

# Reading Newsletter

Autumn 2024



Welcome to our reading newsletter for children, parents and school staff. It will provide recommendations of books to read as well as updates on reading across the school.

## Meet our new reading ambassadors

Our reading ambassadors are children from years five and six. They have a very important role in school: they read each week with some of the children in EYFS and Key Stage One, as well as promote reading for pleasure. They are all very enthusiastic!



## Michael Rosen Day

November 12th was the first ever Michael Rosen Day. We celebrated this across the whole school by watching his live lesson, followed by working on some of his poems.

EYFS celebrated with enthusiasm. His live lesson sparked much excitement as he shared his insights into 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. They then performed this story, acting out each part of the journey.

Years 1 and 2 read the story I'm Hungry. They also listened to Michael Rosen perform it and practiced fluency and expression through some echo reading. They then drew or wrote a list of all the things the squirrel wanted to eat! It was an unusual list!

Years 3 and 4 read the poem Breakfast Time. It is a repetitive poem that ends with- It's breakfast time. They brainstormed ideas as to what happened in their houses and also about lunchtime. The children then wrote a final verse.

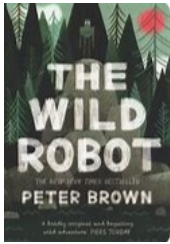
Years 5 and 6 wrote their own poems based on his migration poem, 'Everyone comes from somewhere'.

Michael Rosen's key message was "Read, read, read, read, read, read and read!" He told us that it opens our minds and gives us ideas for our own writing.

For videos of Michael Rosen's poems and stories, you can watch his YouTube channel: [Kids' Poems and Stories With Michael Rosen Channel Intro](#)



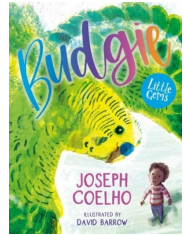
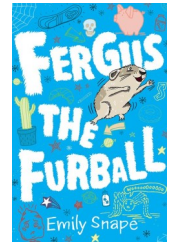
## Key Stage Two Book recommendations



### Year 3 and 4 recommendation:

2GH recommend Fergus the Furball - Emily Snape.

We thought it was funny, adventurous and it kept us wanting to read more! The characters were very humorous, leaving us all laughing out loud at many points of the book.



Recommendation from Harper in 2KT:

Budgie by Joseph Coelho

This book is really good. It has good advice to stay safe. I think children in years 3/4/5 will like it. It made me feel a mixture of emotions.

Recommendations from Evelyn in 2NS:

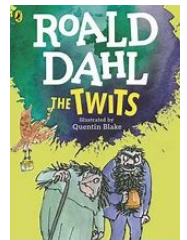
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown.

I thought it was amazing and heart-breaking!

Recommendations from Harriet in 2NS:

The Lost Whale by Hannah Gold

I thought this book might be good for people who enjoy longer books.



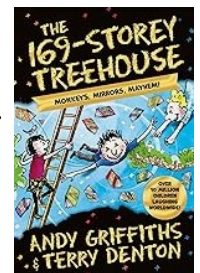
Recommendations from Martha in 2NS:

The Twits by Roald Dahl

I thought it was a very good story.

### Year 5 recommendation:

I recommend 169 storey treehouse by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. They are full of jokes and adventures. They make up their own animals which makes it a lot of fun to read. There are other books in the series too.



### Year 6 recommendation:

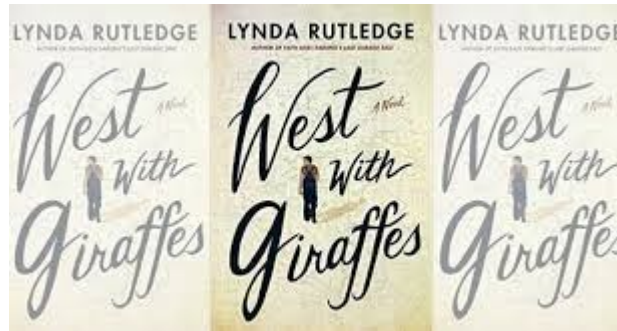
Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone

This is a story about an eagle huntress, an inventor and an organ made of icicles. But it is also a story about belonging, even at the very edges of our world...

We loved this book because the chapters end on a cliff hanger and you never know what's coming next.



# Governor book review for parents/carers...



## Governor Book Review Tracey York

If you love adventure, character redemption and animals, this is a fantastic novel to escape into the pages of.

The story, based on a true event, tracks the journey of those that transported two giraffes across South America to San Diego Zoo in South California in 1938. The giraffes themselves had already survived the boat journey through a hurricane out in the Atlantic Sea before they then started a twelve-day journey travelling the many landscapes of their Southern American route.



Obviously, the giraffes will steal your hearts. They are the stars of the story with their majestic beauty and ethereal natures. The protagonist, Woodrow Nickel, transports the giraffes 'by accident' alongside the 'rough-round-the-edges' zookeeper Riley Jones, chased by a wannabe photographic journalist who feels she is landing the scoop of the century by following the giraffes' journey.

All good stories keep you hanging on and reading. I read this in four days because it was relentlessly adventurous and kept me sitting on the edge of my seat.

It's getting cold and dark everyone. Read this feel-good book and you will be transported to the warm and shiny climes of Southern America. And if you don't love giraffes now, you will when you've read this!



# Top tops for reading at home...

## PARENT READING TIPS



- Point at objects and name them (dog, cat, house)
- Talk back and forth with your baby
- Play games with them while you are reading

AGE  
0-1

- Smile and answer your child's questions
- Encourage them to point at objects and name them
- Have them help turn the pages

AGE  
1-2

- Ask them questions about the book
- Talk about the pictures and what the words mean
- Let them pick out the book they want to read
- Reward them and set goals for reading

AGE  
2-3

- Point out letters and numbers
- Look at pictures and make up stories about them
- Talk about the different characters
- Ask them their take on the story

AGE  
3-4

- Have your child tell the story
- Encourage writing and drawing
- Ask them the meaning of the story
- Have a conversation about what the words mean

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4-5



No cell phones. Just a man leading by example, showing his kids how to learn the old fashioned way, through the pages of books.

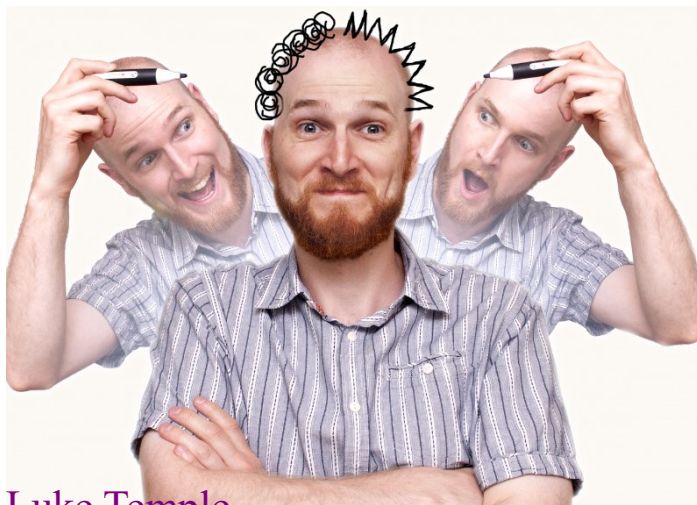


# Coming Soon...

Coalville Library Winter Reading Challenge: read 3 books by 20th February!

Sign up here: [Winter Mini Reading Challenge](#)

## Author Visit—Luke Temple 13th/14th January



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