



# Reading Newsletter

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Hello everybody!

Welcome back to a new school year and the opportunity to discover and read lots of new books and authors. I hope you have all had a lovely summer and have found the opportunity to sit and read a book, whether that be by the beach, in a tent or at home!

This month, Roald Dahl Day is celebrated on the 13th September which is the anniversary of his birthday. It is a day to celebrate a great children's author and enjoy all things reading. Perhaps you could set yourself a challenge to read as many Roald Dahl books as you can in this month, or maybe you want to learn a bit more about Roald Dahl and his journey to being an author!

Happy reading, Miss C



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THE TWITS - ROALD DAHL

## Why should you get lost in a good book?

Increases  
knowledge and  
vocabulary by

**50%**

Lowers  
stress by

**68%**

Can lengthen  
your life by

**2**  
years

Reading can help you to relax

Your heartbeat slows. Your muscles relax. One minute you're reading, the next you're in bed... zzzzzzzz.

Reading can boost your mood.

Studies have shown that people who read for fun are more likely to be happy and confident.

### Reading is a workout for your . . .



#### Memory

Reading exercises the brain, improving your memory. (Maybe you'll stop forgetting your lunch at home!)



#### Imagination

Books help you see vivid pictures in your mind. So you feel like you're actually at Hogwarts, riding a Nimbus 2000.



#### Heart

Research shows that reading about a character's thoughts and feelings can make you kinder.

# Author of the Month

# Nizrana Farook

Dear Kibworth Primary,

Hello and welcome back to the new school year! I hope you had a lovely summer holiday and are fresh and ready for the term ahead.

As always, this new year will bring changes, hopefully for the better, as we settle back into some normalcy. But some things remain constant, and for me, reading is one of them. It's an escape into different worlds that are always there for me, and I find that really comforting. This is one of the reasons I became an author – just remembering the magical times in childhood when I could experience adventures through a book, and wanting to spread that magic to other children now.

Some of the new books I've read lately are *The Way to Impossible Island* by Sophie Kirtley, *Good News* by Rashmi Sirdeshpande, *Otherland* by Louie Stowell, *Between Sea and Sky* by Nicola Penfold, and *The Shark Caller* by Zillah Bethel. Every one of them had a new world just waiting to be discovered.

In addition, I've been writing my next book, and that's taken me to a different world too. My first book, *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*, is about a girl who steals from the rich to help the poor – getting herself, and her friends, into a lot of trouble. And yes she really does steal an elephant. The second is about a fisherboy who meets a gigantic whale while hunting missing treasure and dodging villains. I'm editing the third now, set in the same world and featuring another marvellous animal.

I hope your term is filled with lots of good things – seeing your friends and teachers again, immersing yourself in your school activities, and I hope lots of new discoveries through your reading and writing.

Best wishes and happy reading adventures,

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# Recommended Read

## This is not my hat- Jon Klassen

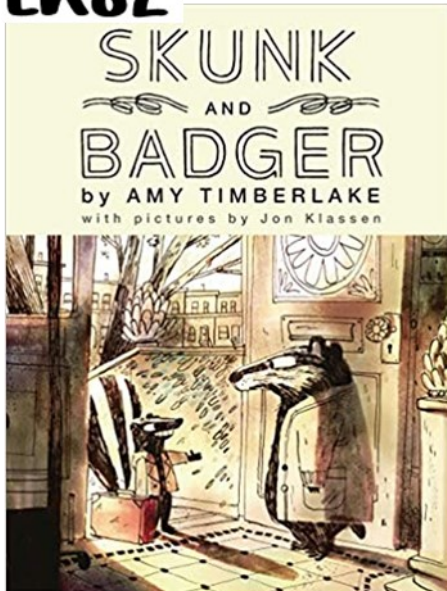
Fish's new hat is a wonderful colour. It fits him perfectly. However, it isn't his hat and trouble could be following very close behind. It's a good thing that the enormous fish he took it from won't wake up. And even if he does, it's not as though he'll ever know what happened... right?

This is a fantastic book about a cheeky fish who learns a lesson in crime and punishment. Even better, there are 3 of these books, so if you love this one, you will definitely love the rest!

## EYFS/KS1



## LKS2



## Skunk and Badger - Amy Timberlake

Are you a fan of Paddington Bear or Wallace and Gromit? Then Skunk and Badger may be for you! This is a tale of two extraordinary, yet unlikely friends. The first time Badger saw Skunk, he shut the front door on his face: he didn't like his grin or the way he stuck his paw out as if he'd been looking forward to meeting Badger.

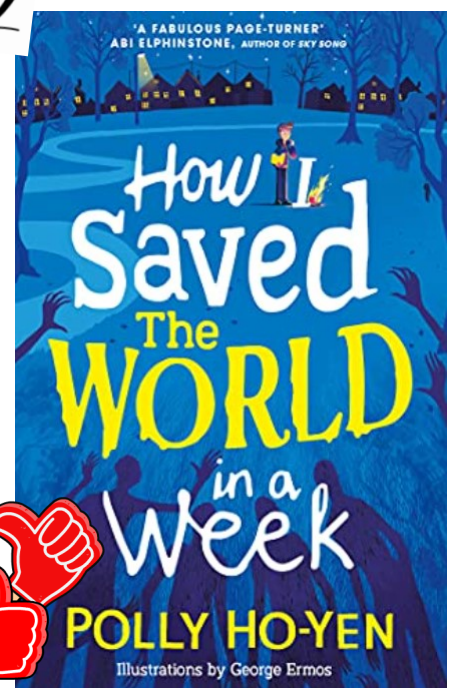
But, Skunk is badger's new roommate, and there's nothing Badger can do about it. He needs to come with Skunk's peculiarities.

Sometimes, the best friendships are the most unlikely ones.

## How I saved the World in a Week—Polly Ho-Yen

I read this book whilst on holiday in Devon and I loved it! I struggled to put it down - it was a real page turner. Billy lives with his mum, Sylvia in London. His mum has been teaching him survival skills for as long as he can remember. Her number one rule for survival? **Always be prepared.** When Sylvia starts to obsess over survival skills and removed Billy from school whenever she pleases, Billy is forced to go and live with his dad in Bristol. Whilst there, a mysterious disease breaks out and starts to take over. Zombie-like people patrol the streets of Bristol. Billy and his friends must work together, using what Sylvia has taught him to try and save the world in one week!

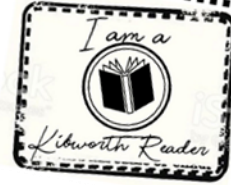
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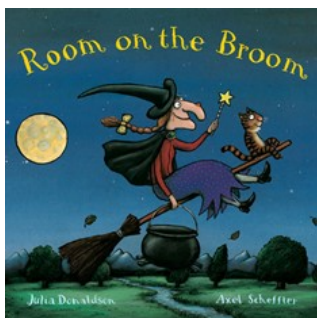
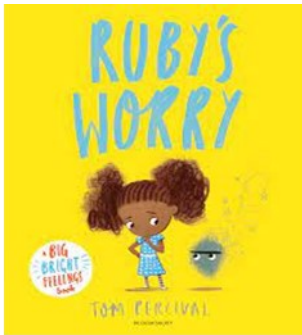
# Brand New!

## KS1 Reading Passports

Reading  
Passport  
belongs



Calling all EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children!!! We have some **exciting news!** We are going to be introducing brand new "Reading Passports" very soon. Each of your classrooms will have a **special basket** of new story books and you will be able to choose x1 new story **every 2 weeks to take home to enjoy.** We really want you to enjoy reading and listening to new stories. When you have read your book, your grown up will find the picture of the book in your passport and sign their initials to say you have read this book. Then, you need to show your teacher and you will receive a special sticker to place into your reading passport. Once you have shared all of the books on your passport, you will get a special 'Kibworth Reader' badge! Remember, the more you read the more you learn!

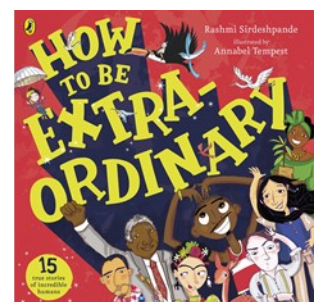
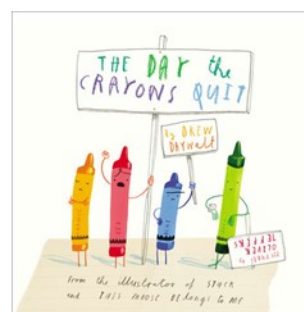
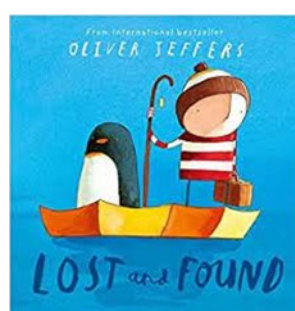


Note to parents/Carers,

The stories are for you to enjoy with your child. If they are reading they can read it to you, their brothers or sisters or another family member.

Top tips:

- Find somewhere nice and cosy to share the story.
- Discuss the front cover - can they use the title and picture to predict what the story might be about?
- Model using expression and different voice tones for different characters and encourage your child to join in with you.
- Use the pictures to talk about what is happening and what might happen next.
- Look at specific vocabulary and discuss what that means.
- Encourage your child to go back in the book to find key parts.
- Re-read the story several times so children can have a go at re-telling.
- After you have read the story together can they draw pictures of their favourite parts to share.
- Most of all - Enjoy and have fun!!!



# New and improved

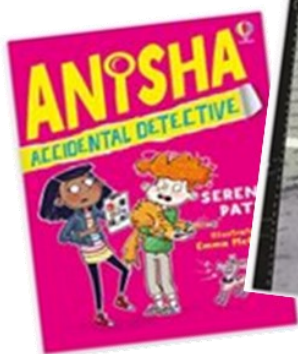
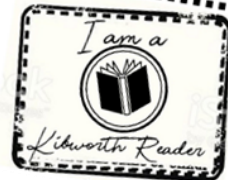
## KS2 Reading Passport

Don't worry KS2- you're not missing out! Your reading passports have been revamped to include some new and improved stories. Each passport has 2 or 3 new books: some which allow you to learn a bit more about diversity and one which is a non-fiction book linked to being a responsible citizen. You can read these books independently or share them with an adult - it is completely up to you; the main aim is to enjoy what you are reading!

Once you have finished the book, rate the book out of 5 stars and then show it to your teacher. Your teacher will give you an 'I am a Kibworth Reader' sticker. Once your passport has been completed, you can trade it in for a badge! Happy reading 😊

Reading  
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New year 3 books



New year 4 books



New Year 5 BOOKS

New year 6 books

