



Spring 2024 Library Newsletter

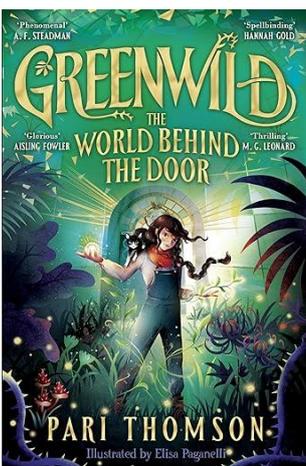
“Books are like seeds. They can lie dormant for centuries and then flower in the most unpromising soil.”

— Carl Sagan, Cosmos

Well Spring has supposed to have sprung but it doesn't seem to be here quite yet. But what has been blooming recently is a range of exciting new books which will be appearing in the library.



The Waterstones Book Prize was awarded this year to a brand new writer Pari Thomson. Her debut novel “Greenwild The World Behind The Door” is a magical story about a girl who finds a portal to another world in the glasshouses at Kew Gardens.



“Pari Thomson’s debut enchanted our booksellers with its sweeping escapism and standard-setting lyrical worldbuilding. At once a fast-paced adventure story and a heartfelt entreaty to care for the natural world, *Greenwild* is a timeless fantasy tale of friendship, mystery, and the magic and beauty to be found in nature. We are extremely proud to present this wonderful debut as the 20th winner of the Waterstones Children’s Book Prize: we cannot wait to see what Pari Thomson does next.”

BEA CARVALHO, WATERSTONES HEAD OF BOOKS

This book would be suitable for all junior readers. After reading this book I began to think about all the other books we have in the library which are based around the theme of nature – there are so many. So our new spring display is designed to encourage the children to choose any book with a connection to nature. They will receive a seed to plant when they have completed each book. Here are a few examples:

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson

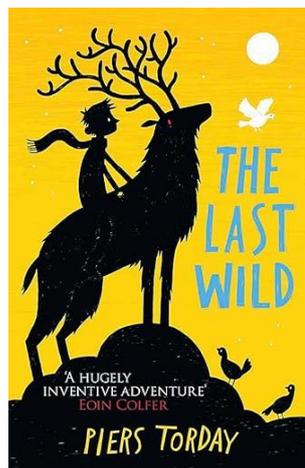
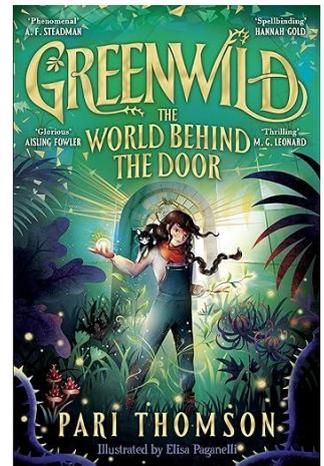
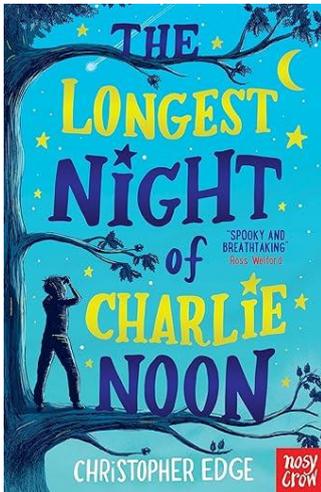
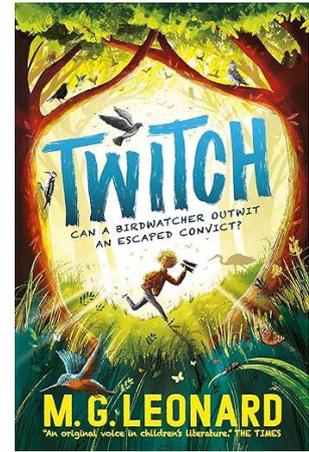
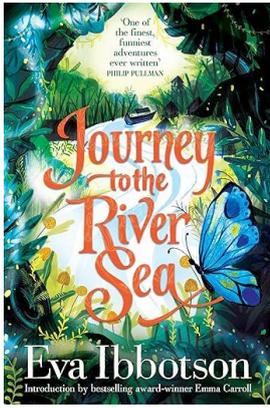


So many exciting stories are based around the wonder of nature. Here are a few examples:

This term challenge yourself to read a book which has nature at its heart.

For every nature themed book you read you will be given a seed to plant and watch grow in the library.

Books are just like seeds – they come to life when you read them.



There are two recently published books which will be definitely joining our library shelves. The first one is “ The Black Hole Cinema Club”. This is a must read for any child who loves the cinema and adventure movies – going to see a film will never be the same again after reading this thriller of a story. If you click on the link below you will see Christopher Edge talking about his new book. This author is a firm favourite with our children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HELGqGKPKJo>



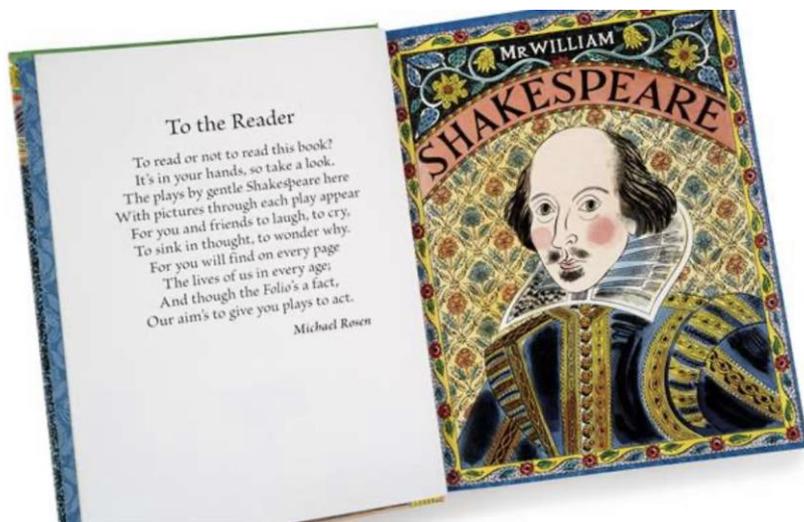
“ No ordinary author. His stories fizz with ideas, the perfect fodder for children with more questions than answers”

(The Times Children’s Book of the Week)

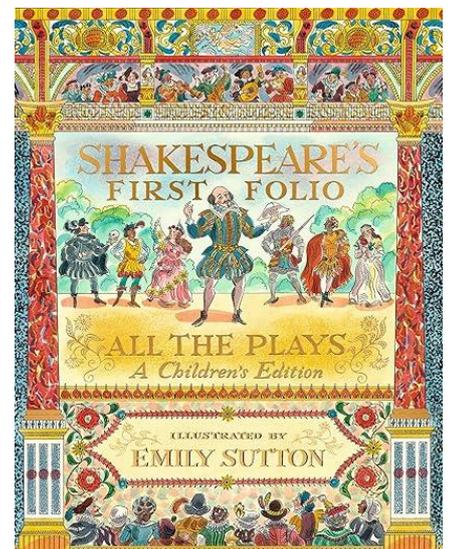
“ This is the best book I’ve read in ages. Give it to any child you come across”

(Lucy Mangan)

The second must-have book is one that I think will be borrowed constantly - judging by the reaction we had from Year Five after the Shakespeare Theatre Company performed for the children last term. This book is wholeheartedly endorsed by Michael Rosen who has written a delightful dedication to this book:



The Children's First Folio includes a dedicatory poem by Michael Rosen.



I predict the library will be filled with budding Shakespeare actors when this book is available- we can't wait!

Finally thank you to everyone who attended the Book Fair – the school raised an amazing £283 commission to spend on new books for the school and library. As you can see we will have no problem in using some of these funds for these new books.

