



December Library Newsletter

"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"

—Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*

Continuing our theme of school values I want to include one more value which I think we all need at this time of year – Resilience!



Be resilient

Turbo the turtle helps remind the children of the importance of resilience and the book which was shared in assembly was “The Most Magnificent Thing” – a wonderful picture book about a girl who is going to make something magnificent but things do not go to plan and she tries and fails repeatedly. It is her dog who convinces her to try again. This is a funny book which totally illustrates the value of perseverance.

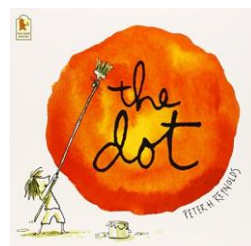
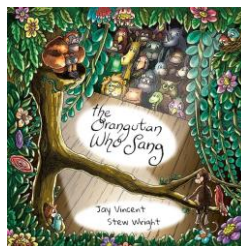
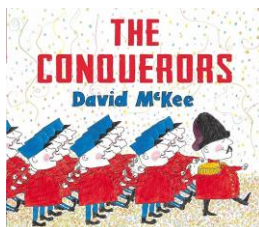
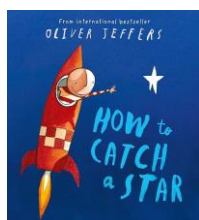
A few more picture books which will help children learn about resilience are:

The Conquerors by David McKee

The Dot by Peter H Reynolds

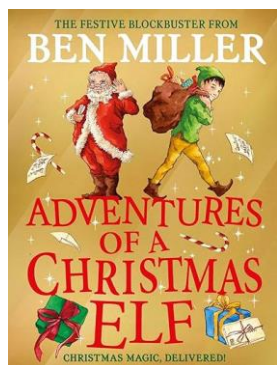
How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers

The Orangutan Who Sang by Jay Vincent



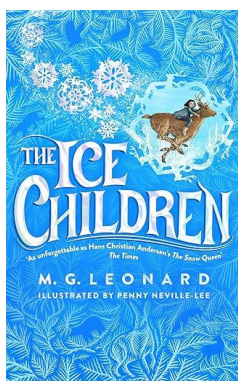
There is a long tradition of books being given as gifts at Christmas and the memory of these gifts can last a lifetime. We are sometimes overwhelmed by the choice of new books available at this time of year but I just wanted to mention a few new editions in this newsletter which will be joining our library collection.

Ben Miller has always been a favourite author in the library and he has a new Christmas book out called "Adventures of a Christmas Elf". This is the third volume of his Elf Chronicles – if you want to start at the beginning - the first book is "Diary of a Christmas Elf".



Father Christmas needs a holiday. He isn't feeling well and someone seems determined to ruin the festivities. It's up to Christmas Elves, Tog and Holly, to find a way to deliver the presents on time and bring the Christmas magic back for everyone. Suitable for age 7 upwards.

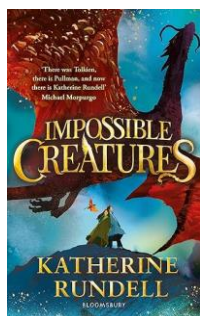
We have many books in the library by M.G. Leonard. The children have especially enjoyed The Twitch series starring a group of birdwatching detectives. This book was the winner of the Sainsbury's children's award in 2021. A book I will be getting for the library is her new book "The Ice Children".



As December begins, little Finn is found alone in the park. His heart is beating, but he has frozen solid. S more children turn to ice, Finn's sister sets out to save them. But time is short- this is a great adventure. Suitable for ages 8 upwards

"There was Tolkien, there is Pullman and now there is Katherine Rundell. Wondrous invention, marvellous writing." - Michael Morpurgo

I totally agree with Michael Morpurgo - Katherine Rundell is my favourite author at the moment. She has produced some of the best children's writing this decade and I really recommend all her books. We have many of her books in the library and this one will



definitely be on our shelves soon. Katherine Rundell gave a very interesting interview on the Saturday Live programme on radio 4 on the 2nd December. If you are interested in children's literature I fully recommend catching up on this interview – totally inspiring . She speaks about her new book and how seriously she takes her research. For age 9 and upwards.

So just a few suggestions for Christmas books. As I mentioned I will be getting these books for the library – thanks to the funds we raised at the Christmas fair. Thank you to everyone who came to the book stall and bought books and to those who donated books to sell. We raised over £40 which was a fantastic amount.

The Christmas library quiz this year is based on pantomimes- such an English tradition. The bizarre medley of fairy tales, dance, jokes and song has entertained children for generations and has become part of Christmas family tradition. But they play an important role in introducing fairy tales to children - we hope the children enjoy entering our pantomime quiz.



Thank you for all your support this year – and of course a huge thank you to all our fantastic librarians – the library is so successful because of you!

