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# READING NEWSLETTER

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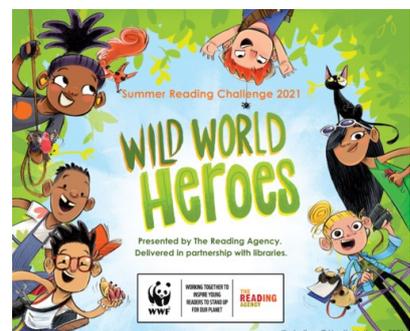
## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

*This is the second (and last!) reading newsletter for this academic year. Remember to keep reading over the summer break and visit the local library when you can. The details for the Summer Reading Challenge are below along with information about an exciting competition. I can't wait for September, so we can start another year of fantastic fun with books — Mrs. Kelly*

We're so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Get ready for Wild World Heroes, arriving online and in Culcheth library this summer.

Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville! It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there. Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too. They are teaming up with WWF for a very special nature-themed challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet! Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.



The new opening hours for Culcheth Library are:

- Monday: 2pm to 6pm
- Thursday: 12pm to 4pm
- Saturday: 9:30am to 1pm

Are you excited to join the #WildWorldHeroes this summer?

## TG EXTREME READING COMPETITION

Where is the most extreme place you have ever read a book?

Whether it is up a tree, on top of a mountain or stood on your head—we want your photos! Your challenge this summer holidays is to take a picture of yourself reading somewhere extreme and send it into school by Friday 10th September for the chance to win a prize.

Obviously, we are encouraging you to keep safe (I wouldn't recommend reading in the jaws of a crocodile!) but we are really looking forward to seeing who in school has such a passion for reading that they have to do it anywhere and everywhere!

We will be making displays of the entries and so to help with this please bring in a photo or email one to [lkelly@twissgreen.net](mailto:lkelly@twissgreen.net)

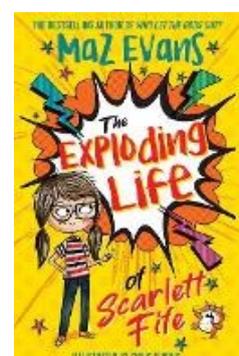
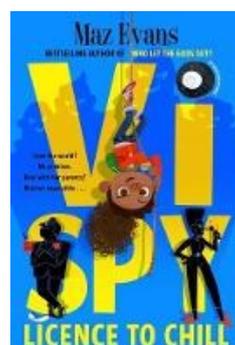
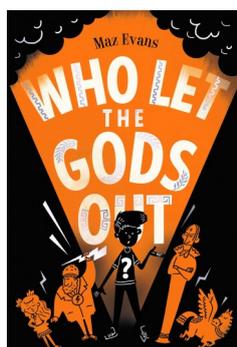
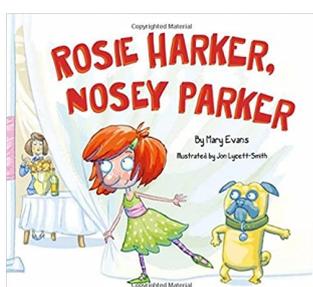


# MEET THE AUTHOR!

## AUTHOR FOCUS: Maz Evans

Who is Maz Evans?

Maz Evans is the author of the WHO LET THE GODS OUT? trilogy of books series, which has sold to 19 countries worldwide and has received over 20 award nominations, including the Carnegie Medal and Waterstone's Children's Book of the Year. Her latest books include 'The Exploding Life of Scarlet Fife' and the first in a new spy series 'Vi-Spy: License to Chill'.



What was your favourite childhood book and why?

Like most children's authors, I was a massive Roald Dahl fan and to this day I love *The Twits*. But a book that really stayed with me was *A Necklace of Raindrops* by Joan Aiken, illustrated so beautifully by Jan Pienkowski. It's a collection of short stories, but the title story about a little girl who is gifted a magical raindrop necklace by her godfather, the North Wind, really stayed with me. So much so, in fact, that when I bought the book for my little girl thirty years later, I could still remember the story word for word!

Which of your books is your favourite?

This is such a tough question as, like my kids I love them all, just for different reasons! The one I'm most proud of is *Simply The Quest*, my second novel, because it was an absolute nightmare to write! It was two completely different books before I settled on the right one and I think I terrified my publishers that I had completely forgotten how to write! But I battled on and I got there in the end – and thankfully, my readers seem to love it.

Why do you choose to read? Or why bother? Or what is reading good for?

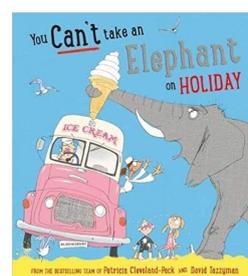
I used to think that reading was just something I really enjoyed, but as I get older and uglier, I realise it is essential for my wellbeing as a writer and as a very busy human! Reading takes you out of yourself and gives your brain somewhere to holiday while you figure out real life. Reading fills your head with stories, ideas and experiences beyond your own and makes you think about the world(s) you don't know. I love it. Can you tell...?

# BOOKS FOR SUMMER TERM 2!

## EYFS RECOMMENDATION!

**You Can't Take an Elephant on Holiday** by Patricia Cleveland-Peck

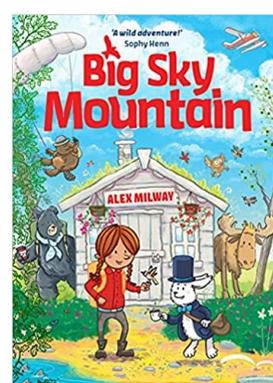
Imagine playing minigolf with meerkats or building a sandcastle with an armadillo! And don't even think about eating candyfloss when there's an albatross about! Jam-packed with crazy creatures, this brilliant new book from the creators of *You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus* is riotous, laugh-out-loud fun!



## KS1 RECOMMENDATION!

**Big Sky Mountain** by Alex Milway

Welcome to Big Sky Mountain: a home for everyone! Rosa has come from the city to live with Grandma Nan in the wilds of Big Sky Mountain. And what surprises are in store for her! Grandma Nan is not *exactly* an ordinary grandma, and Big Sky Mountain is like nowhere Rosa has dreamed about before. Grandma Nan lives in an old wooden cabin with Albert the moose and Little Pig the pygmy owl, and spends every day out on adventures. From canoeing down rapids to making friends with the local animals, life never stays still for long on Big Sky Mountain!



## LKS2 RECOMMENDATION!

**The Caravan at the Edge of Doom** by Jim Beckett

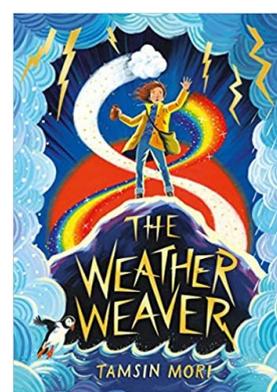
When her grandparents explode in their caravan toilet late one night, twelve-year-old Harley discovers a surprising truth: their toilet is a gateway to the Land of the Dead, and they are its Guardians. Well, they were. But there's no time to mourn their passing. Because Harley's baby brother has accidentally gone with them to the Land of the Dead. And Harley only has 24 hours to rescue him before he's trapped there FOREVER!



## UKS2 RECOMMENDATION!

**Weather Weaver** by Tamsin Mori

11 year-old Stella has returned home to Shetland to spend the summer with her Grandpa, but it's nothing like she remembers. Grandpa is lost in his grief for Gran, the island is bleak and Stella feels trapped, until she encounters an old woman, Tamar, who can spin rainbows and call hurricanes. With the help of Nimbus, a feisty young storm cloud, Stella begins to learn the craft of weather weaving. But when her cloud brain-fogs Grandpa and The Haken (a sea witch) starts to close in, she realises that magic comes with big responsibilities. It will take all her heart and courage to face the coming storm...



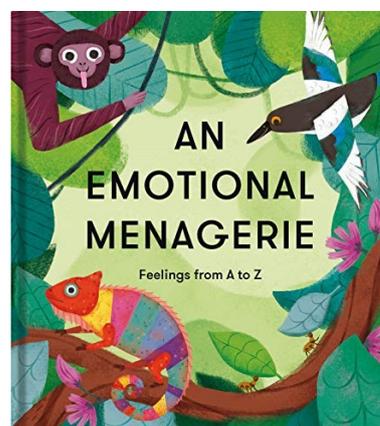
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## NON-FICTION RECOMMENDATION!

An Emotional Menagerie: Feelings from A to Z

by The School of Life

*An Emotional Menagerie* is an emotional glossary for children. A book of 26 rhyming poems, arranged alphabetically, that bring our feelings to life Anger, Boredom, Curiosity, Dreaminess, Embarrassment, Fear, Guilt, and more. The poems transform each emotion. Into a different animal to provide a clear and engaging illustration of its character: how it arises; how it makes us behave and how we can learn to manage its effects. Boasting a rich vocabulary, the poems also give children a wide variety of options for describing their feelings to others.



## TEACHERS AS READERS: MRS DURR

1. What are you reading at the moment?

I'm reading 'The Cottage on Sunshine Beach' by Holly Martin. In Reception Class we're reading 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin and to my own children I'm reading 'Malory Towers' by Enid Blyton. All of which are set by the sea!

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

My favourite children's book was 'The Apple Pie Alien' by Sheila Lavelle. It was the first chapter book I ever read and I loved the mischief the main character, Jupiter Jane, got up to! I have a copy that my daughter loves to read, which makes it even more special.

3. Where is your favourite place to read?

I like to read outdoors or in my conservatory.

4. Real book or Kindle? I don't have a Kindle. I don't think you can beat a real book but I do see the appeal of a Kindle and having lots of books in one place .



## RECOMMENDED BY YOU!



Have you read a good book lately? Do you want to tell everyone about it? Well now you can! Ask your teacher for a book recommendation form and share your find with the rest of the school. Look out for your contribution in next term's newsletter!