



# Castlefield School

## Lower School Reading Newsletter

### Spring 2024



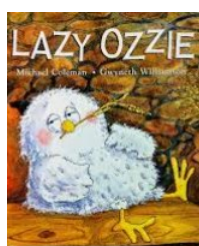
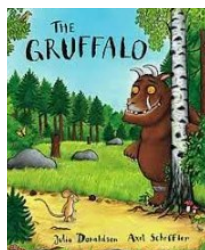
Welcome to our Reading Newsletter. This is a place for us to share reading recommendations and support your children in accessing and enjoying great books. One of the best ways families can support their children with their learning is to encourage reading at home. Regular reading is crucial—not only for academic learning, but also as a way to relax and escape.

It is not always easy to get hold of physical books, so this newsletter has some useful weblinks to ebooks and audiobooks. The hyperlinks give more details about the authors and where to buy the books.

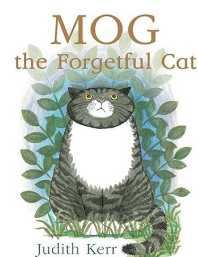
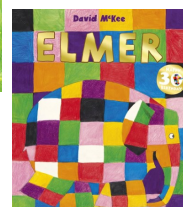
As with all media, please check you are happy with the content. Reading them yourself or with your child provides a wonderful opportunity to share and talk about your favourite characters and plots with your children.

### What are we Reading in Class?

**Year 1** We are reading stories about creatures.



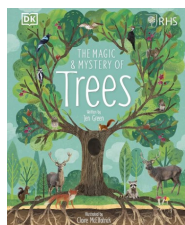
You could also read other stories about different creatures.



The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's child were written by Julia Donaldson. On her website you can watch story telling videos. You may want to read other books by Julia Donaldson. <https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/storytelling/>

**Year 2** We are reading a non-fiction book:

The Magic and Mystery of Trees.



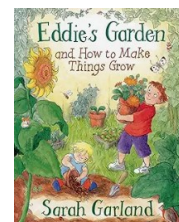
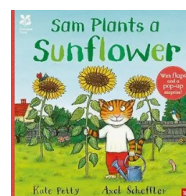
Next half term we will read:

Lizzie and Lucky.

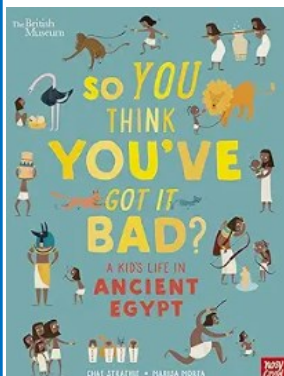
The Mystery of the disappearing puppies.



You may want to read other books about trees and plants.



## **Year 3** We are reading a non-fiction book:



So You Think You've Got it bad? A kids Life in Ancient Egypt.

If you are enjoying this book, why not try another in the series?



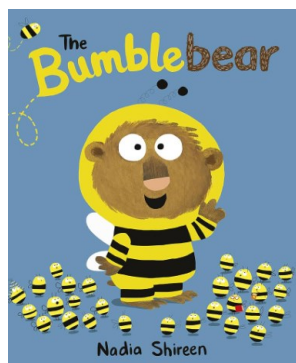
## **What could you read at home?**

This half term we held another Reading Recommendations assembly. Each term all the teachers will suggest books that the children might want to take home from our class libraries. Find out below what the teachers recommend.

## **Year 1**

**We're Going to Find a Monster by Malorie Blackman.**

A wonderful story about a brother and sister exploring their house in search of the monster. But where is the monster hiding?



**The Bumblebear by Nadia Shireen**

Norman is a bear who LOVES honey. He needs to get his paws on more and more and more! Who has the most honey? The bees, of course! So, dressed up in his very best bee onesie, he sneaks into Bee School. But how long will his disguise last? Will he get his paws on more honey or will he discover his true destiny and become. . . The Bumblebear?

**Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall**

Working up the courage to take a big, important leap is hard, but Jabari is almost absolutely ready to make a giant splash. A sweet tale about overcoming your fears .



## Year 2

### Bad Panda by Caryl Swapna Haddow

Everyone thinks that Lin is the most adorable panda in the world. So much so that they ship her off to the zoo for everyone to see her. Lin hates being adorable and now she will do everything in her power to prove she is the very worst animal in the zoo...



### Jack and the incredibly mean stalk by Gemma Cary

For a quirky twist on a classic fairy tale, you will need:

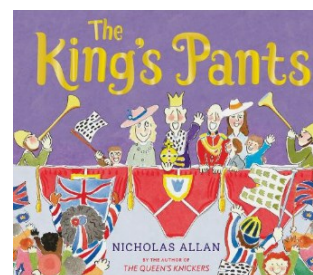
One puzzled boy, one lonely giant, some parachutes made from pants, a slightly stinky mum and an incredibly mean stalk.

Mix them all together for a delicious story about **friendship**, **kindness** and, above all, **happiness**.

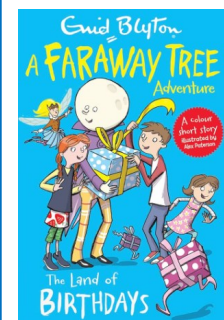
### The King's Pants by Nicholas Allan

The story is about the huge collection of pants owned by our King. I don't know how true this is, however. He has pants for every occasion. The problem is, that they go missing after a terrible mix up with a Royal Mail sack. Pants end up everywhere! Do you think the King ever gets his pants back?

You will have to read to find out...



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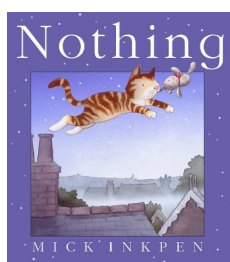
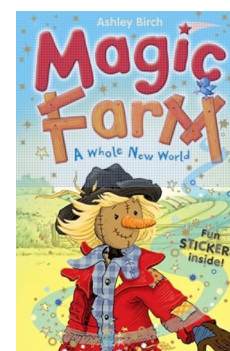


### A Faraway Tree Adventure: The Land of Birthdays by Enid Blyton

This is the 1st book in a fantastic series of books based on the Magic Faraway Tree. In each book, Beth, Joe and Frannie visit a different land via the Magic Faraway Tree. In this book It's Beth's birthday, so everyone is delighted when the Land of Birthdays arrives at the top of the Faraway Tree. It's time for the most magical party they've ever had.

### Magic Farm by Ashley Birch

Olly Hannah and Aiden are off to visit the Hayseeds - the walking, talking, naughty scarecrows who live on Magic Farm. but they're up to their usual tricks and have started a fruit fight!



### Nothing by Mick Inkpen

When a family moves house, they leave an old toy behind in the loft: Nothing. This story tracks his journey to a new home and how, along the way, he meets new friends who spark old memories. The illustrations are beautiful and packed with detail to linger over. The sentences roll off the tongue, capturing the thoughts and feelings of Nothing and the other creatures.



Here are some books the children in Lower School have enjoyed and

Recommend – Which one will you read next?

