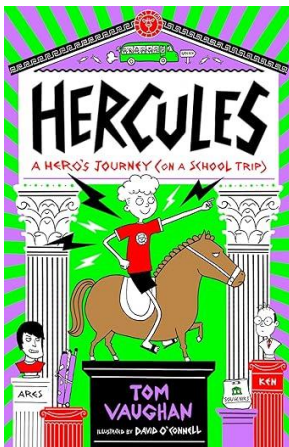




Spring Library Newsletter

This is an exciting time for schools – half way through the academic year, routines are firmly established and children feel secure in their class environment. It tends to be a time when children are very motivated. It is also a great time for a mid year check up on our reading habits; it is the ideal time to challenge ourselves to maybe a new author or maybe a type of story we have not read before.

There are some exciting new books in the library – some favourite authors and some new authors to try. I have read them all and loved every one of them!



This is such a funny book and will appeal to Tom Gates and Jeff Kinney fans. So if you have been reading Diary of the Wimpy Kid for weeks – definitely try this one.

With a generous smattering of Greek mythology, this laugh-out-loud tale explores the nature of friendship, love and loyalty with a perfect mix of humour and tenderness." BookTrust

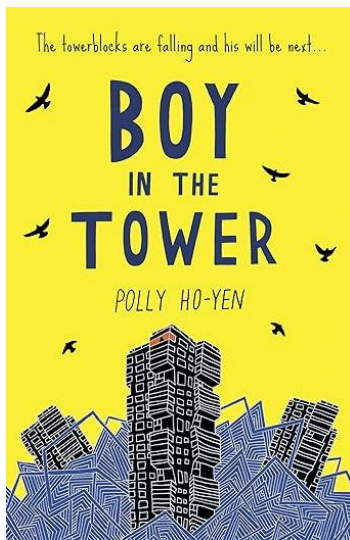
"A brilliant, accessible and VERY funny book" - Jen Carney, author of *The Accidental Diary of B.U.G.*
Years 3-6

If you have never tried an adventure book – this one is definitely worth a try. This book is the first of a series – so read this one now and be ready for the second adventure. Series are good as you get to know the characters so well – try it!

A complete triumph of imagination . . . readers are going to fall in love with this brilliant new series.' - A. F. Steadman, bestselling author of *Skandar*

'Classic and fresh - a breathtaking adventure.' - Eoin Colfer, bestselling author of *Artemis Fowl*. Years 4-6



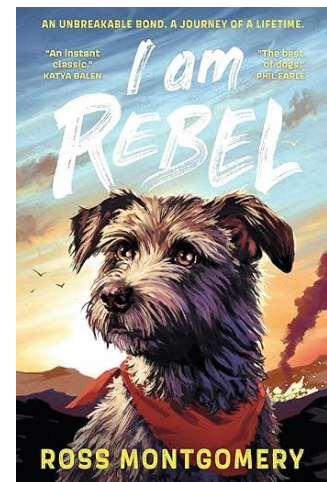


This is an unusual book and I wasn't too sure at first, but after a few chapters I couldn't stop reading it. If you haven't tried a dystopian story (smart word – means a story about a place that is near total collapse) please consider reading this great book.

Abe lives at the top of a tower block but one day other tower blocks start falling down around him – Can Abe and his mum escape? Year 6

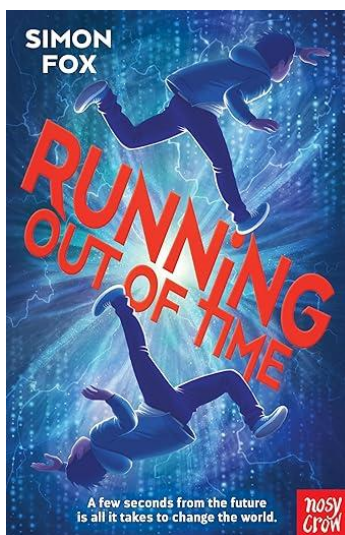
I would put this book in the category of a “quest” book. So if you want to join the characters for a great adventure this book is for you. Narrated by Rebel the dog, it tells the story of how he will stop at nothing to save the human he loves.

An instant animal classic. Thrilling, original, funny and deeply moving.” Lauren St John
Years 3-6



I am always on the look out for books that will gently wean boys off Wimpy Kid and Tom Gates(nothing wrong with these but once you have read ten...) This is the first novel by Simon Fox and a great debut. An amazing thriller involving science fiction and with a twist that will make you think.

“A thrilling, unputdownable debut, with extraordinary twists and incredible action, from an incredible new voice in children's fiction.” Books for Topics Year 5 and 6



Half term would be the perfect time to try a new book – please come to the library if you need any help in choosing a new book for the holiday.

Just a reminder that World Book Day is happening on:

Thu, 6 Mar 2025

United Kingdom

Why is World Book Day important?

World Book Day provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on **reading for pleasure**, supporting children's autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits.

For more ideas and a list of all the titles of the £1 books available at book shops please follow the link below:

<https://www.worldbookday.com>

Here are a few reasons why reading for pleasure is vital for a child's development and well being:

Reading for pleasure can help grow empathy. Enjoying books and discovering new perspectives within the pages of a story can be a great way to introduce children to a range of experiences and viewpoints. The more a child reads, the more likely they are to be exposed to new narratives which can help them develop empathy.

A love of reading can build a child's confidence

In fact, recent research showed that 26.0% of children and young people who read in their free time at least once a month said it helps them to be confident.

Reading for enjoyment can spark imagination...

...and provide escape as well as inspire creativity. Even fantasy can still speak truth to a child about their place in this world.

Reading can expand horizons

A book can provide children with a way to discover new worlds, meet new people and learn about the past. Whether that's through non-fiction books and autobiographies, or books and magazines exploring historical events or figures.

Reading for pleasure can support your child's learning

Our recent research also revealed that twice as many children and young people who enjoy reading in their free time have above average reading skills than children who don't enjoy it (34.2% vs 15.7%) - reading skills which will support them in their school journeys and beyond.

These quotes are taken from from the Literacy Trust who have undertaken a lot of research on the long term effects on children who read for pleasure. They have some very useful information about promoting a love of reading on their site:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/reading-for-pleasure/families/>

Lastly as it is half term I have included a few ideas of places to visit which have a literary link.

If your child enjoyed the Egyptian topic in year 4 or is about to read “Hunt for the Golden Scarab” there is a Tutankhamun immersive exhibition due to begin in London on the 28th March and runs until 29th June. It looks amazing!

www.tutankhamunexperience.com

The Discover Children’s story Centre in Stratford London is a wonderful space where children 0-11 can explore interactive story themed worlds. For more information and to find out what’s on over half term visit: www.discover.org.uk

Lastly one of my all time favourite books “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe” is coming to life on stage. The tour dates can be found on:

www.lionwitchonstage.com

The best activity though of course is to snuggle down together with a good book and enjoy the journey. Happy reading!