



## Reading Newsletter 7

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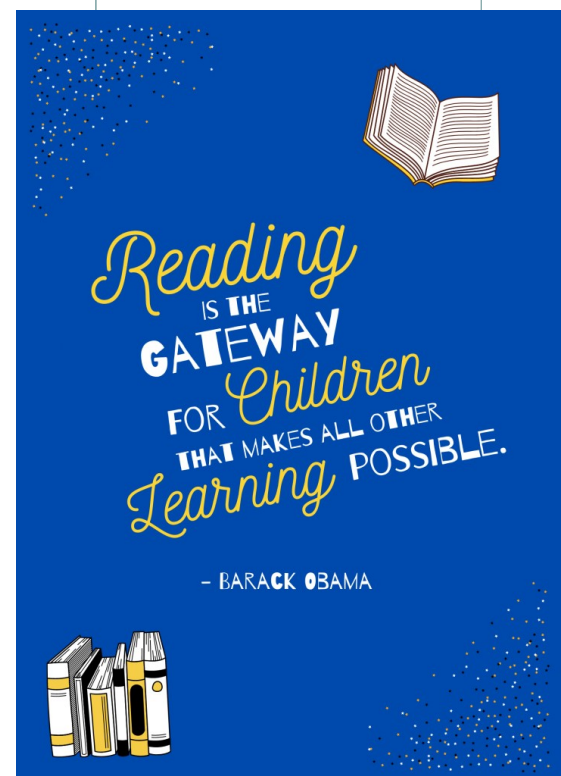
Welcome to our **FIRST** BookTalk! Reading Newsletter of this academic year.

Each termly newsletter we will provide you with:

- Tips to support reluctant readers
- Advice to encourage and enthuse regular readers
- Introduce you to a new reading strategy
- Facts and information from our featured authors from across the school
- Recommended reads from staff and children
- Upcoming reading events and competitions
- And much, much more!

Happy reading!

Mrs Amelia Goodson-Smith



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## *Top tips to help your child with reading...*

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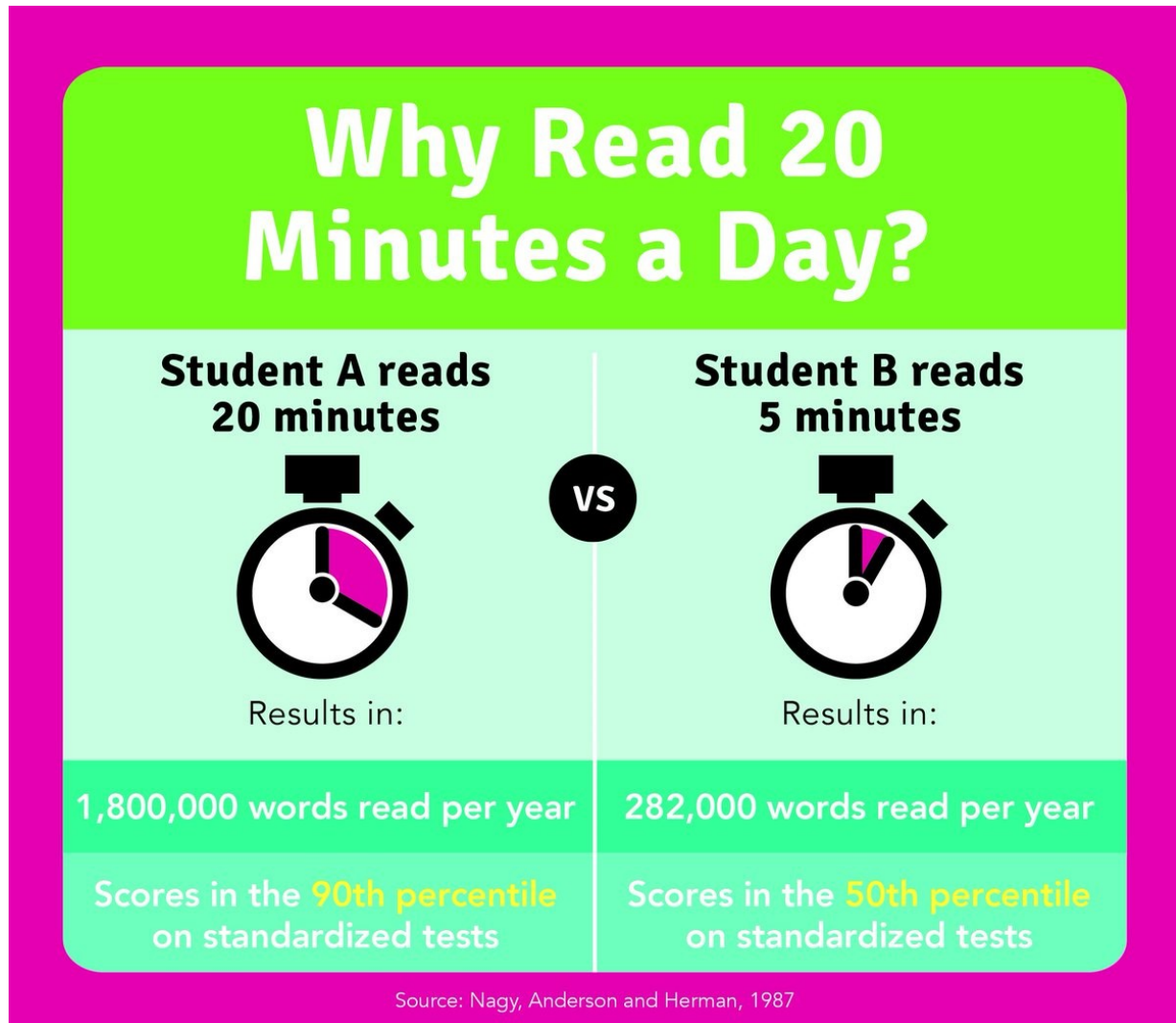
1. Let your child see you read.
2. Visit the local library together - Maidenhead Library.
3. Read the book before you see the film! Discuss which one you preferred and why.
4. Have a regular routine of when and where you read with your child, try to get aside at least 20 minutes each day.
5. Play appropriate word and reading games on a computer or tablet.  
Topmarks --> English Games --> 3-5 year olds / 5-7 year olds / 7-11 year olds
6. Ask your child questions about what they are reading. Check our termly newsletter for a new reading strategy each term.
7. Encourage your child to write thank you letters, postcards, diaries, etc.
8. Ask your child to draw comic strips based on their favourite book.
9. Read a wide variety of genres including: comics, cook books, non-fiction texts, chapter books, poems, autobiographies, etc.
10. Check to see what book/s your child is reading in class. Discuss the theme and book with your child and read other books relating to the topic.



The **MORE** that you  
**READ**, the more things  
you will **KNOW**.  
The **MORE** that you  
**Learn**, the more places  
you'll **GO**.

 Reading Maidenhead

*Challenge yourself to read with your child for 20 minutes per day...*



Benefits of reading 20 minutes a day:

1. Language Development
2. Brain Development
3. Improved Attainment and Performance
4. Entertainment
5. Enhanced Creativity and Imagination



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## *Advice and tips from Little Wandle...*

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# Does it matter how we read with our children?



Studies show that it's the enjoyment and chat that matters!

The more you chat together about the book and things that interest your child, the more impact it has.

You don't even have to read the words on the page – talking about the pictures is just as important.

If you can read the words, then use your voice to make them come alive. It will help your child understand the book even better.



For the correct pronunciation of Phase 2 and 3 sounds please visit the following links:

**Phase 2 - Reception Autumn 1** - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZtjFivA\\_fs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZtjFivA_fs)

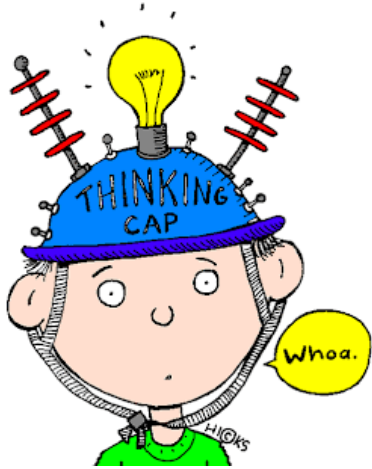
**Reception Autumn 2** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDu3JAjf-U0>

**Phase 3 - Reception Spring 1** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvOuc7cWXxc>

# Reading strategy...Prediction

**Prediction** is using evidence from a text to say what may happen next, what events may unfold or how a character may behave.

**Prediction** questions you could ask your child when they are reading.



Who is on the front cover? What is in the background? How might these details give us clues to the content of this book?

What might happen if .....?

Where do you think ..... will go next, why?

How do you think this will end?

## Our Amazon Wishlist...



As you may be aware, we are no longer asking for parents and carers to make termly contributions towards class fund. Last year we revamped our English Curriculum to include newly published titles, additional multi-cultural authors and books which reflect our school community. Of the 160+ books on our wish list last year most were kindly donated to the school. If you would like to support us in purchasing a new book for school, please follow this link [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/IX2K58WN9T8L?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/IX2K58WN9T8L?ref=wl_share)

When purchasing, if you add a 'comment' about which child/family has donated the book, we will make some commemorative stickers to go inside the donated texts. Books can be delivered directly to the school to the attention of Mrs Goodson-Smith. By helping towards the selection and purchasing of books, we hope that the children develop a greater sense of ownership and responsibility towards the books in school. Thank you for your continued support in making a reading an engaging and enjoyable part of the children's learning at Oldfield.

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## Recommended reads....

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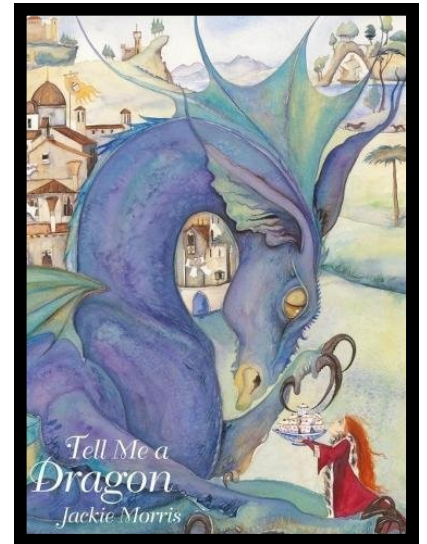


**Tell me a dragon**

**Jackie Morris**

Recommended by

Miss Harris - Class Teacher

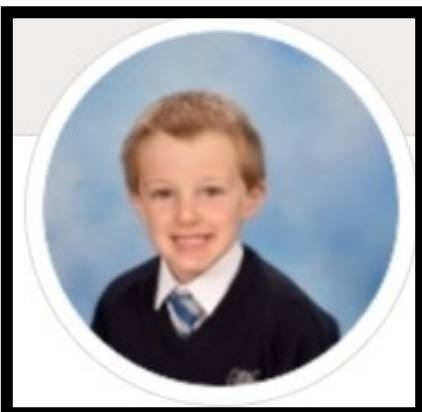
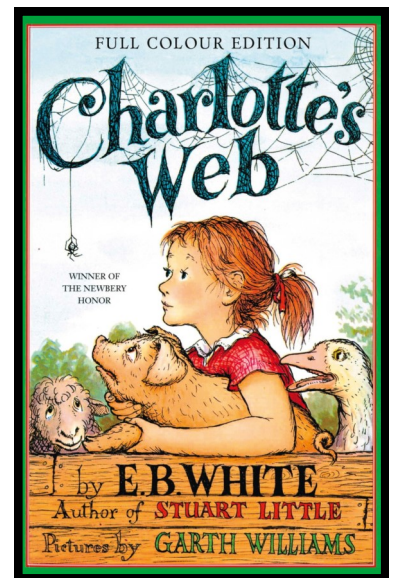


**Charlotte's Web**

**E.R White**

Recommended by

Mrs Mack - Parental Support

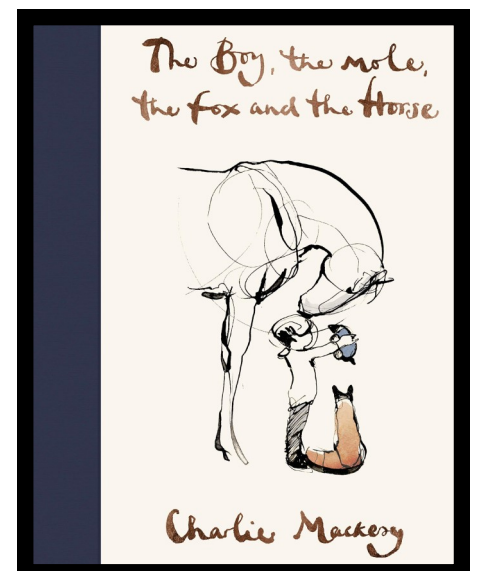


**The Boy, the Mole, the Fox  
and the Horse**

**Charlie Mackesy**

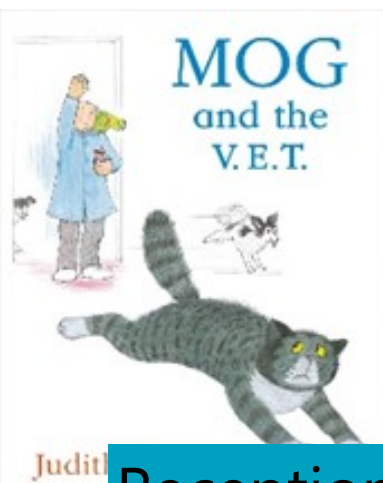
Recommended by

Charlie - Year 2





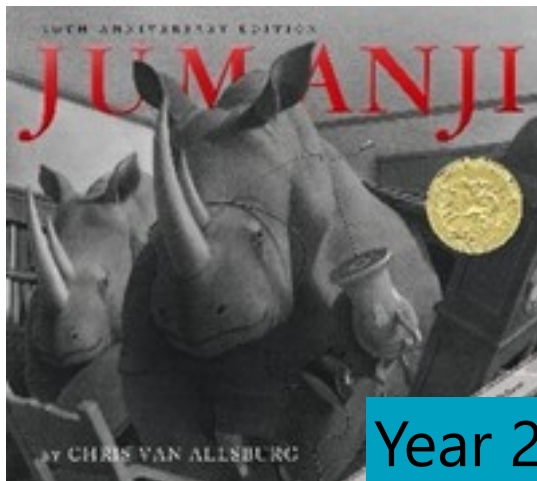
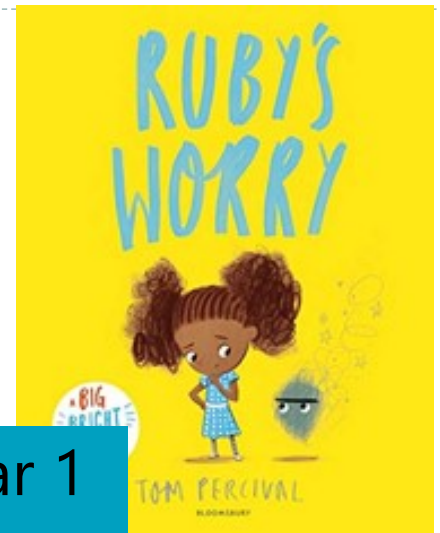
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Reception



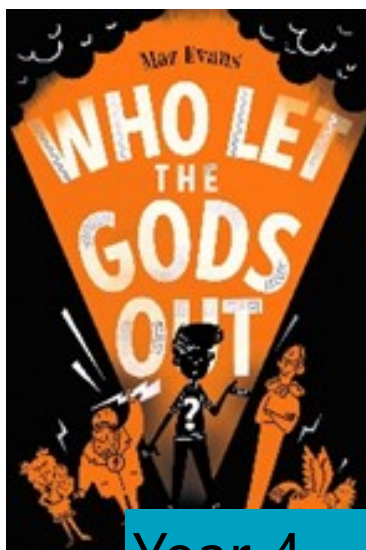
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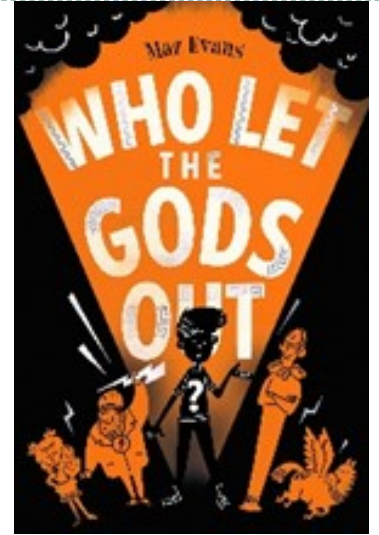


Year 5



Year 6

## Author Spotlight...



This term Year 4 will be reading ***Who Let The Gods Out*** by **Maz Evans**  
Last year I wrote to Maz and asked her she enjoys writing, this was her reply...

*Hello to all the little heroes at Oldfield Primary!*

*My name is Maz Evans and I am the author of the WHO LET THE GODS OUT, VI SPY and SCARLETT FIFE series - great to meet you! I love writing stories that I hope will make people think and make people laugh. I've written ever since I was a little one (back in 1456) as I've always been a massive reader and wanted to create stories like the ones I enjoy. My all-time favourite book is THE TWITS by Roald Dahl, which is odd because the older I get, the more I look like Mrs Twit...!*

*Wishing you a great school year - I really hope you enjoy my books!*

*All best,*

*Maz Evans xxx*





This term Year 5 are reading ***Kensuke's Kingdom*** by **Michael Morpurgo** in their English lessons. Last year I wrote to Michael about what inspired him to write *Kensuke's Kingdom*, this was his reply...

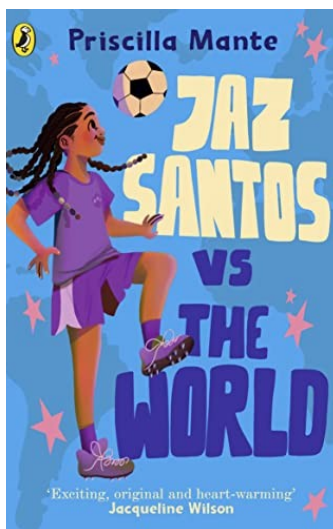
*Dear Mrs Goodson-Smith,*

*I was inspired by reading the true story of a Japanese soldier who decided to stay and hide on an island in the Coral Sea at the end of the Second World War. He was there for 27 years, rather longer than Robinson Crusoe! I then thought that it would be an interesting idea to have a boy of these times find himself washed up on the island and having to share the island with this ancient warrior from Japan. It seemed a good opportunity to write about the importance of simplicity in our lives, of harmony with nature and reconciliation. Look out for the film of *Kensuke's Kingdom* coming out next year.*

*Michael Morpurgo*

# Sports books.....

## Following on from the FIFA Women's World Cup



### Jaz Santos vs The World by Priscilla Mante

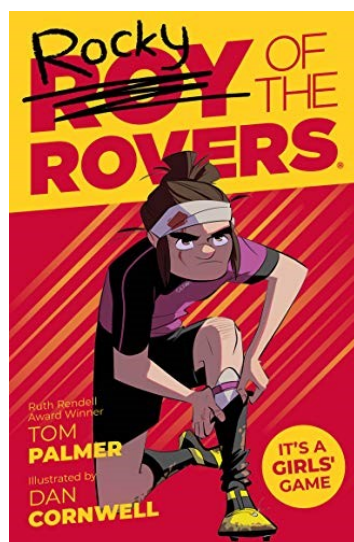
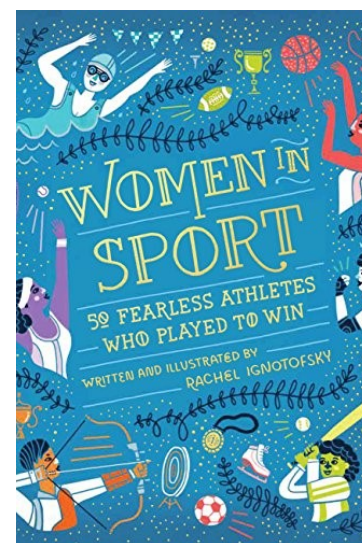
Olá! I'm Jasmina Santos-Campbell (but you can call me Jaz). You've probably heard of me and my football team the Bramrock Stars before. No? Well, you will soon because we're almost famous!

Forming the Stars was my genius idea - you see I need to prove to Mãe (that's my mum!) that I'm a football star so she'll want to come back home.



## Women in Sport by Rachel Ignatofsky

***Women in Sport* celebrates the success of the tough, bold and fearless women who paved the way for today's athletes.** The sportswomen featured include well-known figures like tennis player Serena Williams and broadcaster Clare Balding, as well as lesser-known pioneers like Gertrude Ederle, the first woman to swim the English Channel, and Keiko Fukuda, the highest-ranked female judoka in history.



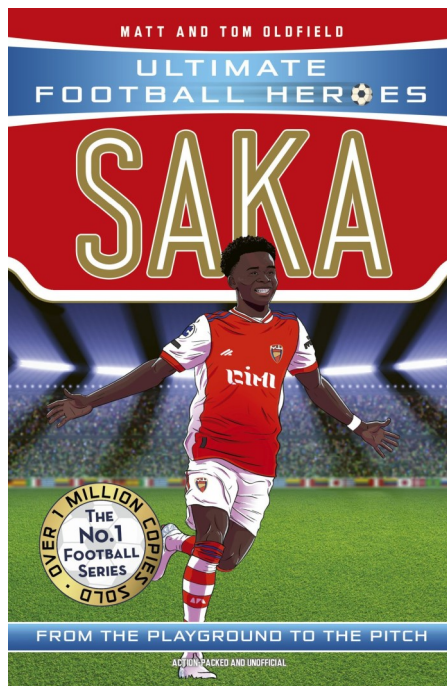
### Rocky of the Rovers by Tom Palmer

A struggling student and brilliant footballer, Rocky Race is many things, but to most people she's just Roy Race's little sister. It's not much fun especially as Melchester Rovers head to the League Cup Final.

Now it's up to Rocky to find her own way as a person and a player and she's going to need all her grit and determination to do it...



## Saka by Matt and Tom Oldfield

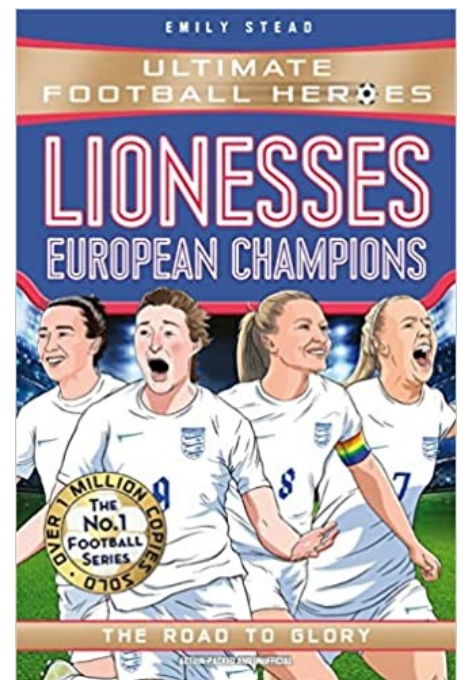


Bukayo Saka has the world at his feet. Since breaking through the ranks at Arsenal, the young forward has gone from strength to strength, helping his team lift the FA cup for a record 14th time. His versatile style of play means he can help his team all over the pitch. Discover how the boy born in Ealing, went on to represent England at Wembley in the Euro 2020 final, achieved his dream of representing his country at such a young age and overcame adversity to become the ultimate football hero.

## Lionesses European Champions Free by Emily Stead

Celebrating the success of the phenomenal Lionesses, this book follows four key players in their journey from the playground to the pitch, as they prepare for the biggest match of their lives.

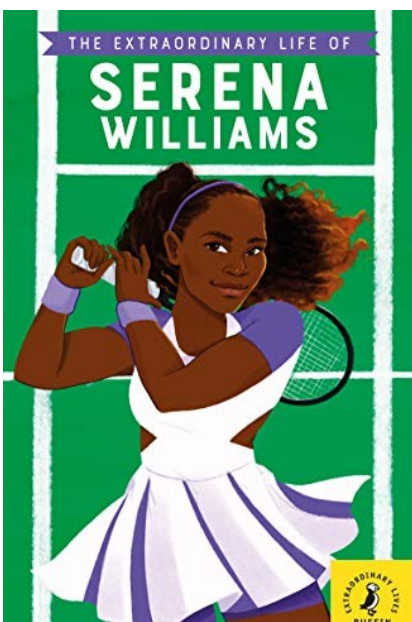
Learn how star players Lucy Bronze, Ellen White, Leah Williamson and Beth Mead stepped up to help the Lionesses secure the title of European Champions 2022.



## Serena Williams by Shelina Janmohamed

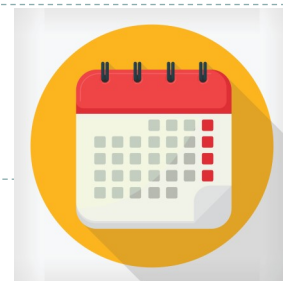
Serena Williams began playing tennis when she was just a child, and is now an Olympic champion who's won more Grand Slam singles titles than anyone else.

Throughout her life she's battled many things. Now she's an icon in sport, fashion and activism, an inspiration to every young person who has dared to dream big.





## Upcoming events...

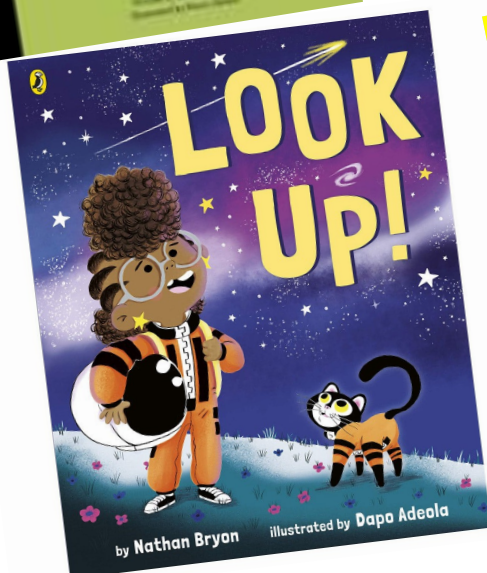
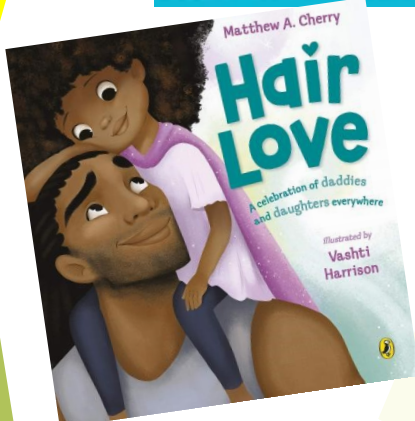
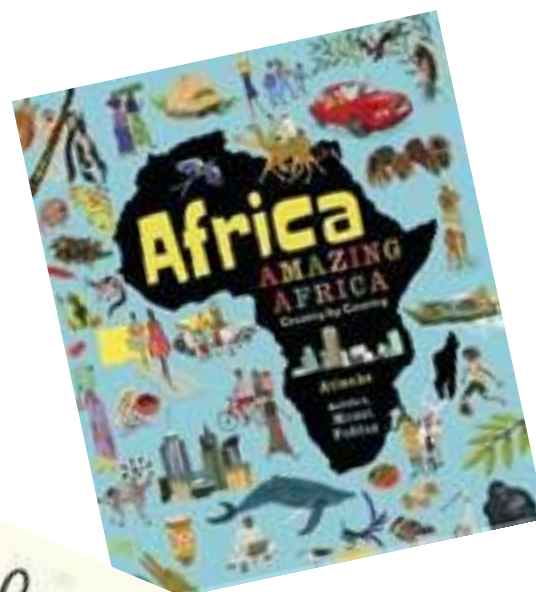
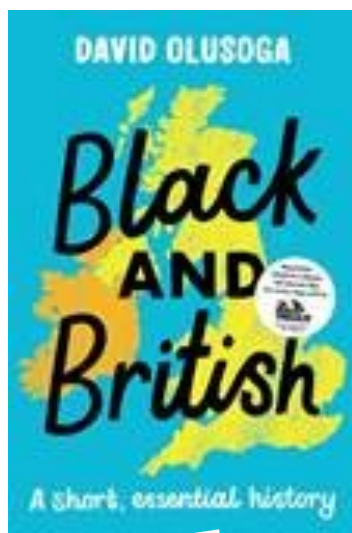


### October is Black History Month

Wonderful books that celebrate Black History



Key text in Year 5



Key text in Year 4







SCAN ME



If you like...

**Horrid Henry**



try  
these...





**If you like...**

**Julia Donaldson**

**try  
these...**





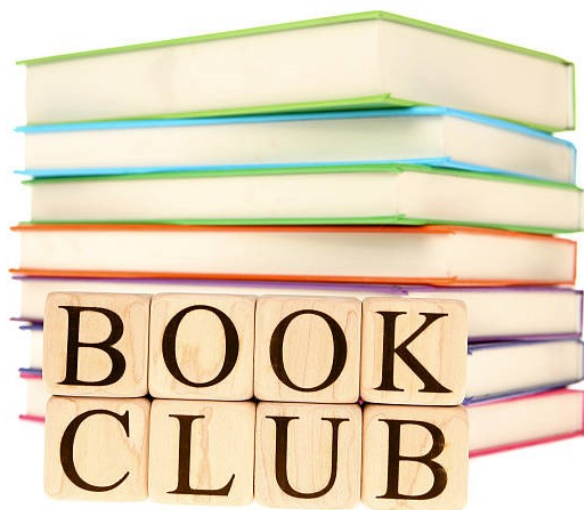
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## *KS2 Book Club...*

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Mrs Greene has kindly undertaken the KS2 Book Club while I'm on maternity leave. She will be communicating the book choices to Years 4 and 5 this term.

Last year it was a great success and we hope that the children sign up again this term!



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*Until the next newsletter...*

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# Happy Reading



*Mrs Goodson-Smith*