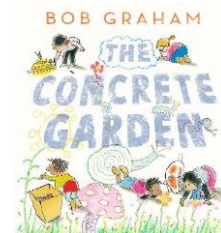


New releases!

***The Concrete Garden* Bob Graham (author), Bob Graham (illustrator)**

A charming, and gently post-pandemic story about finding optimism after a dark spell. The Concrete Garden will resonate with anyone who has been apart from their loved ones, and will encourage us all to find the brightness and colour within ourselves. After a cold, dark winter, doors opened. Children spilled out like sweets from a box. Amanda was last one out of the tower block. She brought some chalk with her. On every inch of the concrete outside, the children drew pictures of everything they could think of, from flowers and snails, to spaceships and queens. Before long, a beautiful and exotic garden spread out across the concrete.

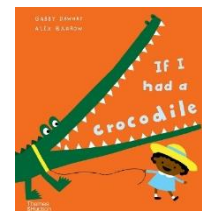


***Hello Winter* Jo Lindley (author), Jo Lindley (illustrator)**

Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter are best friends, playing together all year and taking it in turns to wear the weather crown. Now it's Winter's turn to lead the fun but her friends have decided they don't want to play her games – they're too cold – and have decided to hand the crown straight to Spring instead. Little children will identify with Winter as she stomps away and feel her frustration and sadness at her friends' behaviour. Fortunately, Spring, Summer, Autumn realise that it's just not as much fun without Winter, and set out to find her. Brilliant for children in Early Years.

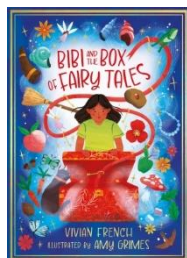
***If I had a crocodile* Gabby Dawney (author), Alex Barrow (illustrator)**

A charming and imaginative story in the bestselling 'If I had a...' series, which imagines life with a crocodile as a pet. There's more to a crocodile than its scaly skin and scary teeth – they stay cool under pressure (in part because they can't sweat) and on a rainy day, they love nothing more than a fast game of Snap! This latest addition to the 'If I Had a...' series is packed with humour and rollicking rhymes that young children readily catch on to. Its bold, graphic illustrations are stylish and packed with quirky details for children to spot. The book winds down to a satisfying end where the little girl drifts off to sleep, making it perfect for bedtime routines for children in Early Years.



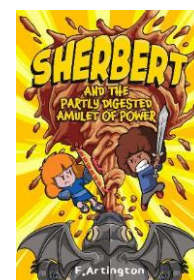
***Bibi and the Box of Fairytales* Vivian French (author), Amy Grimes (illustrator)**

An enchanting collection of seven original fairy tales to bewitch and enthrall by master storyteller, Vivian French, complemented by gorgeous, full-colour, contemporary artwork by debut children's illustrator, Amy Grimes. Bibi doesn't believe in fairies. But when she meets her fairy godmother, the tiniest of hopes flickers in her mind. Seven quests to seven lands that will open a magic box and grant her a wish.... could it, just possibly, be true? Whisked away with her trusty companion, Sylvestro the cat, Bibi quests with giants, dragons, princes and princesses, wizards, witches, water sprites and sea elves, unicorns, trolls and gnomes... Can Bibi earn the keys to open the box.... and unlock her belief in fairy magic? Perfect for children in Years 3 and 4.



***Sherbert and the Partly Digested Amulet of Power* Gabby Dawney (author), Alex Barrow (illustrator)**

Presenting a feast of narrative fiction, graphic novel style goodness, and adventure-stuffed comic capers, Sherbert and the Partly Digested Amulet of Power sees two unlikely heroes, Hatechi and Didi, give their best shot to gaining admission to the All-Artistry Temple school! When the determined duo enlist the help of Sherbert, all manner of mayhem is unleashed! As a brilliantly inventive bonus, the book is peppered with "zoom" arrows that invite readers to, well, zoom forward through the pages — "follow the arrows to jump around the story and find out secrets." This rule-breaking, playing-with-form feature injects extra fun to the reading experience. Stylistically perfect for children in Years 3 / 4 but some words may be challenging and may require adult help.



***Glassborn* Peter Bunzl (author)**

From *Cogheart* author Peter Bunzl comes a story where there's magic a-plenty when the four 'Belle' children, descendants of the Glassborn family arrive at their new home, Fairykeep Cottage. When a friendly robin guides Acton, the youngest of the four, to a key in the snowy graveyard next door to the house he swiftly uses it to unlock the door into Fairyland. Fairyland is certainly magical but it is also full of danger! Acton is immediately kidnapped and it takes all the courage and ingenuity of his siblings to overcome the Fairy Queen and get him back. Peter Bunzl's sure storytelling touch makes this Fairyland a robust world of mythology as well as the perfect playground for adventure. This is the second in the Magicborn series. Perfect for children in Years 5 and 6.



What's going on at Newfield?



Ange Chater visited us! The co-author of Stanley's Incredible Journey visited Newfield Park in November! The children in Reception and Year 1 loved hearing her talk about her book, being an author and how they can create stories themselves!

Reading Certificates

Position	Class	"Reads"
1 st	6R	1770
2 nd	5R	1660
3 rd	5C	1650
4 th	6M	1590
5 th	6A	1500

An author you might not know....

Hannah Gold

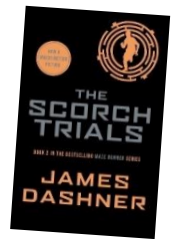
Gold's debut, **The Last Bear** (2021) is the moving tale of the daughter of an Arctic researcher and her encounter with a lone polar bear, stunningly illustrated by Levi Pinfold. It became an instant bestseller and has been shortlisted for numerous awards, including The Blue Peter Book Award 2021 and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2022! Her second book, **The Lost Whale** (2022), recounts another compelling animal adventure, subtly reflecting on climate change – it's now in our library upstairs! Her new book is a sequel to her first book entitled **Finding Bear**.



Book Brag!

The Scorch Trials by James Dashner

Book 2 in the Maze Runner series and now a major film available on Disney+. It's a high-octane, dystopian adventure, perfect for fans of The Hunger Games and Divergent. Two teenage boys who escaped from a maze constructed by a shady organisation discover Earth is a desert wasteland with people driven mad by a terrible disease...



"This book is absolutely fantastic. I would recommend if you're a confident reader in Years 5 and 6. It's even in our upstairs library, as the first book The Maze Runner." (Jess – Year 5)

Staff recommendation (for Children)

Evernight by Ross MacKenzie

From The Nowhere Emporium author Ross MacKenzie comes a new story! Shimmering with dark magic, Evernight pits a sewer-dwelling orphan against an unspeakable evil in a swashbuckling tale of hidden treasure and unlikely heroes, perfect for fans of Abi Elphinstone and Peter Bunzl.

"I really like this book. MacKenzie has a really unique way of writing that brings the story alive. Evernight is an excellent choice for confident readers in Years 5 and 6"
(Mr.T. Roddison)



Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)

Just Between Us by Adele Parks

'Another masterfully plotted and jaw-dropping ride from the number one bestseller.' - iNews



"A few years ago Adele Parks wrote a book called Both of You that ended quite ambiguously. This is the follow up, although it works just as well as a standalone novel. Having read the first one it was so good to revisit all the characters and find out what had happened to them. I read this in one weekend as it had me gripped. 10/10." (Mrs. Pestrige)

The Summer Reading Challenge!

It may be December but a big well done to all our **Summer Reading Challenge** children who completed the achievement back in September! Your name is now "in the spotlight" for all to see in our Key Stage 3/4 library; go take a look next time you are in school for your own name! Roll on next year!

