



FISHBOURNE READS

OUR READING FOR PLEASURE NEWSLETTER



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Let's start this edition with an update from our amazing Patron of Reading, Sophy Henn:

Hello to all the little and big fish at the marvellous Fishbourne Primary!

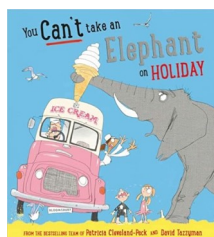
I hope you all had the happiest of Easters and enjoyed all the spoils of those Easter egg hunts! I still have some chocolate left, but only just!

I am busy zooming through Pizazz Book 5 at the moment and have just drawn a lion with a ferocious tongue for the next Lifesize! Yes, I did say tongue...did you know they have lots of little spurs on their tongues that they use to lick the bones of their prey clean. EEUWW! But also very handy if you are a lion! I am at that point of planning Lifesize where I am constantly being dazzled by how clever and amazing nature it, it happens with very book and each one brings me new mind-blowing facts. I will share some sneaky peeks when I come and visit you later this month!

Well, I know it's not quite the summer yet but it feels like we might be heading in that direction so I thought I would share some of my favourite summer holiday books with you to help us all get in the mood for some sunshine (fingers crossed!)...

You can't take an Elephant on Holiday by Patricia Cleveland-Peck and David Tazzy-man

More hilarious elephant based fun from this dazzling duo, listing all the of may wild and wacky creatures you should consider with caution on your summer holiday.

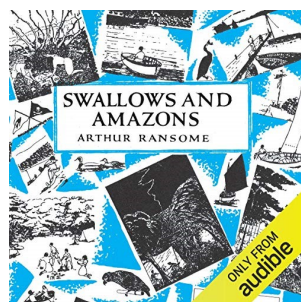


There's a Werewolf in my Tent by Pamela Butchart and Thomas Flintham

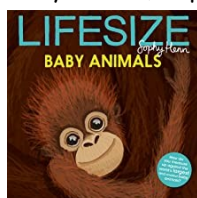
Pamela Butchart is a comedy genius as everybody knows and this book is no exception. Izzy and her friends are off on a school camping trip adventure and super excited about it. Until they get a peek at the new teacher's hairy legs and then Uh-Oh, that can only mean one thing....WEREWOLF!!!!

Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome

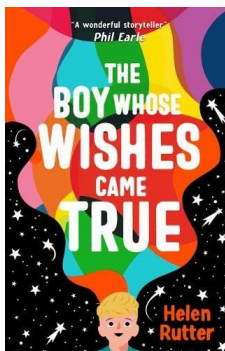
The ultimate summer adventure, the four Walker children are given almost TOTAL freedom to sail about the lakes near their home and set up camp over an idyllic summer holiday. Well, idyllic until they come across two Amazon prates who challenge them to a war, and then the fun really begins. A classic adventure story about friendship and self discovery.



I hope one of those tickles your fancy, and don't forget to drop me a line using the postbox! See you soon, Sophy x



How exciting to know Sophy is currently working on Pizazz 5 (due to be published in October 2022) and a new Lifesize. We can't wait to get our hands on Lifesize Baby Animals which is due to be published in July 2022. So much to look forward to!



In the last edition, we asked for a guest reviewer for Helen Rutter's latest book—**The Boy Whose Wishes Came True**. Myla in Year 5 kindly stepped up for this role and here is her review:

It's about a boy called Archie Crumb who mostly looks after himself because his mother is sick. He has a step mum who is in a relationship with his dad. He also has a best friend called Mouse. One day on the way home from Mouse's house, he fell off his bike, bashed his head and saw his favourite footballer, Lucas Bailey who gave Archie nine wishes. After eight wishes, he realised he did things that made everything worse so decided not to use his last wish. Myla said this book is really good at teaching you about life and how you shouldn't always think about what you want!



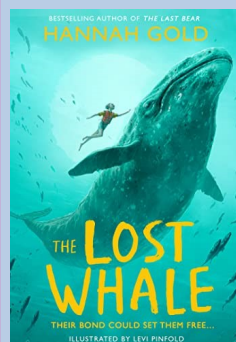
Another guest reviewer this month is Milly from Year 5 who wanted to tell everyone about a great book she's just finished called **Melt** by Ele Fountain - she was inspired to read it because in class they are reading **Boy 87** by the same author.

I give this book a five star rating because I really enjoyed following the two characters journeys and learning about how to survive in the arctic. This book made me think about global warming and the future of the world. The book is full of adventure and kindness, following two children with opposite lifestyles who go on to save each others lives!



New Releases

If you would like to be our guest reviewer this month, please do let Mrs Day know!



Our Y6 class loved reading Hannah's first book **The Last Bear** and her newest book has just been published.

What if you could communicate with a whale?

Rio has been sent to live with a grandmother he barely knows in California, while his mum is in hospital back home. Alone and adrift, the only thing that makes him smile is joining his new friend Marina on her dad's whale watching trips. That is until an incredible encounter with White Beak, a gentle giant of the sea changes everything. But when White Beak goes missing, Rio must set out on a desperate quest to find his whale and somehow save his mum.



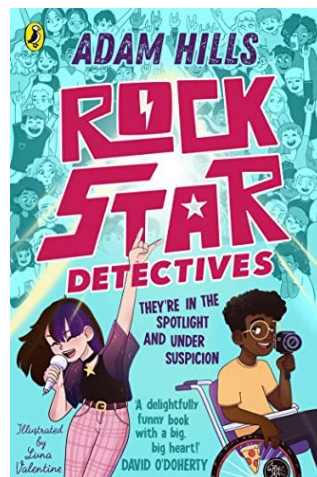
Book recommendations from Penguin Class (Year 4)



We had so much positive feedback from you all about our last edition of Fishbourne Reads and Elephant classes fabulous recommendations that this time we have handed the reins over to our wonderful Penguins!

Luka recommends *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepherd because of the themes of positivity and determination (which of course are two of our school learning behaviours!). Luka says the two main characters, Flicker (the dragon) and Tomas make him feel funny, happy and joyful. Tomas finds a dragon fruit tree and a dragon inside it. He calls it Flicker and it actually breathes fire!

'When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches! The tree is a dragonfruit tree, and Tomas has got his very own dragon, Flicker ... Tomas soon finds out that life with Flicker is great fun, but also very ... unpredictable. Yes, dragons are wonderful, but they also set fire to your toothbrush and leave your pants hanging from the TV aerial. Tomas has to learn how to look after Flicker - and quickly. And then something extraordinary happens - more dragonfruits appear on the tree. Tomas is officially growing dragons ...'

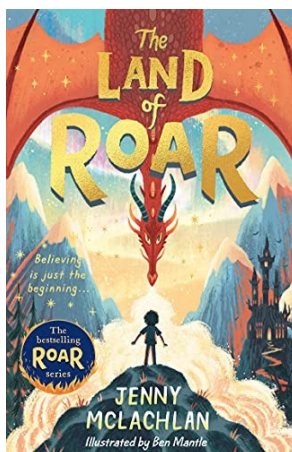
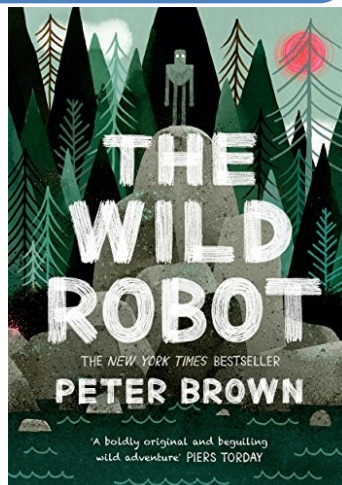


Bethany recommends *Rockstar Detectives* by Adam Hills which she says she LOVED and that it was 'so super-fun to read' but most of all she learned that you can be anything you want if you put your mind to it.

'When a priceless painting goes missing, Charley - a 12-year-old viral singing sensation - and her best friend George - camera whizz and budding comedian - are shocked to discover they're the prime suspects. Now Charley and George have to prove they're not international

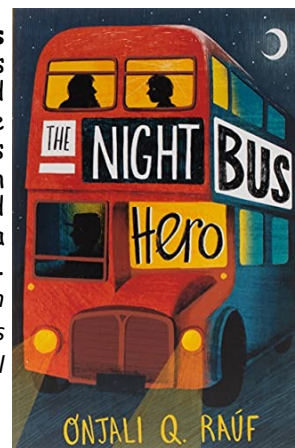
criminals - all while nailing a stellar European tour and keeping up with their homework! But as news of high-profile heists hits the headlines wherever they go, Charley and George keep finding themselves in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons. Can they solve these baffling crimes and save themselves, or will their shot for stardom be over almost as soon as it's begun?'

Isaac recommends *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown which he says is a whole roller coaster of emotions! There are two main characters—Roz (the robot) and Bright Bill (the goose). Roz left Isaac feeling impressed because she learns emotions. Roz is a robot who got washed up on an island in the middle of the ocean. She's a monster but over time she learns the language of the animals. But, there was an accident that changed Roz's life... 'When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is - but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realises that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home - until, one day, her mysterious past comes back to haunt her.'



Ollie recommends *The Land of Roar* by Jenny McLaughlan which he says is an exciting story with lots of funny characters and he thinks it will really pull you in and definitely be exciting! 'When Arthur and Rose were little, they were heroes in the Land of Roar, an imaginary world that they found by climbing through the folding bed in their grandad's attic. Roar was filled with things they loved - dragons, mermaids, ninja wizards and adventure - as well as things that scared them (including a very creepy scarecrow...) Now the twins are eleven, Roar is just a memory. But when they help Grandad clean out the attic, Arthur is horrified as Grandad is pulled into the folding bed and vanishes. Is he playing a joke? Or is Roar ... real?'

Molly recommends *The Night Bus Hero* by Onjali Rauf because it's got adventure, friendship and courage. Her favourite part of the book is when one of the characters found himself helping others when he had never done so before and that this means that if you make a bad choice, you can make it up. 'In this lively, entertaining read, an unsettling encounter with a homeless man sets school bully Hector on the trail of robbers'



Can you help?

We would absolutely love to hear about what you have been reading! Could you review one of the books you read this summer and send it in for the next edition of the Fishbourne Reads? Please send it to: head@fishbourneprimary.co.uk