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oh no, please. Can't  
we go back to page one  
and do it all over  
again?

-Winnie The Pooh



# January 2024 Library Newsletter

I always feel a little like Winnie the Pooh – it feels sad saying goodbye to the old year and the thought of facing a brand new year can make us a little apprehensive. But on the other hand the new year brings a fresh start and a chance to embrace new beginnings.

The new year slogan in the library is “How High Can You Soar in '24?” We would like to challenge the children to soar high with their reading this year. So to kick start this we have a few challenges for everyone. The children can choose one of the challenges - fill in a challenge sheet in the library and there will be a prize of house-points at the end of the month.

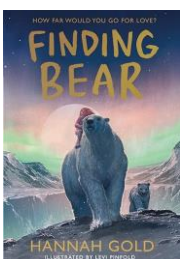
Challenges for this month:

- A 30 day reading challenge to see how many books you can read in a month.
- Read two books by the same author
- Read an author you have never tried before
- Read a book that was published before 1970

So here are a few suggestions for this months library challenges:



This has to be my first choice – I am reading this book at the moment and cannot put it down. There are three copies in the library but we have many other books by Katherine Rundell if you haven't tried her books before – challenge yourself!



New into the library – this is the follow up story of The Last Bear (also in the library) read them both for an unforgettable journey across icy glaciers.



You may have watched the film or the series on Disney + but nothing beats reading the books. We have the whole series in the library. This is the first book in the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series.

<https://rickriordan.com/book/the-lightning-thief/>

A really good site which includes a Greek hero activity kit.

### Books published before 1970

Toms Midnight Garden by Phillips Pearce published 1958

Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss published 1957

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl published 1961

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr published 1971 ( this will still count!)

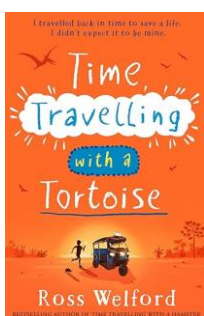
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown published 1964

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis published 1950

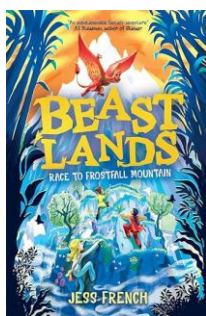
All of these books are in the library – just ask if you need help to find them.

In the library we have a notebook inviting children to let us know about any books they would like in the library and we generally order them if we can. We hope we always offer a warm, welcoming environment for reading and study; but perhaps the children can make suggestions to make it even better – maybe a particular magazine or game could make it even better! We have a suggestion box this year where children are invited to post their ideas.

New books to look out for in 2024 – not yet in the library but are on pre order.



For everyone who enjoyed “Time Travelling with a Hamster” – we have a new animal companion for our travels! Another great book from Ross Welford

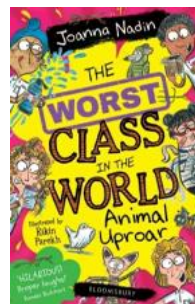


The first instalment of a new fantasy series. Perfect for readers who love adventure stories



A new series of books from the writer of “The Amelia Fang” books which are very popular in the library.

Marnie is a little bug who is having a BIG adventure.



A firm favourite in the library especially after her visit to the school. This one is coming out mid January and will definitely be on our shelves soon.

Finally as a tribute to Benjamin Zephaniah I would like to end with a list of some of his remarkable books.

Benjamin Zephaniah, an author, professor and poet whose work, infused with strong social messages, helped inspire a generation of British poets to find their voices.

