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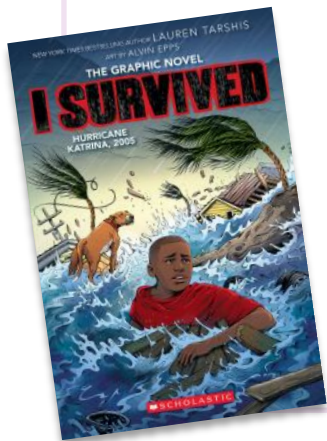
Book of the Month!

I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005

Graphic Novel by Lauren Tarshis

The story of a boy, a dog, and a terrible storm is brought vividly to life in this graphic novel adaptation of Lauren Tarshis's bestselling *I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005*, with text adapted by Georgia Ball.

Barry's family tries to evacuate before Hurricane Katrina hits their home in New Orleans. But when his little sister gets terribly sick, they're forced to stay home and wait out the storm.



At first, Katrina doesn't seem to be as bad as predicted. But overnight the levees break, and Barry's world is literally torn apart. He's swept off by the floodwaters, away from his family. Can he survive the storm of the century — alone?

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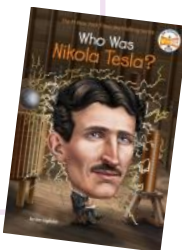


Writing Club

This summer we say goodbye to two of our splendid writing club members, Hannah T and Maisie V from Year 11. They will be greatly missed. Here is Maisie's last contribution to the newsletter, a sonnet about Nikola Tesla, the great electrical innovator.

Tesla

A mind that danced with currents yet unseen,
He traced the path where lightning longed to go;
Through coils and sparks, he shaped a world between
The dark of night and electric glow.
While others grasped for profit, fame and claim,
He chased the hidden language of the air;
No fortune matched the brilliance of his aim,
Though few would see the wonders waiting there.
And so his visions flickered, dimmed by time,
His brilliance turned to shadows he did not choose;
The world moved on, indifferent to his prime,
Yet every wire still speaks the spark he used.
Now every light that hums in steady stream
Still bears the ghost of his unfinished dream.



Fab books about animals



Word of the Month

Palindrome

a word or group of words that is the same when you read it forwards from the beginning or backwards from the end.

noon

racecar

radar

Ms Jones on OVERDUES

**Books need to be returned
or renewed after 2 weeks!**

We celebrate every time
someone returns a 'lost' book 😊



Author profile: Phil Earle

"I never wanted to be a writer growing up. I wanted to be a professional footballer for the mighty Hull City.

"It was all about the sport (football, cricket, tennis, golf) as well as acting in plays and trying to sing in bands.

"Reading novels as a young person was a real struggle, but I discovered a love of comics and graphic novels (anything from Batman or Davedevil to Maus), plus novelisations of Hollywood films. 'Karate Kid – The Novel' was a particular favourite.

"I've had a number of jobs. I've worked in pubs and travel agencies, and as a care worker and drama therapist in a residential kids home.

"My life changed direction unexpectedly when I took on a temporary position in the children's section of a bookshop. It was the best move of my life. The books under my nose there were quite unlike anything else I had read, and quickly I found myself devouring nothing but children's fiction.

"It became the springboard to me realising I wanted to try writing for young people.

"Lunchtimes were spent in the basement with an old, slow laptop. It was a seriously happy time.

"I worked as a bookseller for five years, before taking a job in publishing, and now I split my working life between selling books for a publisher and writing my own.

"I'm a very lucky lad."



Mrs Wheat's Famous Dingbats

Guess a well-known phrase or saying from
the symbols or words below.

gluttony greed gluttony
pride ANGER pride anger
greed greed sloth envy
sloth envy anger pride

Wally still missing



"There's nothing I like more than to lose myself in a good book."

Borrower of the Month



Doe G in Year 7 has borrowed 25 books so far, from comic novels such as *Investigators* all the way to retellings of classics (*Frankenstein!*) Doe has been challenging us recently to find super-readable editions of dystopian novels and AR level 5+ books to keep up with her voracious appetite for books.

Congrats Doe and keeeeeeeeeeeeeeep reading!



In today's online world, it can be challenging to sift through the constant stream of information and judge the accuracy of news articles and social media posts. The fast pace, sensational headlines, and frequent layout changes of social media can make it challenging to assess what you are reading.

Try these techniques to evaluate sources and spot misinformation.

HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.



READ BEYOND

Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?



SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



CHECK THE DATE

Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.



IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.



ASK THE EXPERTS

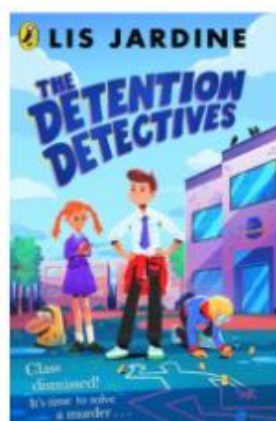
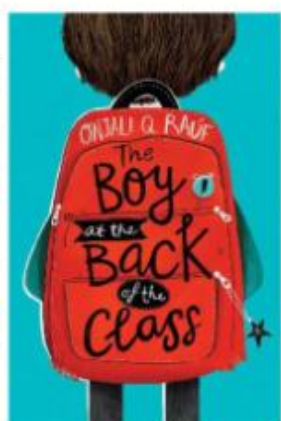
Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.

Many thanks to the generous parents who have already bought us books from our wish list or spent money at LoveReading4Kids.co.uk!

Our wishlist can be found at <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/wishlists/68993e536889aedcb6ed403fb9de7ff3>



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