

Booktalk!

Reading Newsletter issue 25

October 2026

Autumn Term 1 edition

Welcome to the first Booktalk of the 2026/2027 academic year!
Each term you will receive a reading newsletter which will provide you with the following:

- Advice to encourage regular reading at home
- Books that will be covered the following term in English lessons
- Tips for reluctant readers
- Recommended books for children
- Book reviews from the Year 6 Reading Ambassadors

Mrs Amelia Goodson-Smith

Assistant Headteacher and Reading Lead



"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."

– Albert Einstein

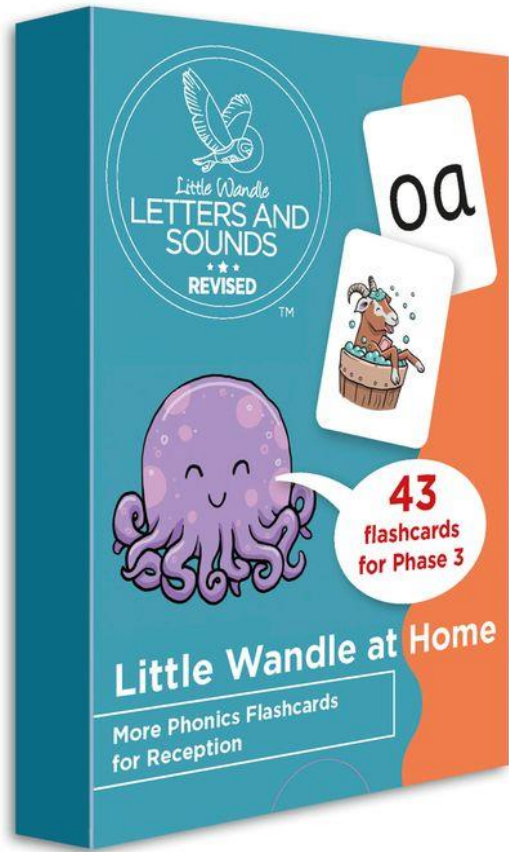
LittleYellowStar



At Oldfield Primary School we follow the scheme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. If you would like to find out more information about Little Wandle, please click [here](#) to visit their website.

Little Wandle books are sent home and changed on a weekly basis. Children who are on the Little Wandle Fluency Books (Year 2+) will have their book changed fortnightly.

Please record a comment in your child's yellow reading record when you listen to them read.



Little Wandle resources

If you choose to use phonics cards at home, please use those from the Little Wandle scheme. They can be purchased via Amazon.

Phase 2 & 3 – Reception Phases 2 and 3 (pink)

Phase 2 & 3 – Reception extra words (blue)

Phase 5 – Year 1 (yellow)



To support our English curriculum in class and to enhance our reading scheme, we have an Amazon Wishlist account. Over the last five years, more than 200 books have been donated through our Amazon Wishlist.

If you would like to donate a book, please follow the link [here](#). When making your donation, please add your child's name in the notes section so that a dedication can be placed inside the book.

Thank you for your support, and to all the parents and carers who have generously donated over the last five years. Your contributions have helped us to continue growing our collection of books for the children to enjoy.



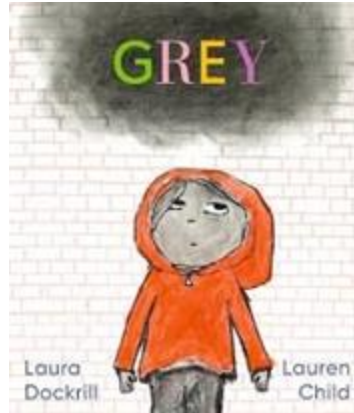
Aim to read with your child daily. This will support their learning across all subjects. The 20 minutes of daily reading can be when your child reads to you or when you read to them.



What we've read this term – Autumn 1



Reception



Year 1

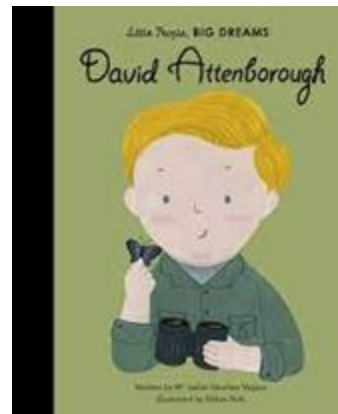


Year 2

Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



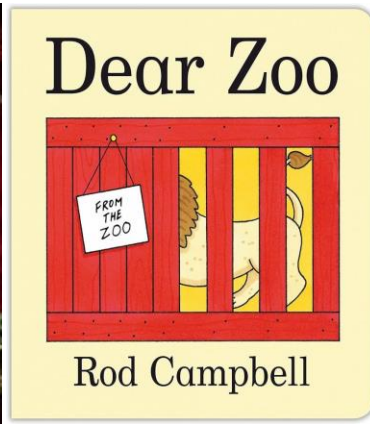
Year 6



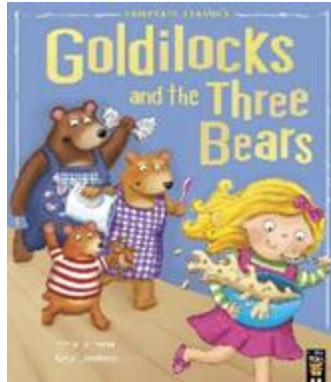
What we're reading next term – Autumn 2



Reception



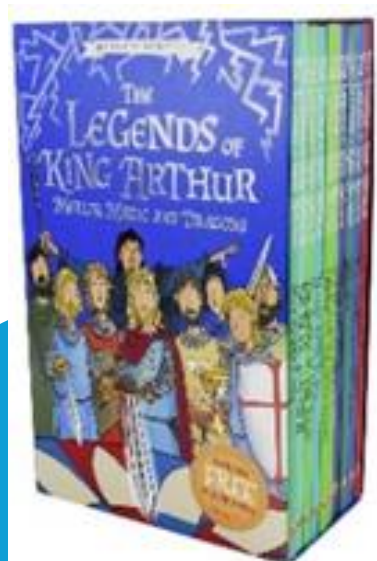
Year 3



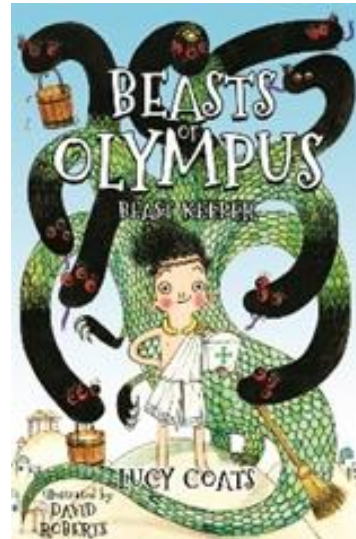
Year 1



Year 2



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



If you like...

Julia Donaldson

...try these!



Visit www.booksfortopics.com for more ideas!



If you like...

Lottie Brooks

...try these!



Visit www.booksfortopics.com for more ideas!

Upcoming events

Monday 19th October

Breakfast with books for Years 4, 5 and 6

Children are welcome to come to the small hall from 8am to have breakfast and read a book with friends. Parents and carers are welcome to attend and should accompany any child that has not walked to school independently. We look forward to welcoming you to the event. We will hold a Breakfast with books event for Reception to Year 3 later in the academic year.

Monday 19th October

OSA Book Swap – Thank you to all of those who donated a book to the OSA book swap. Children will have the opportunity to choose a new book for free from the selection on Monday 19th October. Thank you to all those who donated and the OSA for supporting and organising the event.

BREAKFAST



&



BOOKS

Books for Topics



[Books for Topics](#) is an excellent website where there are plenty of free resources for parents/carers and children.

You can access QR Storytelling [codes](#) to view authors reading their books. This is a great opportunity for children to discover a new author.



Benji Davies reads Grandad's Island

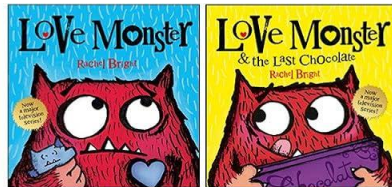
Year 6 Reading Ambassadors

Year 6 pupils were given the opportunity to become a 'Reader Ambassador' for the school. Children will have the opportunity to support in the weekly reading assembly, recommend books to their peers, read with younger children during lunchtimes and contribute to the reading newsletter.

The reading ambassadors will be announced in the following reading newsletter.



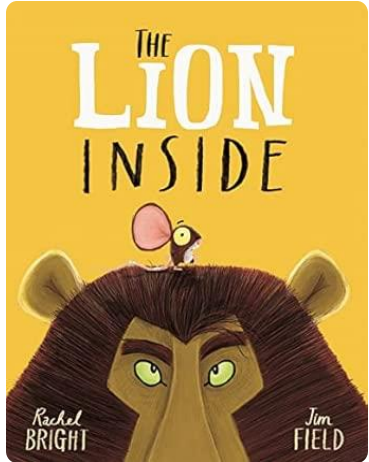
Author spotlight – Rachel Bright



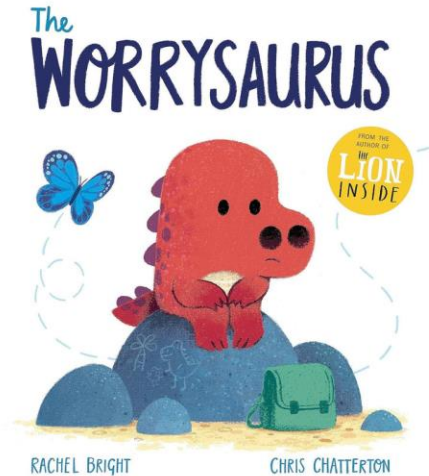
Rachel Bright is a children's author and illustrator. She wrote and illustrated *Love Monster* (which was adapted into a CBeebies animated series), and authored popular picture book series illustrated by Jim Field, including *The Lion Inside*, *The Koala Who Could*, and *The Squirrels Who Squabbled*.

Rachel's books are a great choice for discussing emotions and supporting their emotional regulation.

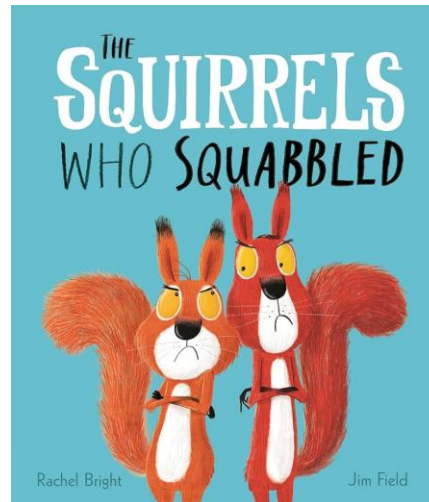
Recommended books



The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright – A bestselling story about confidence, self-esteem, and a shy little mouse who sets out on a journey to find his roar.



The Worrysaurus by Rachel Bright – A fun and reassuring tale about dealing with worries



The Squirrels who squabbled by Rachel Bright – Two greedy squirrels learn to share, in this hilarious rhyming adventure