

# Reading Newsletter

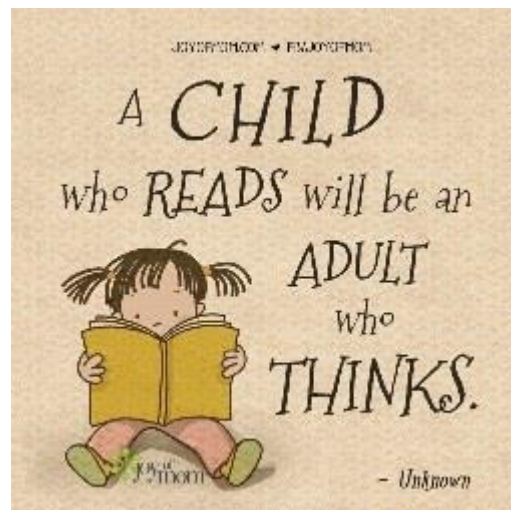
## Autumn 2024

Welcome to our Autumn Reading Newsletter, featuring book reviews from some of our amazing children and a recommend reads section.

Reading is a fantastic way to grow your imagination, learn new facts and vocabulary and immerse yourself into an imaginary world of fiction or delve into a non-fiction book and learn lots of new facts.

Here are some book reviews from some of our amazing children.

**Happy Reading!**



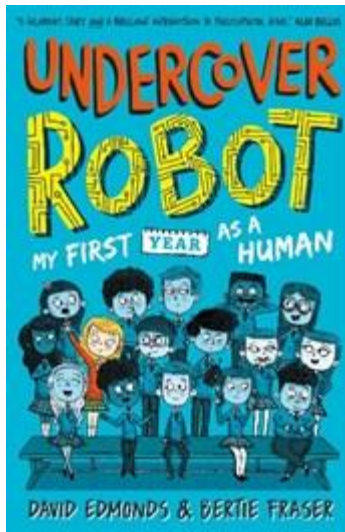
1 - Research shows that strong reading skills can improve children's academic attainment across a range of subjects, including English, Maths and Science.

## Book Reviews

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*Children's Book Reviews*

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### **Undercover Robots by David Edmonds and Bertie Fraser**

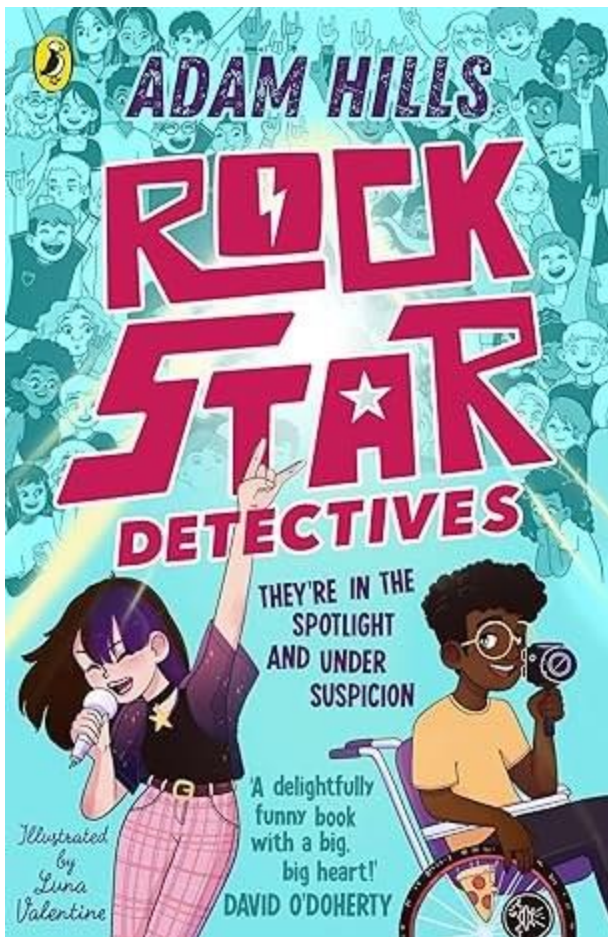
*This book is honestly one of my favourites. The book is written in the first person by a high-tech human robot named Dotty. She needs to pass a whole year as a human without being caught out to win her 'dad' millions of pounds and be the best bot on the planet! However, another company will pay anyone who can catch one of the robots and a boy called Melvin is keen for cash and Dotty is his prime suspect. This book is packed with humour and tension making it very exciting to read.*

### **Hazel, 6AN**

Hazel's other recommended books :

- The Girl Who Speaks Bear
- Rock Star Detectives
- Bad and Glittering
- How to train your dragon
- The Ancient Egypt Sleepover





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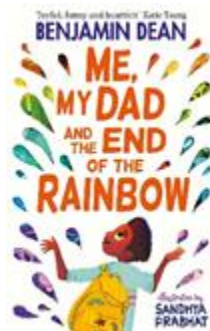
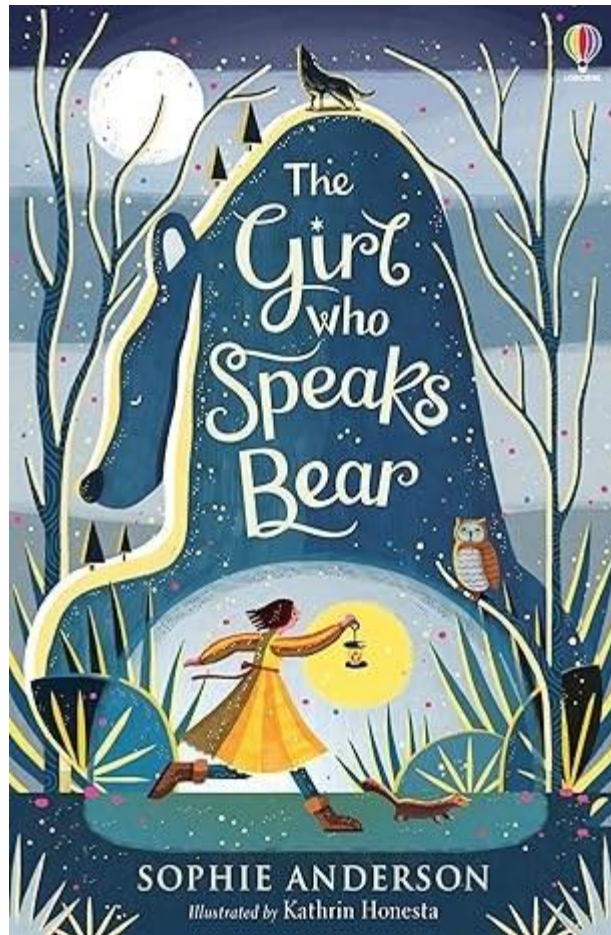
# ROCK STAR DETECTIVES

THEY'RE IN THE  
SPOTLIGHT  
AND UNDER  
SUSPICION

A delightfully  
funny book  
with a big,  
big heart!

DAVID O'DOHERTY

Illustrated  
by  
Luna  
Valentine

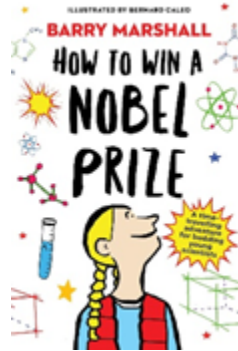


***Me, My dad and the end of the rainbow by Benjamin Dean***

*This is a story about a boy called Archie, his dad, his mum and his friends, Seb and Bella. Archie's mum and dad are divorced, and they send him to a therapist called Dr Sammy. When Dr Sammy randomly calls, Archie knows his parents are hiding something. Could the answer lie at the end of the rainbow? Next comes parents evening and Archie's parents can't stop arguing until it get too bad. Archie escapes to the beach where his friends talk to him and support him. When they get to his house his parents are so busy arguing they don't hear him come in and then Archie finds out the secret he's been waiting for...*

*I like this book because it is very intriguing and has everything from Archie's point of view. I also like how Bella, Archie's friend, is strong and confident. I feel the author uses many colourful descriptions - it's a shame there aren't more pictures!*

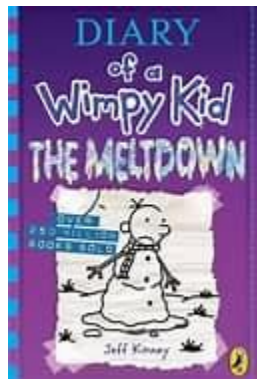
**Elsie, 6LW**



***How to win a Nobel Prize by Barry Marshall***

*This book is about a girl named Mary and a scientist named Barry who goes on an embarking adventure to see 12 different people who has won a Nobel prize in the past. Using a time machine, they go back in time. This book also has experiments you can try at home!*

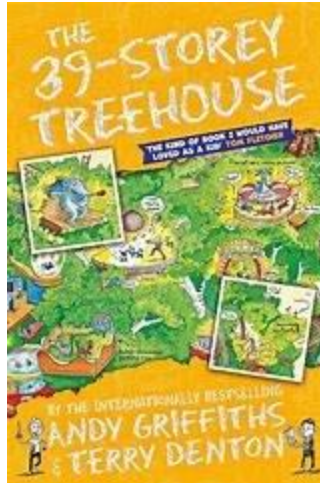
**Isabella, 6LW**



***The Meltdown - Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney***

*It is a story of a boy called Gregory who is the star of the diary of a wimpy kid series. He has a mum, dad and two older brothers. Rodrick is older and Mary is younger. I like this story because it has loads of twist to it and it is a fun filled book.*

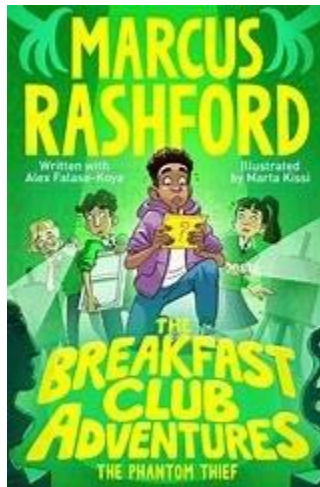
**Dylan, 6LW**



### **The 39-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton**

*This is about two boys called Andy and Terry. They build a treehouse with 39-stories. In the treehouse, they have an anti-gravity chamber, a chocolate waterfall, an active (Non-erupting) volcano, and opera house and a baby dinosaur petting zoo. It has lots of adventures and lots of stories in the book. The chapters are very fun to read!*

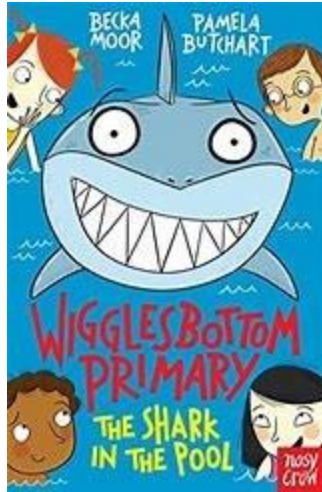
**Angel, 6LW**



### **Breakfast Club Adventures by Marcus Rashford**

*I like this book because it is really good to read and there are solving clues to find the monsters. My favourite part is when they sneak into the library, I think that this is a nice book for kids aged 7 onwards because it is very friendly and really interesting and fun to read.*

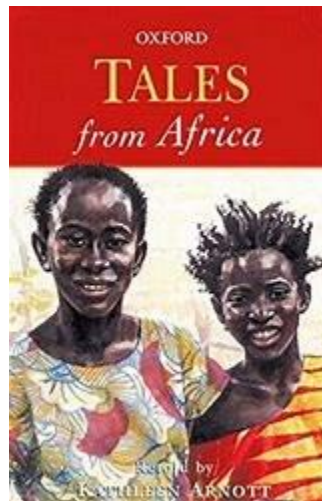
**Elsa, 5JS**



**Wigglesbottom Primary - The Shark In The Pool by Pamela Butchart**

*I never used to like reading, when I saw a book i would go back to the tv, but when I started reading this book I was in my own world, nothing could stop me. This book has a collection and it is very interesting.*

**Lilly, 5JS**



**Tales from Africa by Kathleen Arnott**

*This book is suitable for my age and older because it has long pages but has short stories about Africa, this includes stories about different creatures including a greedy spider, evil shark, flying horses and a cunning hare.*

**Lois, 5JS**





**Fern the Green Fairy by Daisy Meadows**

*I really liked this book because they had to find the fairy and it had a very happy ending.*

*I would give it 5 stars*

*I would recommend this book to Year 3 because it is interesting and lovely*

**By Aria, 3AN**

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*Year 2 Class Review*

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**Title:** Fire! Fire!

A struggle for survival in The Great Fire of London, 1666

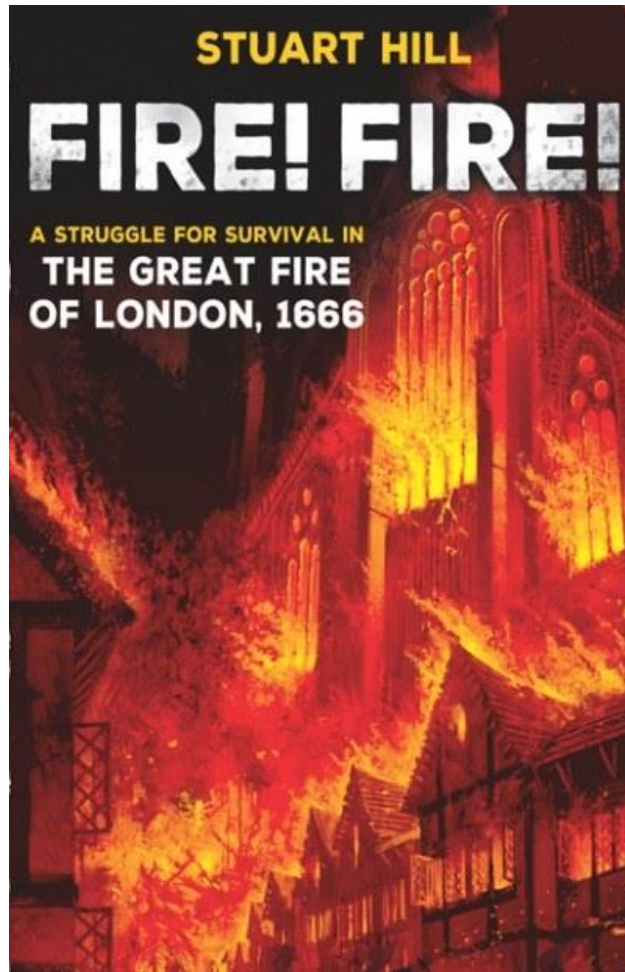
**Author:** Stuart Hill

**Rating:** \*\*\*\*\*

We have enjoyed reading this book because it links to our History topic called 'London's Burning'. In the story, the characters are Master Samuel Pepys, Tom the servant and his lost dog, Pip. We have learnt a lot about Samuel Pepys, so it was interesting to read about him in a story.

**What happens?**

A very big fire sweeps through to London, destroying many homes leaving hundreds homeless. Tom loses his best friend and dog in the fire. We get to find out if he finds him in the story and if the fire will be put out.



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*Year 4 Class Review*

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**Title:** The Song of a Dolphin Boy

A moving adventure about the impact of plastic pollution on our seas, and the campaigning power of friendship

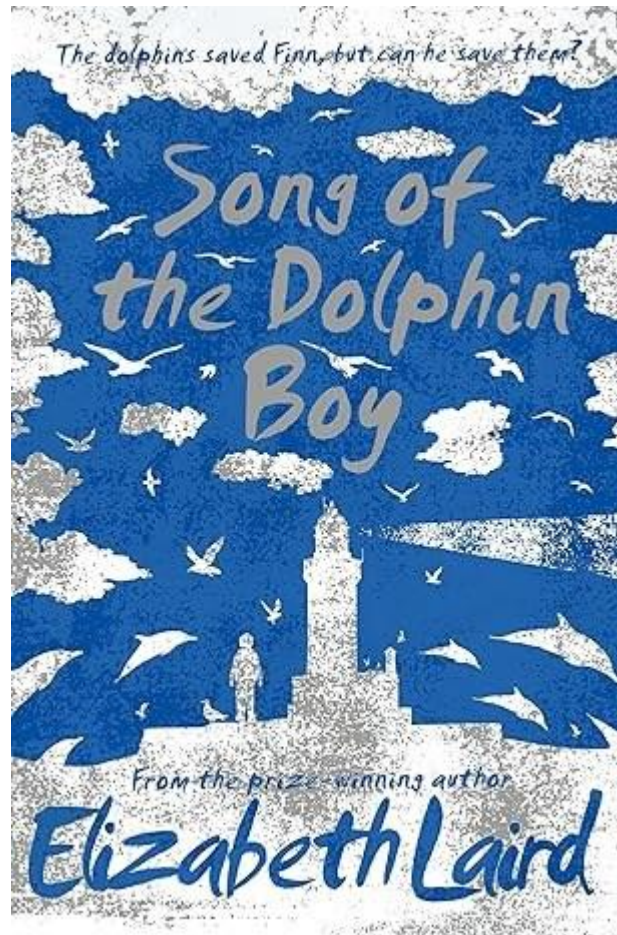
**Author:** Elizabeth Laird

Finn has always been different, and in the tiny Scottish fishing village of Stromhead he sticks out like a sore thumb. He's always felt that something was missing; until one day he dives into the ocean and finds that, swimming with the dolphins, he feels completely at home. However, his new friends are in danger! Desperate to help the dolphins, Finn goes to the Lighthouse Crew, a group of kids who have always left Finn out. Will they be able to set aside their differences to save the dolphins? And what will Finn discover about his past along the way?

**Rating: \*\*\*\*\***

**What happens?**

We have enjoyed reading this beautifully descriptive book with some interesting characters. Although we have not finished the book yet, we can't wait to find out what adventures they have. We have some good predictions on what the children think will happen



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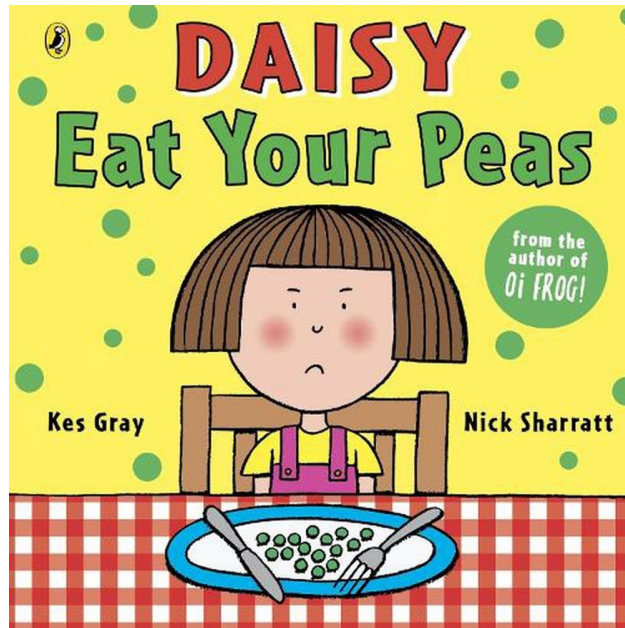
*EYFS Class Review*

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**EYFS Book Review**

EYFS are learning about how to look after themselves including healthy eating.

**Daisy Eat Your Peas by Kes Gray and Nick Sharratt**



Daisy is a little girl who does not like peas. Her mum tries all sorts of silly things to try and encourage Daisy to eat her peas. Then she finds out there's a vegetable that mum does not like!

The children enjoyed the story and shared their thoughts. Varni thought the book was very funny. Jack said his favourite part was when mum said she would buy Daisy 100 biscuits. Hattie said it was funny when Daisy found out Mum does not like brussel sprouts.

## Shared Reading



At Parkland, at least once a term we enjoy sharing a book with another year group. This is a great way to inspire our younger readers, develop friendships and encourage reading. Here are 1EH and 4DR enjoying some quality reading time.





## Reading Events:

FREE books for your school when you buy at the Book Fair!

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Date: **SCHOOL HALL - 3.15PM-3.45PM**  
 EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 – Mon 4 November  
 Year 3 & Year 4 – Tue 5th November  
 Year 5 & Year 6 – Wed 6th November

Scan the QR code to pay online!

Read Every Day (RED) November 1st- 30th November

Book Fair - 29th October – 8th November 2024

Happy reading everyone!

# Recommended Reads







**YOUR LIBRARY**  Leicestershire County Council

## Leicestershire Libraries Newsletter

**Issue 7 - 2024**

Autumn is finally here. Nights are getting longer so it's the perfect time to snuggle up with a book. Visit out libraries for your next great read.

**October = Black History Month**

In the UK, Black History Month happens every October.

It gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

Visit our libraries and discover more titles linked with Black History...

**B:M2024**  
DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

**New Books**

**Booklist Spotlight - National Poetry Day (3 October)**

Search our [catalogue](#) for these titles and others.

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## Upcoming Events

### Wriggly Readers

Check out your local library to see when they are held and to book your space!

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### Wriggly Readers Festival (0-5 year olds)

Wednesday 2 October  
2pm, Wigston Library

Tuesday 15 October  
10.30am, Loughborough Library

Friday 4 October  
10.30am, Earl Shilton Library

Thursday 17 October  
11am, Lutterworth Library

Tuesday 8 October  
10.30am, Syston Library

Monday 28 October  
10.30, Hinckley Library

Thursday 10 October  
2.30pm, Ashby Library

Wednesday 30 October  
10.30am, Glenfield Library

### Love Your Library

*Celebrating our libraries, its staff and you, its users*



The second year of our Creative Expressions in Libraries projects, funded by Arts Council England, is underway. We are excited to deliver a cultural project at Coalville Library that will culminate in the creation of a community outdoor art piece that will strengthen relationships in the community, raise the profile of the library within the town, and welcome library users both new and established. The project will entail working with children aged 8 and over and their families.

We're really excited to introduce our upcoming multi-sensory project at Wigston Library. Our working group identified SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) audiences as a cohort we would like to work with.



Little Hill Primary School in the town are on board, and we're already started workshops with a group of their Key Stage Two SEND. Watch this space to see what wonderful ideas they create!

### Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all children who participated in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Marvellous Makers. We hope you fired up your imaginations and unleashed your creativity through the power of reading.



Look out for the Winter Mini Challenge which takes place this December.