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READING NEWSLETTER

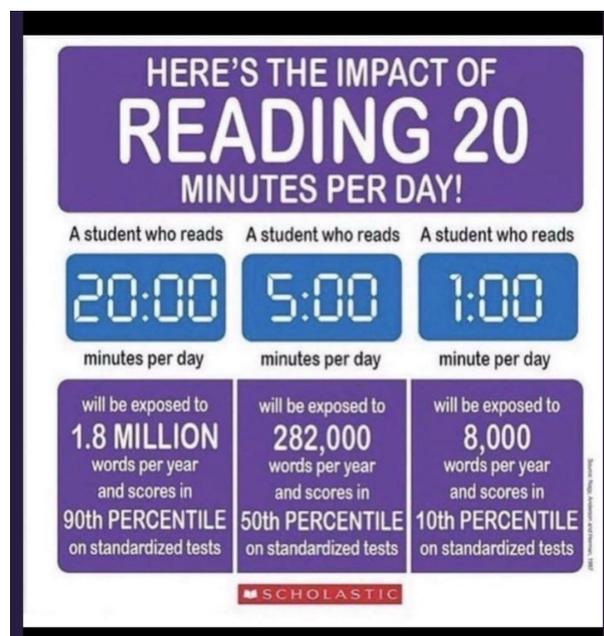
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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

A very warm welcome to our brand new Twiss Green Reading Newsletter! We hope you will really enjoy reading all about what we are doing to promote reading for pleasure at school and at home. Our aim is to publish the Reading Newsletter once every half term - inside you will find updates on everything that is happening regarding reading at school and news on events that we have planned. We will also be providing recommendations on great new books for children across the school and sharing information about wonderful authors and illustrators, who are producing great new stories! If you need any help with finding new books to enjoy or with reading at home or in school, please do get in touch!

Why should children read for pleasure?

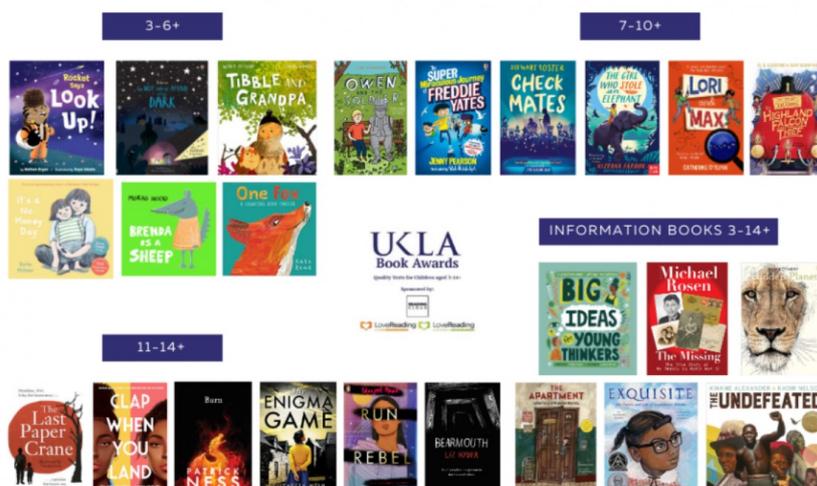
Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, there's evidence to suggest that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.



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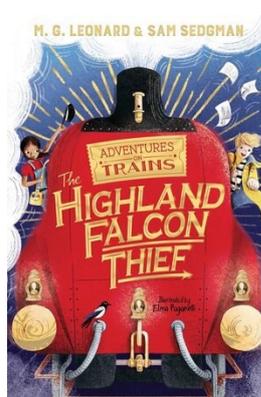
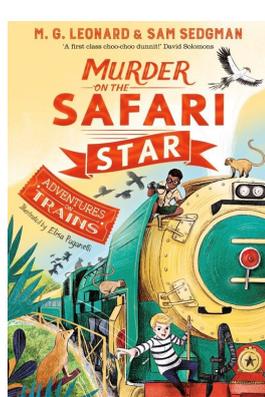
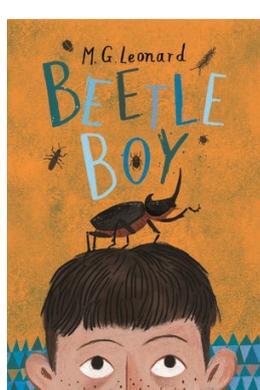
Book Award News

Now in their 12th year the UKLA awards are the only ones judged entirely by teachers and the shortlist has just been announced. Including brilliant books such as 'Brenda is a Sheep', 'The Highland Falcon Thief' and 'The Girl Who Stole An Elephant' it will be a tough competition! Winners will be announced on 2nd July.



MEET THE AUTHOR!

AUTHOR FOCUS: M.G. LEONARD



Who is M.G. Leonard?

MG Leonard is the author of the Beetle Boy trilogy of books, and her latest book, is the Beetle Collector's Handbook. An interest in gardening inspired her to overcome her fear of insects and learn more about the insect world. Leonard then spent six years researching beetles for her Beetle Boy books and now shares her passion taking beetles on school visits.

How do you feel about 'The Highland Falcon Thief' being shortlisted by ULCA?

My heart is full today. This award is judged and voted for entirely by teachers, and all children's authors dream of winning because we know that for many children, the classroom can be the first place they encounter books and develop a passion for reading. Teachers are champions of reading, and if they rate your book, you're doing a good job.

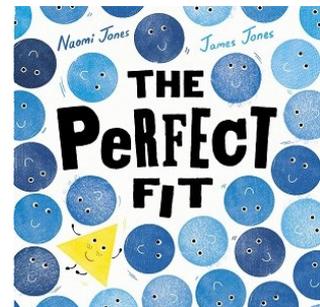
We have a range of books by M.G. Leonard in school. Ask your teacher if you would like to read some.

BOOKS FOR SUMMER TERM 1!

EYFS RECOMMENDATION!

The Perfect Fit by Naomi Jones

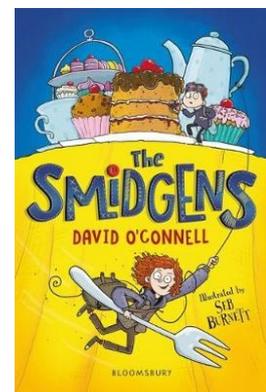
No matter how hard she tries, Triangle doesn't roll like the circles, or stack like the squares...so she sets off to find friends that look exactly like her. But when she finds the other triangles, playtime isn't as much fun. She misses the shapes that roll and stack; she misses being different. So she starts a new quest, one that gets all of the different shapes playing and having fun together!



KS1 RECOMMENDATION!

The Smidgens by David O'Connell

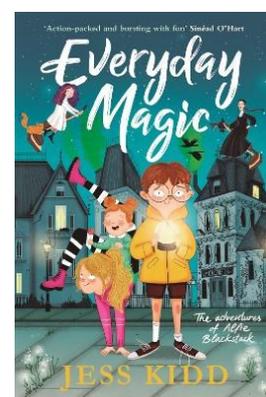
Gafferty Sprout is a Smidgen. A Smidgen looks like a human, sounds like a human, and loves chips with curry sauce like a human - if humans were three inches tall. If you took a human and shrunk it in the washing machine on a very hot spin cycle, you might get something like a Smidgen. Generations ago there were lots of them, living in a maze of tunnels beneath the human village of Dundoodle. But then something happened and they just disappeared. Now Gafferty, her parents and her little brothers Gobkin and Grub are the only ones left!



LKS2 RECOMMENDATION!

Everyday Magic by Jess Kidd

Magical, mischievous and mysterious, *Everyday Magic* is an enchanted mix of *The Witches*, *Nevermoor* and *Lemony Snicket*. Nine-year-old Alfie Blackstack's parents have met a very unfortunate end. Now he's living in the dark and cobwebby Switherbroom Hall with his mad-haired Aunt Gertie and warty Aunt Zita, who would really like to pickle him. Before long, Alfie realises his aunts aren't just the weird local chemists, they're witches!

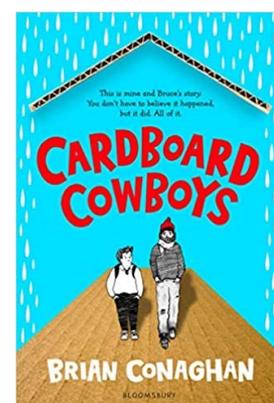


UKS2 RECOMMENDATION!

Cardboard Cowboys by Brian Conaghan

Even though I found him living in a house made of cardboard, Bruce is a massive legend. FACT. So this is mine and Bruce's story. You don't have to believe it happened, but it did. All of it.

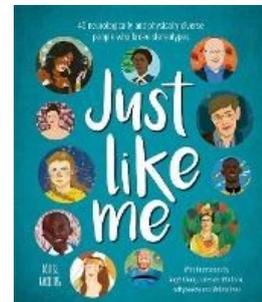
Nobody at school can see past Lenny's size to the person within. So when lessons get too tough, Lenny always goes to his bench to think. At least there no one can see him. Then one day, midway through lobbing his empty can of Irn-Bru into the canal he's stopped by Bruce. Bruce lives in a cardboard home hidden away by the banks, and he doesn't approve of kids messing up his front lawn ... But a bumpy start soon gives way to an unexpected friendship - and an epic road trip - that will change both of them for life.



BOOKS FOR SUMMER TERM 1! NON-FICTION RECOMMENDATION!

Just Like Me by Louise Gooding

An anthology of 40 inspirational figures who are neurologically or physically diverse. The world is full of people who are a little different. Our uniqueness makes us who we are. We are all 'different; not less'. This is a collection of the true stories of 40 inspirational figures from around the world, all of whom are physically or neurologically diverse. Each story includes struggles and triumphs, a motivational quote and information on each condition. Reflective of our diverse society, this book features Simone Biles, Selena Gomez, Temple Grandin, Warwick Davies, Daniel Radcliffe, Stephen Hawking, Greta Thunberg and many more.



TEACHERS AS READERS: MISS DUNN

1. What are you reading at the moment?

The Ickabog with my class. I'm reading 'The Danger Gang' and 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' at home.

2) What is your favourite children's book and why?

There are so many fantastic children's books but my all-time favourite is The Harry Potter Collection. I started reading them when I was 8 and I still think they are brilliant now. I think a recent, more modern author, that writes brilliant children's books is Tom Fletcher.

3) Where is your favourite place to read?

Somewhere comfortable. It's a draw between the sofa in my living room or the sofa in my garden when the weather is warmer.

4) Real book or Kindle?

I love having a real book but I swap between the kindle, real books and Audible. I think varying reading methods is important and real books should not be lost to the digital era.



Finally, a message from the Y6 Reading Ambassadors...

"Our job is to encourage others in school to read more, and find their own love of reading. There is lots of research that shows children who read regularly at home perform better at school. As well as being beneficial to learning, it is also lots of fun when you find the right types of books for you!"
Lena, Henry S, Freya JS and William