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HAPPY NEW YEAR Little Fish!

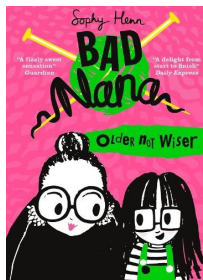
Back by very popular demand is our Fishbourne Reads newsletter which was missed enormously by many of you last term! We have LOTS of exciting news to share with you in this edition and some super new books to make you aware of.



We are really, really looking forward to welcoming Sophie Henn to school again in March when she will share more of her adventures since her last visit. We are eagerly awaiting the publication of her new series of books which she has shared the development of with each visit she has had to school! Sophie's series of books are aimed at children in Years 2,3,4

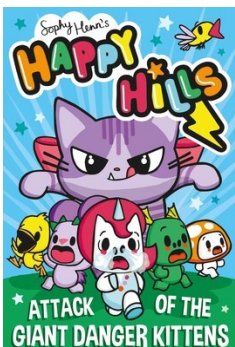
although we know many of our little fish still love to keep up with the Pizazz series and are catching up as they go on through Key Stage 2. Our wonderful Elephant class and Mrs Harris both feature in the Pizazz series! If you haven't yet read from the Pizazz or Bad Nana series of books, you can find out more about them below:

Jeanie's Grandma is BAD. Not bad like a vampire or a gangster or anything, more like . . . up to no good. Sometimes she can be a bit embarrassing but most of the time she's REALLY fun, especially when she gets Jeanie involved in her mischievous schemes. Everyone says she's old enough to know better . . . but she doesn't seem to care one bit. In fact, Jeanie thinks she might quite like it! Bad Nana is a deliciously wicked new series for ages six and up, told through the eyes of 7 3/4-year-old Jeanie. Gorgeously illustrated throughout with vibrantly coloured spreads, Bad Nana's naughty exploits will shock and appal - and make you snort with laughter!



Being a superhero is the best thing ever, right? WRONG! HELLO! My name is Pizazz and I'm a superhero... You probably think that's really AWESOME and while it can be, it's also REEEEEEE-AAALLLLLY annoying. Don't believe me? Well, I have to wear the same outfit ALL THE TIME! I'm always dashing off to save the world right in the middle of fun stuff. Plus I have to be the good guy even when I might not want to be. And sometimes I just want to be, well, normal. You see, it's not easy being SUPER ...

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Meet the friendly and not-so-friendly residents of Happy Hills, a place where anything can happen and always does! When unicorn Ace stumbles across happy hills, he is surrounded by the residents who are keen to share their spooky stories, plays a town-wide game of IT, all while avoiding GIANT DANGER KITTENS.

Our Year 5 class are mega-fans of MG Leonard who is a brilliant author, responsible for several super series of books that are well worth knowing about especially for children in Key Stage 2. M. G. Leonard has made up stories ever since she was a little girl. Back then, adults called them lies or tall tales, so she didn't think to write them down. Now, she makes up stories about beetles, birds, trains or anything that sparks her imagination.

The Beetle Trilogy

Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle - and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery?



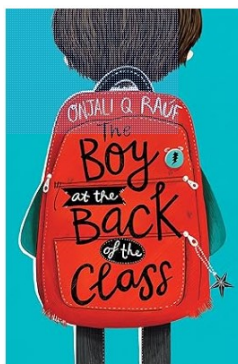
Adventures on Trains

Harrison Beck and his Uncle Nat are enjoying the final journey of the Highland Falcon, Britain's most famous steam train. But when a precious jewel goes missing, Harrison and his new friend Lenny find themselves at the centre of the investigation.



Twitchers Quartet

Twitch has three pet chickens, four pigeons, swallows nesting in his bedroom and a passion for birdwatching. On the first day of the summer holidays, he arrives at his secret hide to find police everywhere: a convicted robber has broken out of prison and is hiding in Aves Wood. Can Twitch use his talents for birdwatching to hunt for the dangerous prisoner and find the missing loot?



After half term, everyone in Key Stage 2 will be heading off to Chichester Festival Theatre to enjoy watching Onjali Rauf's brilliant book, Boy at the Back of the Class, on stage. We are all super-excited for this opportunity and can't wait to see how it is brought to the stage! Lots of children in KS2 have already read the book, but in case you haven't, here's a little taste of what to expect...

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite!

But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help.

That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .

If you'd like to find out more about the play before you go, you can explore the website here:

<https://www.theboyatthebackoftheclass.co.uk/>



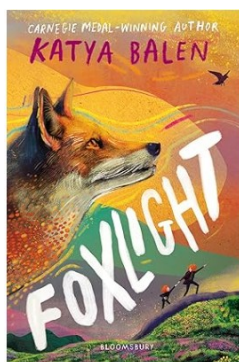
Rafferty from Elephant class would like to recommend another exciting adventure story—Peril on the Atlantic by AM Howell. Rafferty awarded this a WHOPPING five stars in his review: 'Alice is spending the summer with her father on the Queen Mary to beat the fastest time to sail across the Atlantic Ocean from Southampton to New York. A crime is committed and Alice and her new friends, Sonny, Miriam and Charlie have to get to the

bottom of it. While uncovering bank notes, guns and other shipping companies, a new mystery has come up about Alice's past. Can Alice and her new friends stop the pair of saboteurs before they assassinate the whole ship?'



New Releases

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



A heartbreaking and heart-warming story about sisterhood, found family and accepting love in the most unusual and unknown places.

Fen and Rey were found curled up small and tight in the fiery fur of the foxes at the very edge of the wildlands. Fen is loud and fierce and free. She feels a connection to foxes and a calling from the wild that she's desperate to return to. Rey is quiet and shy and an expert on nature. She reads about the birds, feeds the lands and nurtures the world around her.

They are twin sisters. Different and the same. Separate and connected. They will always have each other, even if they don't have a mother and don't know their beginning. But they do want answers. Answers to who their mother is and where she might be. What their story is and how it began. So when a fox appears late one night at the house, Fen and Rey see it as a sign - it's here to lead them to their truth, find their real family and fill the missing piece they have felt since they were born.

But the wildlands are exactly that: wild. They are wicked and cruel and brutal and this journey will be harder and more life changing than either Fen or Rey ever imagined ...



Introducing Mr Neve, another book fanatic who is new to our school family... let's get to know him...

Where do you enjoy reading?

I love to read outside, especially in a park and in the summer. I can forget all about the heat, and focus on what I'm reading.

Who is your favourite author of all time?

Rick Riordan is the author I would love to meet most. One of my favourite things to learn about were Greek myths, and his Percy Jackson books really encouraged me to start reading when I was younger, and how to use my imagination.

What are you currently reading?

I am currently reading "The leaf thief". It is a book I first read with cheetah class, when I first started at Fishbourne, and it has become a favourite of mine, understanding all about change all around us, especially as we are going into the spring.



Squirrel is **so cross**.

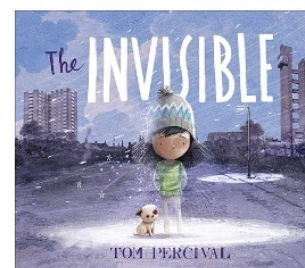
Yesterday there were **loads** of beautiful leaves on his tree, but today?

Today some are missing and Squirrel is **convinced** that someone has **stolen** them... there's a **leaf thief** on the loose! Join Squirrel on a **mission** to find the culprit, and meet so many **fun animals** on the way, while you find out how the world takes

on **different colours** as the months pass by.

Here are some other fabulous new picture books...

The Invisible is the story of a young girl called Isabel and her family. They don't have much, but they have what they need to get by. Until one day, there isn't enough money to pay their rent and bills and they have to leave their home full of happy memories and move to the other side of the city. It is the story of a girl who goes on to make one of the hardest things anyone can ever make...a difference. And it is the story of those who are overlooked in our society - who are made to feel invisible - and why *everyone has a place here. We all belong.*



The Power of Kindness

Each page has words and pictures that will inform what kindness is (or isn't). Igniting curiosity about kindness and how it makes others feel and ultimately how great you feel to give it.



Can you help?

We would absolutely **love** to hear about what you have been reading over the Christmas break! Could you review one of the books you read and send it in for the next edition of the Fishbourne Reads? You can send it to: head@fishbourneprimary.co.uk and it we will be delighted to include it in the next edition!