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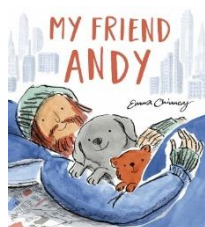


***Luna Loves Gardening* Joseph Coelho (author), Fiona Lumbers (illustrator)**

By award-winning Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho, the fifth book in the Luna Loves... series brings alive the art of gardening. Luna is wowed by her local community garden, there are squashes and runner beans, potatoes and tomatoes and even an apple tree. But each plant hides a story. Grandpa and Nana show her the Callaloo their family grew in Jamaica. It's time for Luna to grab a trowel and sow seeds that will tell a new story for the whole community as they all discover their connection to the entire world. Great for Early Years children who want to find out more about gardening as we enter Spring!

***Help! We Need a Story* James Harris (author), Mariajo Ilustrajo (illustrator)**

A wonderful book about storytelling and the art of creativity with an inspiring rhyming text. It's a dull day in the jungle and Artie the macaque's friends are bored, bored, BORED! But with paper, pens and ink, a splash of inspiration, and a pinch of imagination, Artie creates something magical . . . a book! Filled with hordes of zombie hens, a fire-breathing dragon and robot sharks (yikes!), Artie's newly-created book busts the friends' boredom, and the next day they can't wait to do it all over again. Lovely for children in Early Years and Key Stage One.

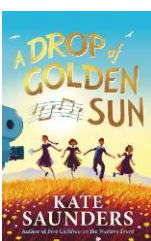


***My Friend Andy* Emma Chinnery (author), Emma Chinnery (illustrator)**

A carefully-observed story that challenges us to re-evaluate perceptions of homelessness. Everyday, little dog Fluffy walks through the city with Mum and Lilly. And everyday, they walk past Andy. But they are never allowed to play with him. Until one day, Fluffy gets lost, and this changes forever. With the help of Andy and his Dad, Fluffy searches high and low for Lilly. But will they ever be reunited? Told through Fluffy's eyes, this book brilliantly grasps a child-like naivety that questions what is and encourages us to imagine what should be. With her stunning watercolour illustrations, this is a moving story for children in Early Years and Key Stage 1.

***Stink: Fairy vs Wizard A Stink Adventure* Jenny McLachlan (author)**

The second book in the laugh-out-loud cartoon-filled adventure series for 7+ readers, featuring the world's funniest fairy, from the bestselling author of *The Land of Roar*. Jenny came into school last week to launch her "Stink" series so we couldn't resist recommending her second book in the series! Perfect for fans of Loki, Tom Gates and Wimpy Kid. 'I LOVED this. I was hooked by the hilarious voice from the opening page, and cry-laughed more than once. Utterly brilliant.' *Joanna Nadin, bestselling author of The Worst Class in the World series.* Suitable for children in Years 4 and 5.



***A Drop of Golden Sun* Kate Saunders (author)**

It's 1973 and 12-year-old Jenny is in shock. She's just been cast as one of the lead roles in a feature film. She's going to be a child actor! Soon she must jet off to France, to the idyllic Château Mouchotte, where she will join her film family: three other children and two renowned actors. The glitz and glamour of being on set is a million miles away from Jenny's normal life, but showbiz is never straightforward and there's one fierce and famous actor that threatens the whole shoot. It's up to Jenny and her friends to keep the peace and save the film. Jenny is about to experience a life-changing summer in the spotlight! Suitable for Years 4, 5 and 6.

***On Silver Tides* Sylvia Bishop (author)**

Kelda has always protected her little sister Isla from danger on the rivers, and from the suspicions of their community. For Isla cannot breathe underwater – and so her very existence is forbidden! Now the rivers of England are growing sick: monstrous creatures are awakening and a fierce torrent of blame falls upon Kelda's family... When betrayal comes, the sisters escape on a desperate journey upstream. Joining forces with a mysterious boy, Kelda discovers the darkest depths of her kind's secret history. But to save both her sister and the very life of Britain's waterways, Kelda will have to make a sacrifice – one that will change her life forever. A challenging book suitable for confident Year 6 readers.



What's going on at Newfield?	Reading Certificates		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ World Book Day (or week!) is upon us. All year groups will be mixing up with other years to share their love of books and reading. Additionally, all year groups will have an 'author focus' where they will learn about an influential writer! ✓ Year 5 visited The Portal recently to learn all about the wonderful picture book Journey by Aaron Becker! ✓ Lots of new books from the Wish Box have been ordered for children in Years 4, 5 and 6! Watch this space if you put a request in the box! 	Position	Class	"Reads"
	1st	6R	2950
	2nd	5R	2770
	3rd-	6A	2630
	3rd-	6M	2630
5th	5C	2250	

An author you might not know....	Book Brag!
 <p>Sita Brahmachari won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize with her debut <i>Artichoke Hearts</i> and is one of the most interesting and important voices in children's books today. Her latest novel, <i>Tender Earth</i> was awarded an honour by the International Board of Books for Young People. She was even the 2015 Booktrust's writer in Residence! Most of her books are suitable for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 but she has written a few for younger children. Her book 'Where the River Runs Gold' is a popular book in our upstairs library!</p> 	<p>The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien</p> <p>An absolute classic of children's literature, it's important to remember how long ago this book was written and therefore the style is not that of a modern children's book. However, the magic of the tale shines through the old-fashioned language. It is, and always has been, a little treasure of a book.</p>  <p><i>"This is a fantasy book and it uses great description from page one. It's in the adventure / fantasy genre which means it will be interesting to most people looking for an exciting story; it was great!" (Hetty – Year 5)</i></p>

Staff recommendation (for Children)	Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)
<p>The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright</p> <p>From the creator of the known and loved Bright Side lifestyle brand, Rachel Bright, and the winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, Jim Field, comes a feelgood rhyming story about one little mouse trying to make himself heard and discovering along the way that even the smallest of us has the heart of a lion. This stylish book really is something to shout about - it will make you laugh, cry and read it every bedtime. Perfect for children in Early Years.</p> <p><i>"It's a brilliantly illustrated book. It teaches children to be brave and find their inner voice. A real favourite for my little girl!" (Miss. H. Darby)</i></p> 	<p>Prophet Song by Paul Lynch</p> <p>Following a scientist whose husband is taken away by the newly formed Irish secret police, the award-winning author of 'Beyond the Sea' and 'Grace' spins a finely-wrought and terrifying vision of Ireland in the grip of a tyrannical government.</p> <p><i>"This was the Booker Prize winner 2023. The figurative language is excellent. You go on the journey with Eilish and her family; experiencing her pain and suffering. It's an interesting read from an extremely creative mind."</i> (Ms. C. Saunders)</p> 

World Book Day 2024!

As you may be aware it is World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March!** If you're looking for things to do to engage your child, head over to <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/> where there a range of ideas and fun activities for you to do with your child. Also, don't forget to spend your voucher by **31st March 2024!**

