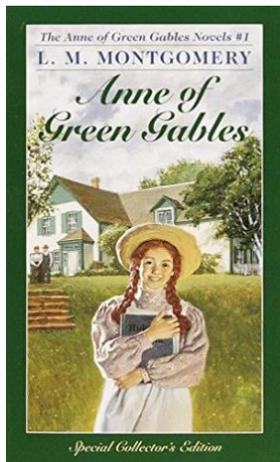




# June Library Newsletter

*“Tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it...Yet.” –  
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery*

Anne is one of my favourite characters in literature – her desire for beauty, imagination and goodness motivates her behaviour. The very traits that make Anne unique also cause her to frequently to make a mess of things. Daydreams constantly absorb her, taking her attention away from her chores. But what would we be without daydreams? In the hurly burly of life, it is all too easy to forget the importance of just letting our imaginations take over for a while. There is no better place to start nurturing our dreams than by becoming absorbed in a good book.



There are huge benefits in encouraging a child’s imagination and literature can be a key element in this. Books can be used as a springboard for acting out stories and opening up a discussion about the characters and the plot.

I recently read “The Explorer” by Katherine Rundell with a group. We were all “transported” to the Amazon rainforest and even imagined what it would be like to have to eat tarantula legs. We did try this- but with liquorice sticks instead!

## Barrington Stoke Books and Dyslexia

In our library we are lucky enough to have a very wide selection of books published by Barrington Stoke. These books are especially especially written and printed to make reading more accessible to dyslexic readers. They pride themselves on using high quality writers and a range of techniques to help children who find reading challenging:

“For 25 years we’ve been publishing super-readable books to help **every** child unlock a love of reading. Alongside award-winning and engaging stories from the best writers, our books contain a whole host of specialist features designed to help dyslexic and reluctant readers.”

A promotional graphic for Barrington Stoke. It has a teal background. On the left, the text reads '\* 8 WAYS \* TO HELP YOUR CHILD LOVE READING'. Below this, it says 'GUEST BLOG BY SAM FROM DYSLEXIA SPARKS'. On the right, there is a small portrait of a woman with blonde hair. The Barrington Stoke logo is at the bottom right of the graphic.

For a full range of their books and to find out about the specialist techniques they use do visit their website

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

It is estimated that one in ten people have dyslexia so chances are someone in your family or in your class has it. In a recent edition of "First News" Richard Branson was interviewed about his dyslexia and the positive effect it has had on his life. He calls it his "superpower" and describes how it has helped him to be so successful.

need to hold you back from achieving great things. Now I don't think dyslexia is a setback, it is an ability."

**The interview**  
**George:** You call dyslexia a superpower. What do you mean by that?  
**Richard:** I think that dyslexic people think differently than other people and they are generally more creative, and because we have difficulties with some things, we actually exceed at the things we are good at. You'll find that throughout life you will exceed at things that other kids cannot exceed at.

**Richard Branson:** "You'll find that throughout life you will exceed at things that other kids cannot exceed at."

**George:** How has dyslexia affected you as an adult?  
**Richard:** I think that dyslexia has benefited me as an adult in that I suspect if I wasn't dyslexic, I wouldn't be so inquisitive. I wouldn't want to be learning all the time, and that's resulted in me starting a student magazine, to wanting to build a record company, to starting an airline, to wanting to keep learning, even ultimately to starting a space company. I think my dyslexia has really spurred

me on. It's also taught me to get a great team of people around me and to look for the best in people and that is really important in life, to look for the best in people and you will achieve lots.

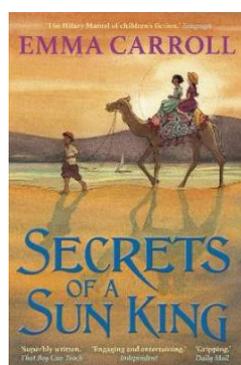
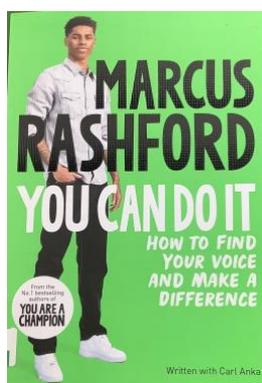
**George:** Do you imagine you wouldn't be as successful as you are today if you weren't dyslexic?  
**Richard:** I am absolutely certain that I wouldn't be as successful as I am today if I wasn't dyslexic. I think I owe a lot of my success to being dyslexic and wanting to try to prove something to myself and to people around me and wanting to spend a lifetime of learning.

Find out more about the Virgin and Made By Dyslexia campaign #DyslexicThinking at [tinyurl.com/dyslexicthinkingcampaign](http://tinyurl.com/dyslexicthinkingcampaign)

Watch the whole interview in this week's episode of BAFTA-winning FY!

The Dyslexic Thinking campaign link is well worth visiting- it will take you to an article by Richard Branson describing how he sees dyslexia as a totally positive thing in his life.

Thanks to the tremendous response to our Scholastic Book Sale we have raised a considerable amount in commission. We are able to purchase new books with this money and the following is a selection of the books we have bought so far. Thank you to everyone who bought books from the sale – we are so grateful for the extra funding we now have for new books for the library.



Do please ask if you would like to borrow any of these new books. They will all be on the system after half term.

