



# FISHBOURNE READS

OUR READING FOR PLEASURE NEWSLETTER



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Hello little fish!

Did you tune into Blue Peter last week?! If so, you will have heard the SHORTLIST announced for the Blue Peter Book Awards 2021. We will be buying a copy of each of these books for our school library where you would be warmly welcome to borrow a copy and let us know what you think! Did you know? Pizazz by our very own Sophy Henn featured in the long list?!



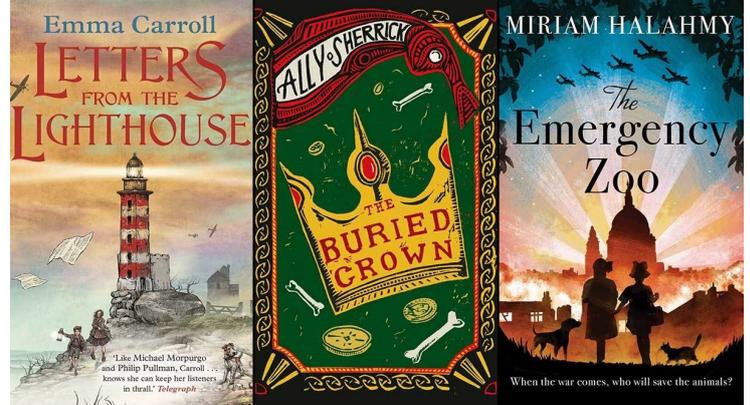
You can hear more about the Blue Peter book awards here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/bp-book-awards>

### Have you visited our library recently?

Well if not, make sure you do! Mrs Whitaker is our amazing Crocodiles LSA and she LOVES books! We have asked her if she would be happy to become our Library Champion and I am delighted that she said YES! She will be helping to look after our beautiful library and making it a special place for you to be! This week she's been preparing it for our next whole school learning experience, Peace, and it's looking absolutely AMAZING! Go in and have an explore... why not pick up a new book to borrow and learn more about what you are doing in the classroom?



Can you recommend any books with a wartime theme?



### Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll

Olive and her brother Cliff are evacuated to Devon and end up living in the lighthouse with Mr Ephron, who doesn't really want them initially. Olive starts to take messages from him to the villagers. She decides that these are secret messages and that there is a whole lot more to the village than you first think. Olive also has a secret of her own - her older sister Sukie is missing following an air raid in London. There are wonderful twists and turns in this story that have you sitting on the edge of your seat.

### The Buried Crown by Ally Sherrick

It's World War II and Britain is on the brink of invasion. Londoner George has been sent to live in the countryside while his brother and guardian, Charlie, trains to be a pilot - but he's very far from safe. He finds sanctuary with Kitty, a Jewish German refugee, and her grandfather. Alongside this story is a plot where Hitler has tasked some Nazis to go to England and get hold of the Buried Crown. It is a thrilling adventure story with moments of magic realism. Kitty and George save the day - in more ways than one.

### The Emergency Zoo by Miriam Halahmy

This story is based at the beginning of the Second World War and deals with the little-known issue of what happened to everyone's pets! The two main characters, Tilly and Rosy, decide to hide their own pets as they cannot bear the idea that they might be put down. Soon, other children hear what they've done and bring along their beloved animals too. Suddenly, Tilly and Rosy find themselves with a zoo of pets - but they also face the threat of evacuation and what they are going to do with all the animals. It is a story of hope and understanding.

Here are a couple of books that children have been exploring in school this week...

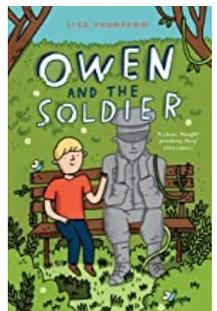


**One Hundred Steps by Captain Sir Tom Moore:** A book about adventure, about family, about never giving up, and about what we can achieve when we work together.

This is an inspirational picture book, published in support of the creation of the Captain Tom Foundation, which tells the incredible story of the man who walked 100 laps of his garden and captured the heart of a nation.

### Owen and the Soldier by Lisa Thompson

A crumbling stone soldier sits on a bench in the park. Only Owen understands how important he is. At home, Owen and his mum are struggling and there's nobody he can talk to. Hidden away in the park, Owen feels free to be himself. When the war-weary soldier is listening, his worries slip away. But nobody else cares about the soldier, and the town council want to tear him down. Owen's the only one who can save him but can he find the courage to speak up before it's too late?



In this issue, we interviewed Mrs Harris about her love of reading...



**What are you reading right now?**

I am currently reading 'The Lido' By Libby Page. It is all about a community coming together to protect their local Lido from being closed down and friendships developing that usually might not! It is very heart-warming and easy reading!

**Where do you like to read?**

I love taking some quiet time for a read, this is usually on my own, in my bedroom or I sneak downstairs before anyone else has woken up. I am really enjoying audiobooks at the moment too! My absolute favourite time of day is bedtime stories with my children, a truly special time for getting lost in a book together!

**Favourite children's book of all time?**

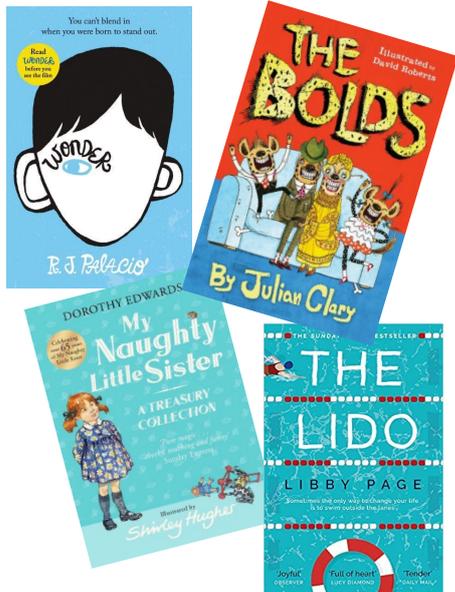
It has to be 'My Naughty Little Sister' by Dorothy Edwards. When I was little, I really thought that I was her and that my sister was the sensible big sister... I'm not sure a lot has changed!

**A book you'd recommend for someone in Year 4?**

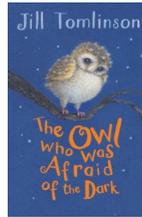
I'm afraid I can't choose one! I recently reread 'Wonder' by R.J.Palacio. It is stunning. It will challenge and change the way you think. I love when a book can move you to tears and this one did, around seven times! The characters are wonderful. My eight-year-old son describes this book as: "beautiful, heart-warming and kind". I would also recommend 'The Bolds' by Julian Clary because it is utterly HILARIOUS!

**What's special about being a reader?**

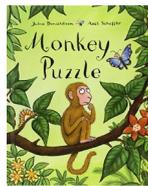
EVERYTHING! I love that you can read a book that might make you think differently or see something from someone else's point of view. Most of all, I love the friendship that it brings! I love to talk about books and I love to hear others recommending books to each other, building a reading community!



Recommendations from our Little Fish...



Recommended by Bethany in Penguins 'It is a brilliant book because the owl is named Plop' and he flies to peoples back gardens and fields. He also watched fireworks, bonfires and campfires. Plop is fat and fluffy with big, brown eyes and soft, downy feathers. This book is beautiful, and I love it!



Recommended by Juno in Penguins 'I liked Monkey Puzzle because it helped me and my brother be inspired by the animals. Did you know that I even tried to draw the monkey?!'



Recommended by Lillie in Penguins 'The whole of the class had this book so I asked my mum if I could have it and she said yes! I love this because there's a little girl the same as me with a little brother. Bad Nana is very cheeky and often causes trouble. I learnt everyone can have a bit of cheek, even when you're old!'



Last half term, Mylo was our guest reviewer having volunteered to read the newly published, Voyage of the Sparrowhawk...

Before I started Voyage of the Sparrowhawk I read the back and thought the story would be adventurous and

realistic. It was very interesting to read about the author.

The first chapter was slow moving, but chapter 2 was more dramatic and made me want to keep reading. Although Lottie brought drama to the adventure and Ben was brave, the story should have picked up more after this many pages.

Now I have reached Part 2, I am a third of the way through this book, it is much more exciting and finally flowing faster. I am looking forward to finishing the story. I would recommend this book to people who like thorough stories, but you need to stick with it until Part 2 when they set sail.

Reviewed by Milo Bryan, Year 4



Look out for our December issue which will be coming out soon... we will be featuring a selection of lovely Christmas books! If you can make a recommendation do let us know as we would love to share it with the rest of the school! Drop your review in our Sophy Henn post box outside the

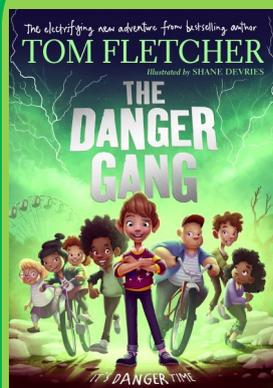
**New releases!**

**The Danger Gang by Tom Fletcher**

Franky can't wait to move to his new town - although he wishes he didn't have to leave his best friend Dani behind. But everything changes after the storm, when strange green lightning and powerful thunder crash down on the town. From that night on, the kids who live on Franky's street start to change. One by one, they become a little odd. A little unusual. A little... magical.

Franky's always wanted to be part of an amazing gang - just like his hero, super-spy Zack Danger! And soon, he realises that there's real danger in store for himself and his new friends.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REVIEW THIS BOOK FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE? IF SO, let Mrs Day know!



Kate DiCamillo believes

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift."

How do you feel about reading? Is it a chore, a duty or a precious gift? Post your view in our Sophy Henn post box and we will let you know what most people felt in our next newsletter!