

# Autumn Reading Newsletter

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Welcome to Horsford Primary School's Autumn term reading newsletter! We hope you have managed to enjoy some summer reading with your children.

This term we are bringing you some reading recommendations for children and parents, news about new releases and upcoming reading events.

## What's new?

New books out this September:

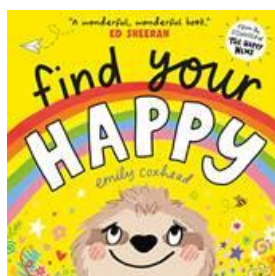
Age 5 and up:



### [Marv and the Pool of Peril](#)

**Author:** Alex Falase-Koya **Illustrator:** Paula Bowles

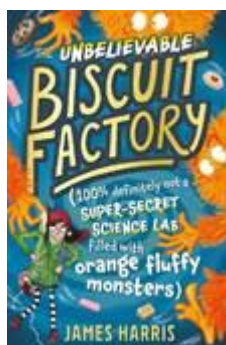
Marvin has a secret: when he puts on a special super-suit, which is powered by kindness and imagination, he becomes Marv the superhero. So far, nobody but his Grandad – who Marvin inherited the super-suit from – knows.



### [Find Your Happy](#)

**Author:** Emily Coxhead

A young sloth loves feeling happy - it's the most wonderful feeling. But he doesn't feel happy all the time. When he's feeling sad, worried or even angry, there are simple things he can do to try and find his happy again.



Age 7 and up:

### [The Unbelievable Biscuit Factory](#)

**Author:** James Harris

A laugh-out-loud story that definitely doesn't include orange fluffy monsters, a biscuit factory that's actually a super-secret science lab and a judo-kicking superhero rabbit wearing glasses. Fast-moving, funny – and all-round fabooly.

Age 9 and up:



### [Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear](#)

**Author:** Trang Nguyen **Illustrator:** Jeet Zdung

Based on a true story, this stunning graphic novel follows Chang as she fights to protect her local forests and wildlife, and rewild a young sun bear, Sorya, who was captured by poachers as a cub.

## School Librarians

At Mill Lane we have appointed our new librarians. These 15 children will help keep our library tidy and spread the word about books. They are currently working on some ideas for reading events and competitions and they will help us to plan World Book Day in March 2023. Our librarians are:

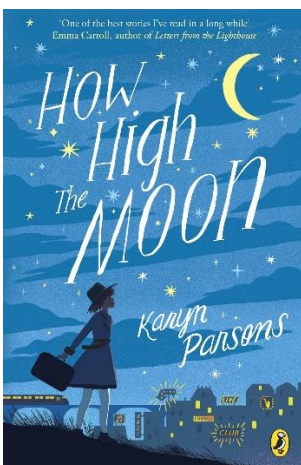
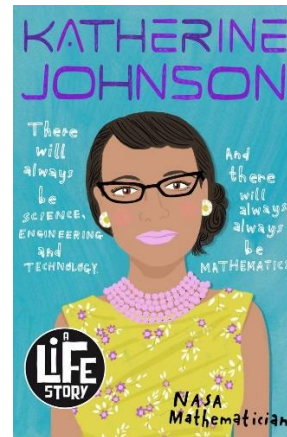
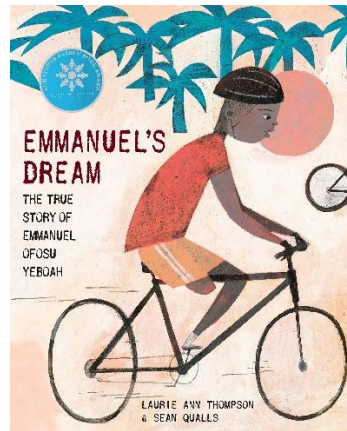
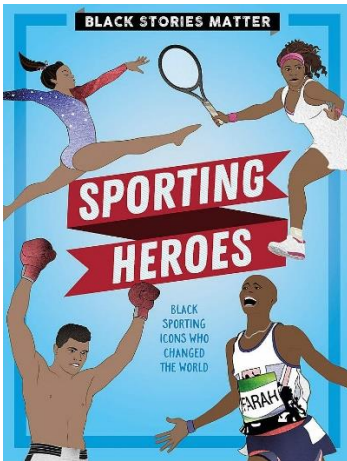
Grace Broadbent, Harlie Barr, Reggie Arnold, Ruby Topham, Joachim Changa, Declan Chenery, Isabelle Thirkettle, Leo Wright, Maizie Lewin, Julia Dziubek , Viktorija Zakareviciute , Kamiliya Jefimova, Isla Debenham, Sia Anderson and Leo Lake

## New books in school

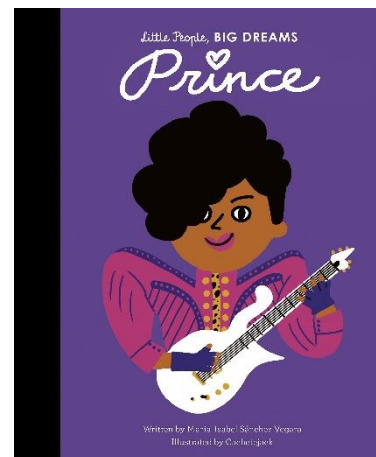
This term each class has received £100 to spend on new books for our class reading corners. The Norfolk Children's Book Centre has sent us a wonderful collection of books and each class has had the opportunity to choose the books they would like in their classrooms. There was much excitement and the children have selected a lovely range of books to enjoy.

## **Black History Month**

October is Black History Month and to celebrate there are a host of great books to read! Here are a few suggestions that you may like to share with your children:



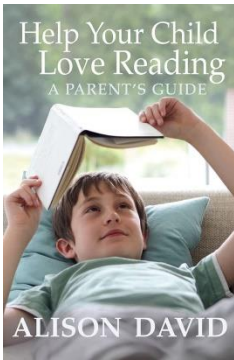
All of these books celebrate the achievements of influential black people.



For more ideas about books to read about black history have a look at this website:  
<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/booklist/black-history>

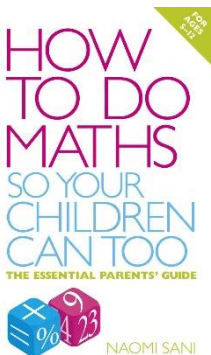
Many of the books can be found in our school library or the local library.

## Books for parents



Would you like your child to read for pleasure or read more than they do? In this easy-to-use and accessible guide, Alison David, Consumer Insight Director at Egmont Publishing, gives you the tools you need to help your child love reading. In the era of screens, with gaming and social media absorbing children's time, fostering a love of reading and regular reading habits has never been harder for parents. This book is filled with expert advice about how to turn reading in your home into a joyful experience that will bring parent and child closer together. This book contains:

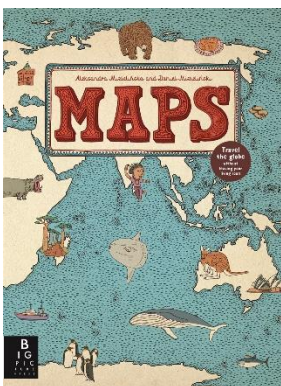
Strategies for each age range, from baby to young adult  
Easy-to-follow steps to carve out time for a reading routine  
Ideas and inspiration for what and how to read



Does the sight of your child's maths homework fill you with dread? Do you look for any excuse when they ask you to explain equations, fractions or multiplication? Maths can often leave children - and parents - perplexed.

How to do Maths so Your Children Can Too works through maths topics with a simple step-by-step approach, explaining the new ways of teaching maths that confuse so many parents. This book will show you how to:

- Master 'number bonds' and 'number lines'
- Divide by 'chunking'
- Multiply using 'the grid method'
- Work with fractions, percentages and ratios
- Understand number and place value



Explore the world with this lavish book of maps. This collection of 52 highly illustrated maps details not only geographical features and political borders, but also places of interest, iconic personalities, native animals and plants, local peoples, cultural events, and many more fascinating facts associated with each region.

This book is a celebration of the world, from its immense mountains to its tiny insects - and everything in between!



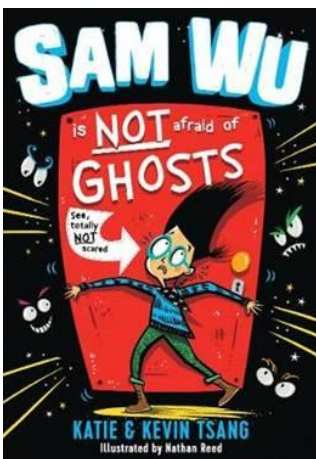
## Recommendations for children who are reluctant to read

There are many reasons why children may be reluctant to read:

- they find reading difficult
- they have not found the type of books they like
- a lot of text can seem daunting
- they would rather be doing something else

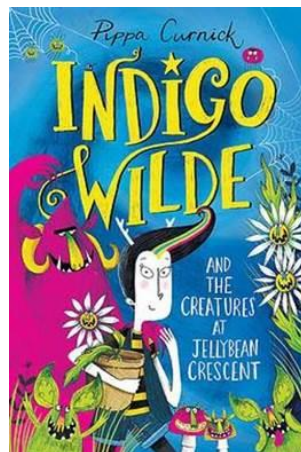
Often, just finding the “right” book for your child can be the key to them enjoying reading.

Here are a few ideas to try if your child hasn’t found their key just yet:



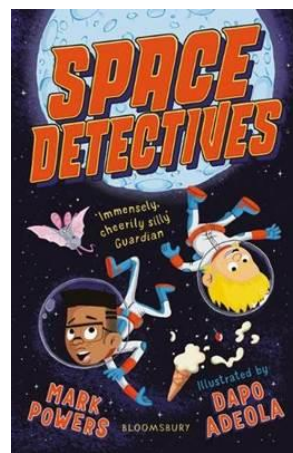
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Reading age: 9+



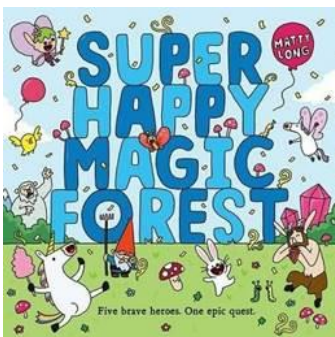
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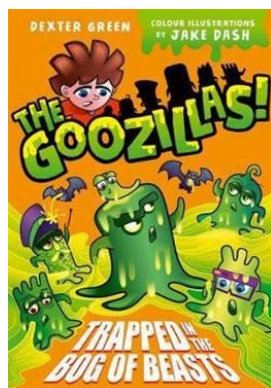


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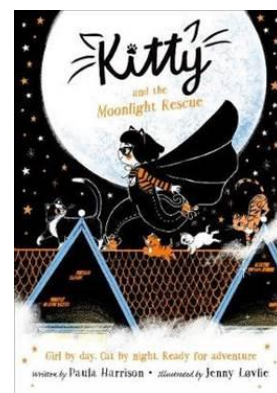


Interest age: 4-5



Interest age: 6-9

Reading age: 6+



Interest age: 4-8

Reading age: 6+

## **We need your help...**

We are looking for some parent helpers to come and read with children in school. Ideally we would like adults who can commit to a regular weekly time, but also welcome anyone who can spare time occasionally. If you think this is something you can help with, please contact Miss McIntyre at Holt Road or Ms McMurray at Mill Lane.

## **I can't afford to buy new books!**

BOOKSWAP



Of course not! Books can be expensive! The best way to get children reading for free is to join your local library. It is free to join and children can usually take out several books in one visit. Librarians can also help with choosing books.

Another way of reading for free is to arrange a book swap. Children can swap books they have finished with their friends. This also gets them talking about reading too.

**Happy Reading!**

*Miss McIntyre and Ms McMurray*