunnel' – the tale of a quarrelsome brother and sister who discovered a mysterious tunnel one day which changed their lives forever!

We recreated the setting on our school stage by making a tunnel that the children could crawl through, emerging into a 'magical forest' with fairy lights and spooky trees!

Lots of exciting writing opportunities followed – a successful week overall!

Year 6

READING AMBASSADORS

Our Y6 Reading Ambassadors are busy giving our school library a much needed makeover. Books have been sorted and reorganised and we will soon return to being able to borrow books as well as using the space as a Learning Resource Area.

Do you have any ideas for our next Book Week?



Newton-le-Willows Library Opening Hours

Opening Hours:

Monday → 10.00am 5.00pm

Tuesday → CLOSED

Wednesday → 1.00pm 7.00pm

Thursday → 1.00pm 7.00pm

Friday → 10.00am 5.00pm

Saturday → 10.00am 1.00pm



Reading Buddies

We now have some of our Y6 boys reading weekly with some Y2 boys as 'Reading Buddies'. This is a fantastic opportunity – not only are the older boys great role models but they are helping to develop good reading habits for our Infants. Thank you, boys!

School Book Swap Shop

Book Swap continues to be very popular – please send in any unwanted books (from Early Reads to Y6 novels) so that our avid readers can get their hands on them!

Fiction: We recommend...



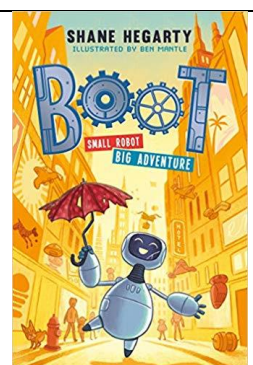
'The Boy who Flew' by Fleur Hitchcock
Aimed at: Year 5 & 6 readers.

If you enjoy mystery and excitement, then this book is for you! Athan Wilde dreams of flight. When his friend, Mr Chen, is murdered, Athan must rescue the flying machine they were building together and stop it falling into the wrong hands. But keeping the machine safe puts his family in terrible danger. What will Athan choose - flight or family?



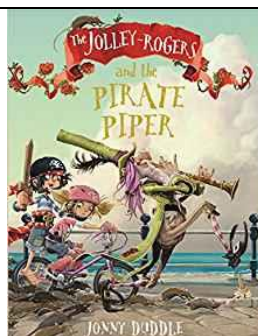
'WILDSPARK' by Vashti Hardy
Aimed at: Year 4, 5 & 6 readers.

Wildspark is set in a world of incredible technology where the spirits of the dead can be given a second chance at life within animal-form mechanical bodies. Prue, with her aptitude for the mechanical, takes her brother's place at the school of mechanical science in the city of Medlock. Prue's secret goal is to find a way to bring back her brother, complete with the memories that other second-lifers lack.



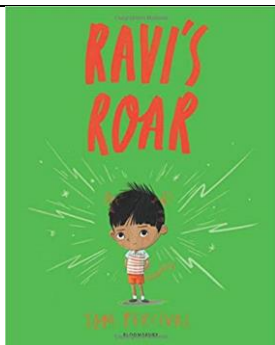
'BOOT: Small Robot, Big Adventure' by Shane Hegarty
Aimed at: Year 3 & 4 readers.

When toy robot, Boot, wakes up at a scrapyard, it has no idea how it got there and why it isn't with its owner, Beth. It only has two and a half glitchy memories, but it knows it was loved, which means something important to humans. With new friends by its side, Boot is determined to find Beth and the gang set off on a dangerous adventure. Everything Boot thought it knew about the world is changing and things aren't as simple as it remembers...



'The Jolley Rogers and the Pirate Piper' by Jonny Duddle
Aimed at: Year 2 & Year 3 readers.

One morning the townspeople of Dull-on-Sea wake to find that their town is overrun with rats. Just when everyone is at their wit's end, a nautical stranger who plays the pipe turns up and offers to get rid of the rodent problem - for a fee. Once the rat has gone, the greedy Mayor refuses to pay - so the Pirate Piper plays an enchanted tune and leads the children away. It's up to Matilda, Jim and Nugget to save their friends.



'Ravi's Roar' by Tom Percival
Aimed at: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2.

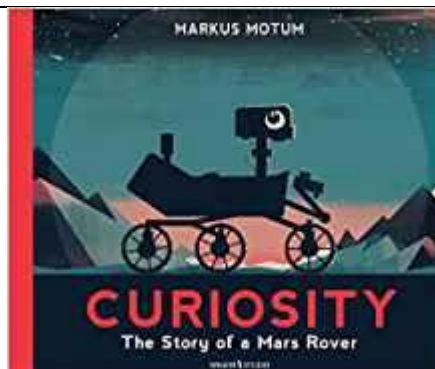
Most of the time Ravi can control his temper but, one day, he lets out the tiger within. Being a tiger is great fun at first - tigers can do ANYTHING they want! But who wants to play with a growling, roaring, noisy, wild tiger who won't share or play nicely? Ravi is about to discover something very important about expressing his feelings and making amends.

Non-Fiction

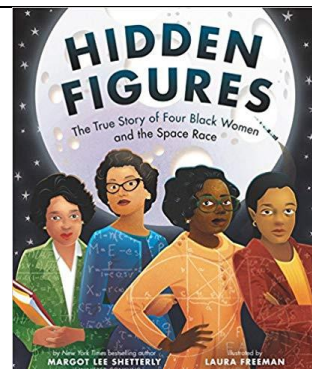
With the 50th anniversary of the successful Apollo landing on the Moon last year, take a look at these wonderful books all with a 'Space' theme!



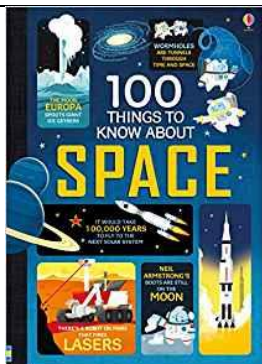
One Giant Leap: A Historical Account of the First Moon Landing by Robert Burleigh



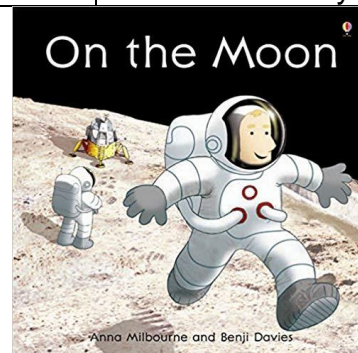
Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover by Markus Motum



Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Shetterly



100 things to know about Space by Alex Frith et al.



On the Moon (Usborne Picture Books) by Anna Milbourne

Have you tried...?

Malamander by Thomas Taylor

The story follows Herbert Lemon, a young boy who is the Lost-and-Founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel. Herbie is used to returning lost things to their rightful owners – shoes, suitcases, money – but one night a strange young girl turns up at his window claiming she is lost... and needs to be found!

Jess Hookway says, "***This made me want to read on and on and on...***"

What are YOU reading?

Have you read a book you'd love to recommend in the newsletter? Write a recommendation with the title, author, your name and a reason why you'd recommend it, to be in with a chance of it

Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll

After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local **lighthouse** keeper.

Niamh May says, “ *This really went well with our history topic on WW2. I could understand it and enjoy it more...* ”

being featured in our next newsletter in the Summer!
Please pass your recommendation onto Mrs Littlewood in Year 6.

Featured Poet: Brian Moses

The Budgie Likes to Boogie

**The budgie likes to boogie,
the budgie likes to rock.
He wakes us every night,
when he rocks around the clock**

**The budgie likes to jive,
to spin around, to twirl.
His body full of rhythm,
his head is in a whirl.**

**The budgie boogie-woogies,
along the table top.
The budgie disco dances,
the budgie likes to bop.**

**He's just about the best,
his moves are really neat.
You should see the budgie boogie,
you should see his flying feet!**

**In front of the dangly mirror,
he plays his air guitar.
The budgie likes to boogie,
the budgie is a STAR!**

Behind the Staffroom Door

**Ten tired teachers slumped in the staffroom at
playtime, one collapsed when the coffee ran out,
then there were nine.**

**Nine tired teachers making lists of things they
hate, one remembered playground duty, then
there were eight.**

**Eight tired teachers thinking of holidays in Devon,
one slipped off to pack his case, then there were
seven.**

**Seven tired teachers, weary of children's tricks,
one hid in the stock cupboard, then there were
six.**

**Six tired teachers, under the weather, barely
alive, one gave an enormous sneeze, then there
were five.**

**Five tired teachers gazing at the open door,
one made a quick getaway, then there were four.**

**Four tired teachers, faces lined with misery,
one locked herself in the ladies, then there were
three.**

**Three tired teachers wondering what to do,
one started screaming when the bell rang, then
there were two.**

**Two tired teachers thinking life really ought to be
fun, one was summoned to see the Head, then
there was one.**

**One tired teacher, caught napping in the
afternoon sun, fled quickly from the staffroom,
then there were none.**

Thank you to our PTA

A huge thank you to our PTA who have donated money to enhance our class libraries with new, modern books. They also bought us thousands of pounds worth of new home reading books to ensure that what we send home, matches the way we teach early reading in school.

Please look after them! A book is a precious resource that can be used over and over again.