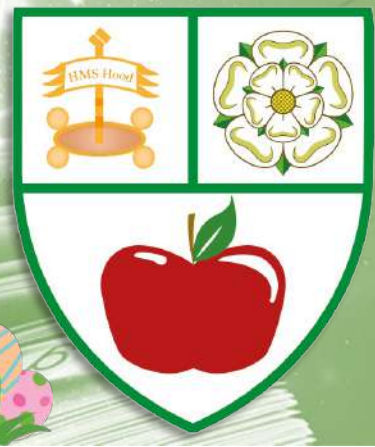


# Applegarth Primary School Reading Newsletter



Spring Term 2022 Issue 3  
1st April 2022



Welcome to the third edition of our Applegarth Primary School reading newsletter. In our reading newsletters, we share recommended reads for your child's age group; as well as keeping you updated on reading events, both in and outside of school and sharing exciting new releases. We hope you find it helpful in supporting your child on their reading journey.

Mrs Hopkin

## Waterstones Visits for the Whole School

Since World Book Day, different classes have been popping down to our local Waterstones to explore new books (even some unreleased books!) each Thursday. The children have been enjoying a wide range of activities including quizzes, writing book reviews and special book readings led by Anna, the bookshop manager. During each visit the children were able to use their £1 World Book Day voucher to purchase one of the special World Book Day books – it was wonderful to see every child return to school with their very own brand new book!



Our Year 5 and 6 children had an extra special treat and listened to an extract of *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* by A.F Steadman – an unreleased book! It comes out on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Year 3 and 4 children were enthralled by a reading of *Charlie Changes into a Chicken* by Sam Copeland (Mr Whiteley loved it that much he bought his own copy!). Children in Key Stage 1 and Reception loved their special story time with Anna listening to *Oi Frog* by Kes Gray and Jim Field.

While the children were on their visits, they discussed a wide range of different books they have already loved and enjoyed. Anna let the children write some of their own book recommendations for Waterstones customers – they have been put on display in the Northallerton shop. Pictures of their recommendations were tweeted from the Waterstones Twitter and seen by the authors themselves! Well done to our Applegarth book reviewers!



It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to see the value of this great resource on our own high street. A huge thank you to Anna and all the staff at Waterstones for making each class' visit so special and unique. We hope to do more work with you very soon!



# World Book Day 2022

## Visit our WBD 2022 Blog Post

**WORLD BOOK DAY FESTIVITIES! 03.03.2022** 🕶️ 🇪🇺 🇬🇧 ❤️

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We also have our evening story time event from 5pm – 6pm tonight where pupils will return to school in their pyjamas to have a hot chocolate and listen to their teachers read their favourite stories.

### AMAZING COSTUMES!

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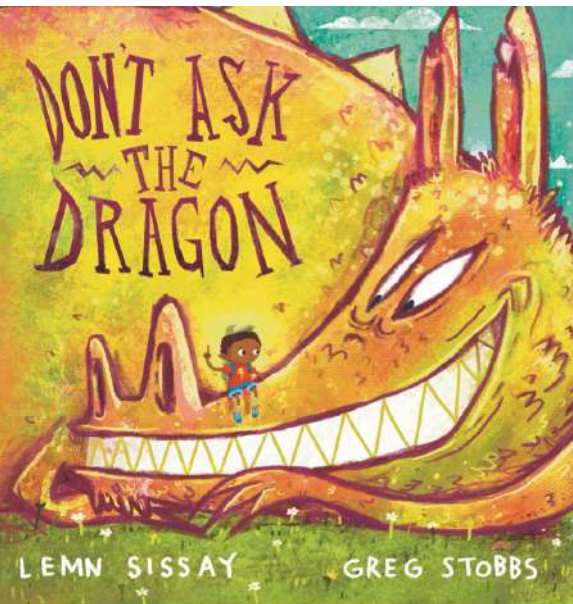


Seven Stories is the National Centre for Children's Books and one of our favourite resources used across school to support our drive to provide our pupils with a high-quality education in reading and develop lifelong readers. Next week, all children across school will have the opportunity to participate in another incredible digital author event hosted by Seven Stories.

## Don't Ask the Dragon with Lemm Sissay and Greg Stobbs

Live from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Reception & Key Stage 1



Reception and Key Stage 1 are invited to Alem's birthday party! But where will he be celebrating? Maybe the bear, the fox, treefrog, or the bulldog know? But DON'T ASK THE DRAGON... or he will EAT you!

Reception and KS1 will join Lemm Sissay and Gregg Stobbs for a fun, interactive reading with colouring activities from their new picture book, *Don't Ask the Dragon* – a heart-warming story about finding joy and home where you are.

Children will have the opportunity to buy their own signed copies of the book at the special event price of £6.00. Order forms will be available from your child's class teacher and electronic copies will be emailed.

## The Thief Who Sang Storms with Sophie Anderson

Live from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Key Stage 2

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to step into the fairytale world of Sophie Anderson! They will be travelling to the divided land of Morovia, where Sophie will be introducing her heroine, Linnet and her family and friends. The children will hear all about the folklore that inspired the story, and then they will work with Sophie to create their own magical maps!

Children will have the opportunity to buy their own copies of the book at the special event price of £7.00. Order forms will be available from your child's class teacher and electronic copies will be emailed.



# Voting for our Favourite

## We love books!

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## Recommended books for Reception

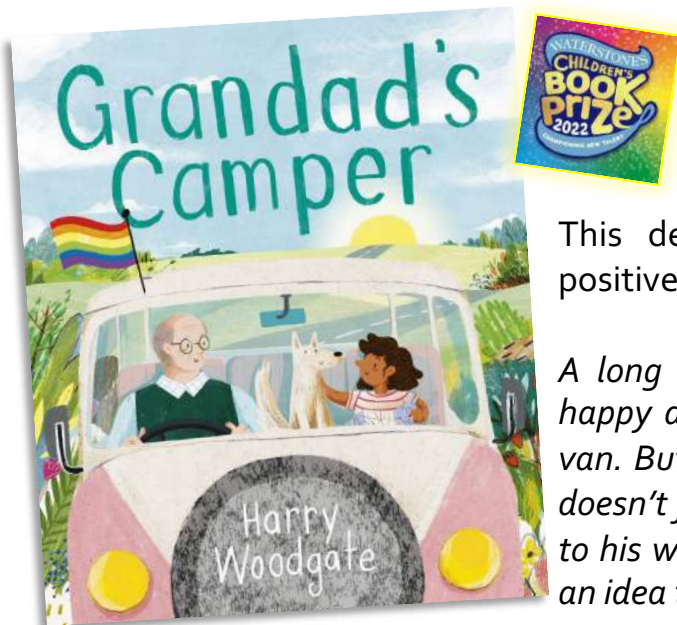
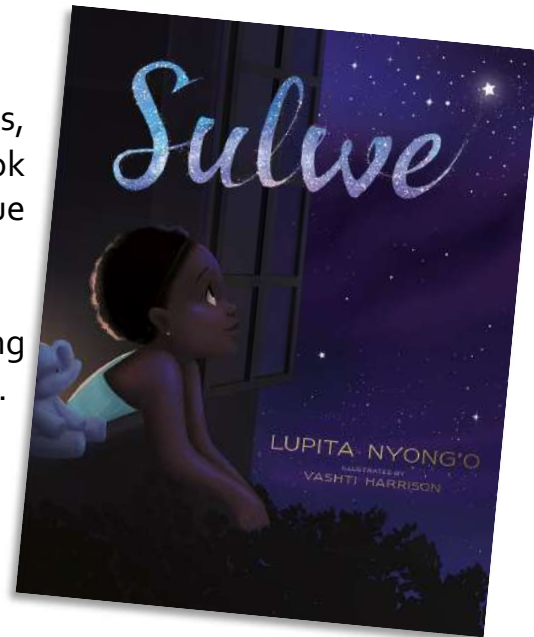


When a little boy stumbles across a special star, he puts it in a jar and takes it on adventures. Together with his big sister, he takes his special treasure with him everywhere – to the cinema, to the swimming pool and even to the toilet!

But the poor star is sad and misses its home... Can the little boy and his big sister find a way to send the star safely back?

The debut picture book from Oscar-winning actress, Lupita Nyong'o. This is a powerful, moving picture book about colourism, self-esteem and learning the that true beauty comes from within.

Lupita Nyong'o creates a whimsical and heartwarming story to inspire children to see their own unique beauty.



This delightfully colourful book carries a warm, positive message of inclusion and love.

*A long time ago, Grandad and Gramps spent many happy days travelling the world together in a camper van. But now Gramps isn't around any more, Grandad doesn't feel much like having adventures. As she listens to his wonderful stories, Grandad's granddaughter has an idea to cheer him up...*

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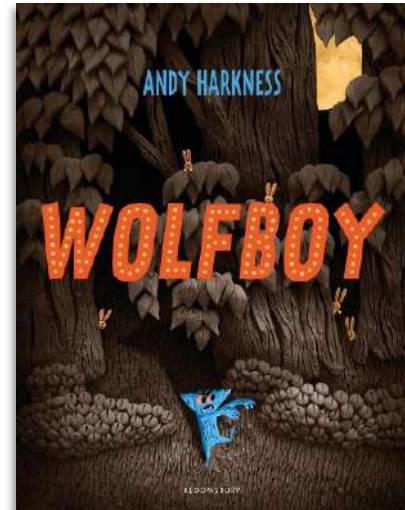
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## Recommended books for Year 1

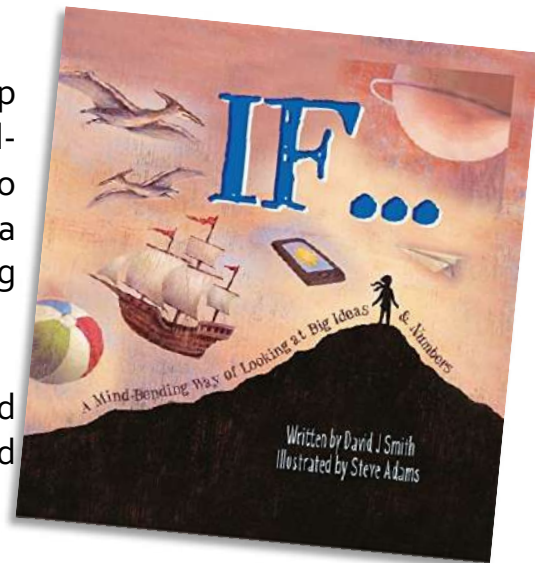


This book has some amazing, vibrant illustrations and is a very funny read to be shared together!

*Wolfboy is hungry! He's drooly and growly and fussy! As he stomps through the forest looking for rabbits, he grows hungrier and growlier by the minute. What will happen if Wolfboy can't find those rabbits? And what will happen if he does?*

Some things are so big or so old that it's hard to wrap your mind around them. In *If*, children can look at hard-to-imagine objects and events and compare them to things we can instantly see, feel and touch. It is a wonderful way of seeing the world and is a fascinating way of understanding numbers and big ideas.

A brilliant book for curious children to share with loved ones at home to learn more about the world around them.



Inspired by Greta Thunberg's stand to save the world.

*Greta is a little girl who lives in a beautiful forest threatened by Giants. When the Giants first came to the forest, they chopped down trees to make houses. Then they chopped down more trees and made even bigger homes. The houses grew into towns and the towns grew into cities, until now there is hardly any forest left. Greta knows she has to help the animals who live in the forest, but how? Luckily, Greta has an idea...*



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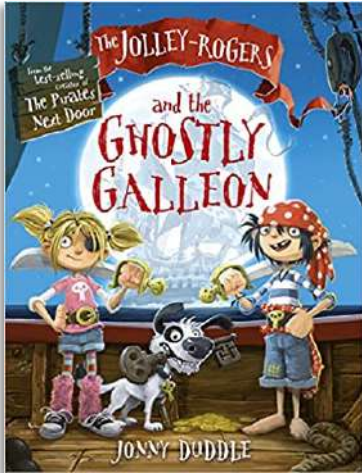
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## Recommended books for Year 2



This brilliant fiction series features the crew from *The Pirates Next Door*.

Join Jim Lad and Matilda as they sail the seven seas (and the coast of Dull-on-Sea) in search of adventure and pirate loot.

Every full moon, a mysterious ship is seen off the coast of Dull-on-Sea. Then, the day after, gold and jewellery are missing from the homes, shops and museums of the town. Matilda needs the Jolley-Rogers' to help investigate. Can Matilda and Jim Lad retrieve the stolen booty from the mysterious ship before the moon fades? Or will they end up stuck on board with ghostly pirates until the next full moon?

A new series starring Rosie Revere, Ada Twist and Iggy Peck (from the bestselling picture books). Children can now follow The Questionneers' further adventures in brand-new chapter books! The first of which is *Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters*.

*Rosie is no stranger to flops and fails, kerfuffles and catastrophes. After all, engineering is all about perseverance! But this time, Rosie has a really important project to tackle – one that feels much bigger than herself.*



This is an amazing chapter book series for children who love adventure and humour!

*Ethan and Connor are spending their summer holidays aboard the world's first orbiting city, Starville (basically Beverley Hills in space!). The amazing space station is bursting with celebrities and the mega-rich. But Connor and Ethan are too busy selling ice cream to see the sights.*

*When they discover the space station is hurtling on a collision course with the moon, they know they need to step in. This is a case for the SPACE DETECTIVES!*



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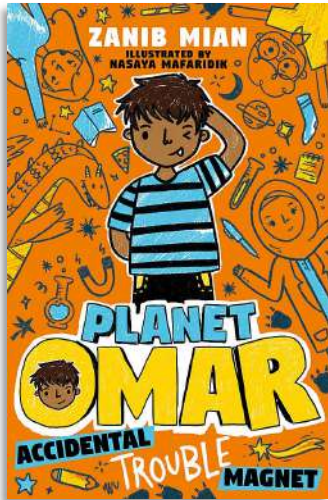


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## Recommended books for Year 3



Omar is an imaginative young boy and this series featuring him and his adventures will have you laughing real belly laughs!

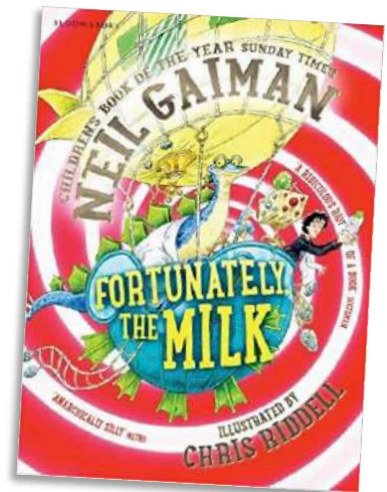
*My parents decided it would be a good idea to move house AND move me to a new school. As if I didn't have a hard enough time staying out of trouble at home, now I've also got to try and make new friends. What's worse, the class bully seems to think I'm the perfect target.*

*At least Eid's around the corner which means I can fast (YAY) and presents (DOUBLE YAY). Well, as long as I can stay in Mum and Dad's good books long enough...*

This a silly, mind-bendingly clever, brilliant, bonkers adventure from the award-winning author, Neil Gaiman.

*Mum's away. Dad's in charge. There's no milk, so Dad saves the day by going to buy some. Really, that's all that happens. Very boring. YAAAAAAWN.*

*There are absolutely none of the following inside: GLOBBY GREEN ALIENS! INTERGALATIC POLICE! PIRATES! And most definitely NOT a time-travelling hot-air balloon piloted by the brilliant Professor Steg...*



This book is by one of my favourite authors, Vashti Hardy and is perfect for fans of Amelia Fang and Isadora Moon.

*The Iron Forest near Harley's home is unlike any other – plants and trees grow cogs and hinges and other mechanical parts – and all of Inventia depends on it. So when a strange fungus is discovered, there's a race to find a solution. Without essential parts for inventions, the town is quickly falling apart...*

*But just who or what is behind the mysterious infestation? Harley decides it's up to her to save the day – with chaotic results!*



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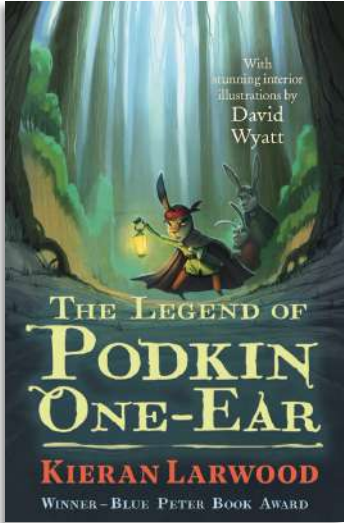
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## Recommended books for Year 4



This is the first in a brilliant series by Kieran Larwood.

*Podkin is the son of a warrior chieftan. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger. But for now, he's quite happy to laze around annoying his older sister Paz, and playing with his baby brother Pook. Then Podkin's home is brutally attacked, and the young rabbits are forced to flee. The terrifying Gorm are on the rampage, and no one and nowhere is safe. With danger all around them, Podkin must protect his family, uncover his destiny, and attempt to defeat the most horrifying enemy rabbitkind has ever known.*

Guy Bass is a fantastic children's author who knows how to tap into the weird and wonderful in a very funny way.

*Deep in the maze-like dungeons of Castle Grotteskew, insane Professor Erasmus created Stitch Head, a small, almost-human creature. His experiments continued, filling the castle with creations so fabulously monstrous that Stitch Head was long forgotten. Until a travelling circus ringmaster knocks at the castle door, promising to make Stitch Head a star. Is this Stitch Head's chance to venture beyond the castle walls? Or could he be making a terrible mistake...?*



*When Robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is – but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear, she realises that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants.*

*As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home – until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.*



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## Recommended books for Year 5



This book was shortlisted for the Waterstones Young Reader Book Prize 2022 and it is perfect for fans of Percy Jackson and Men in Black!

*Amari Peters knows three things.*

*Her big brother Quinton has gone missing.*

*No one will talk about it.*

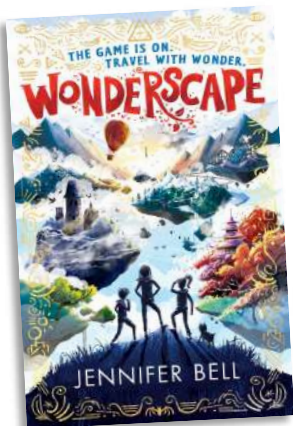
*His mysterious job holds the secret...*

*So when Amari gets an invitation to the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain this is her chance to find Quinton. But first she has to get her head around the new world of the Bureau, where mermaids, aliens and magicians are real, and her roommate is a weredragon.*

It was announced last night (31<sup>st</sup> March 2022) that this book was the overall winner of the Waterstones Young Reader Book Prize – I was so pleased! It is a stunning read.

*There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life...*

*This moving story will win the hearts of children the world over and show them that no one is too young or insignificant to make a difference. The Last Bear is a celebration of the love between a child and an animal, a battle cry for our world and an irresistible adventure with a heart as big as a bear's.*



Waterstones says: "A hugely exciting and playful mash-up of video game and history, Bell's time-hopping adventure pitches a trio of resourceful kids into a far future contest involving famous figures from the past."

*Gaming and time travel collide in this exhilarating middle-grade adventure, from bestselling author Jennifer Bell.*

**THE GAME IS ON. TRAVEL WITH WONDER.**

*When Arthur, Ren and Cecily investigate a mysterious explosion on their way to school, they find themselves trapped aboard The Principia - a scientific research ship sailing through hazardous waters, captained by one Isaac Newton.*

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## Recommended books for Year 6



One of Sophie Anderson's best!

A spellbinding adventure, bound-up with traditional folk and fairy tales, *The House with Chicken Legs* transports readers to a world of spells and spirits bound by ancient rules and one girl who longs to break free.

*My house has chicken legs. Two or three times a year, without warning, it stands up in the middle of the night and walks away from where we've been living. It might walk a hundred miles or it might walk a thousand, but where it lands is always the same.*

This is definitely my favourite children's book I have read so far this year.

*Inspired by a true story. It's 1940, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast. But when the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should it be damaged by a blast. Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes to it?*



This book was the winner of the Blue Peter Children's Book Awards in 2020 and is another of my favourites by Vashti Hardy.

*A year after the death of her older brother, **Prue Haywood's** family is still shattered by grief. But everything changes when a stranger arrives at the farm.*

*A new, incredible technology has been discovered in the city of Medlock, where a **secretive guild of inventors** have developed a way to capture spirits of the dead in **animal-like machines**, bringing them back to life.*



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# amazon wishlist

We recently launched our first Amazon Wishlist. Our first wishlist was filled with titles of incredible science books. A huge thank you to those people who have kindly purchased a book from the wishlist. These books will be loved by children across school and enhance their learning experiences.

## Science Books

You can find our science book wishlist here:

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## Recommended Reads

All the books listed in Mrs Hopkin's Recommended Reads are listed here (this list will be updated with recommended reads from other adults and children across school:

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A framed graphic with a white background and a light brown border. The text 'Reading IS AN Adventure THAT NEVER ENDS' is written in a mix of black and brown fonts. 'Reading' is in a large, black, cursive font. 'IS AN' is in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. 'Adventure' is in a large, black, cursive font. 'THAT NEVER ENDS' is in a black, sans-serif font. The graphic is decorated with illustrations: an open book on the left, a red book on the right, a globe on the bottom left, and a stack of colorful books on the bottom right.