



## Nettlestone Reading Newsletter

Welcome to the Nettlestone Reading Newsletter for the Spring term 1, 2022. In this issue, we will be sharing updates about what is going on to promote a culture of reading for pleasure across school. A love of reading is the most important gift that we can give our children; it builds empathy, strengthens vocabulary and is often a chance for our children to escape to another world! Plus, reading is also awesome! Hopefully, this newsletter will give you some ideas for exploring reading with your child.

### A Bedtime Story:

**10 minutes of reading at bedtime can have a huge impact on the progress your child makes academically and socially.**

### Reading in School 1:

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February the children in KS2 took part in a workshop in the hall with Peter J Murray who is the author of the Mokee Joe series as well as several other books. Peter talked to the children about his 2 new books in the Mokee Joe series as well as where he got his ideas from and how he became an author. This was an interactive and engaging author workshop and lots of laughter could be heard coming from the hall. It was so lovely to see the children interacting in a workshop with an author in school. Peter returned the next day to do a book signing for those children wishing to purchase his book, which was very popular. Peter has signed all 6 books for the school library so the children will be able to borrow them and read them.

"He was very funny and we all laughed." Yr. 5 pupil

"It was very nice having Peter Murray in because he interacted with us lots and let us ask questions. It was really good!" Y5 pupil

"The talk gave me lots of inspiration. I really enjoyed it. Now I want to one day write a book of my own!"

### Reading in School 2:

Every class in school now has their new NetReads books. Each class has 15 new titles of fiction, picture books, non-fiction and poetry books in their class. Some of the books are linked to our Spring term topics but lots are new releases as well. So far, the children all seem to be enjoying the new reading material in their classes and enjoying reading them for pleasure.

### Reading in School 3:

A big 'Thank you' to those parents who have kindly purchased us some books from our Amazon wish list. If you would like to purchase a book from our wish list to help us improve our class and school libraries. Here is the link

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/N4Z16CX21PD2?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/N4Z16CX21PD2?ref_=wl_share)



## World Book Day 4<sup>th</sup> March

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**, (actual World Book Day is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.) We are incorporating the successful Pyjamarama Day that we took part in last year as part of our World Book Day celebrations. Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the day where we will be enjoying story time together and other activities linked to reading and World Book Day. Throughout the first week back to school after half term each class will be looking at the text 'The song for everyone.' By Lucy Morris. We chose this book as a whole school text as it links in with our whole school Music focus this year. Last week every child in school chose one of the World Book Day £1 books and Mrs Feist has worked with Waterstones in Newport to purchase one of the World Book Day titles for each child to bring home, we have used the children's £1 tokens to exchange them for a book to ensure that they all receive a book.

A final plea for any books for our book swap shop to be sent in by **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. The book swap shop was a huge success last year and we are hoping this year will be as successful.

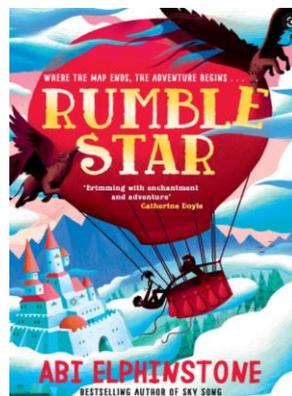


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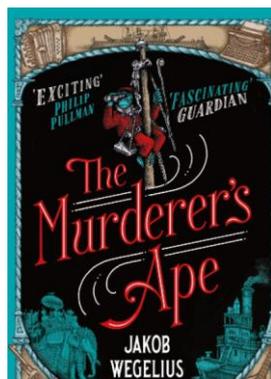
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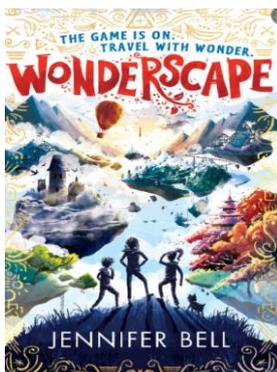
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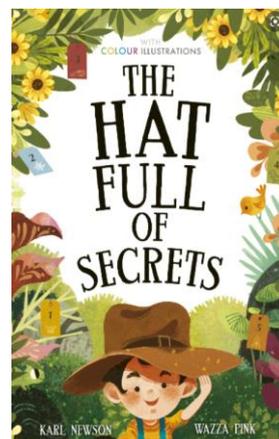


### EYFS and KS1 recommendations.

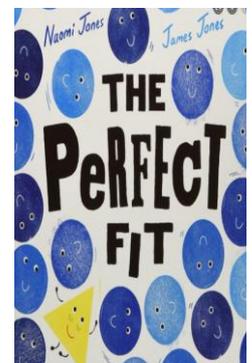
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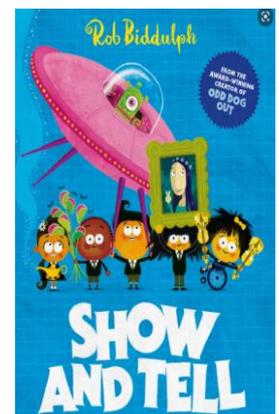
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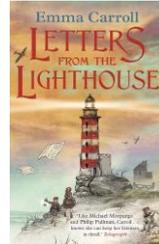


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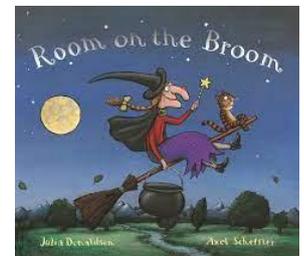
## An Interview with Mrs Newton

- 1) **What is your favourite children's book?** It used to be 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White but I have really enjoyed reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll.
- 2) **Where is your favourite place to read?** In bed or in a very comfortable armchair.
- 3) **Real book or Kindle?** I prefer a real book and I love using bookmarks to mark my progress.
- 4) **Who is your favourite author?** It would be a tie between E.B. White and Emma Carroll at the moment.



## An Interview with Mrs Howard

- 1) **Where is your favourite place to read?** In bed or on the beach.
- 2) **Real book or Kindle?** I prefer a real book.
- 3) **Who is your favourite author?** Julia Donaldson.



## Go Read App

Don't forget to upload your reading onto your online reading journal on Go Read. Remember you can upload books from home or the library as home books as well. We can't wait to read some of your reviews on your reading journal.



**MISSION:  
POSSIBLE**

## Half Term Reading Mission

Don't forget to read over the Half Term holidays, use your reading journal to record any books you have read and write short reviews. Can you read in an unusual place? Can you read a book by a new author?