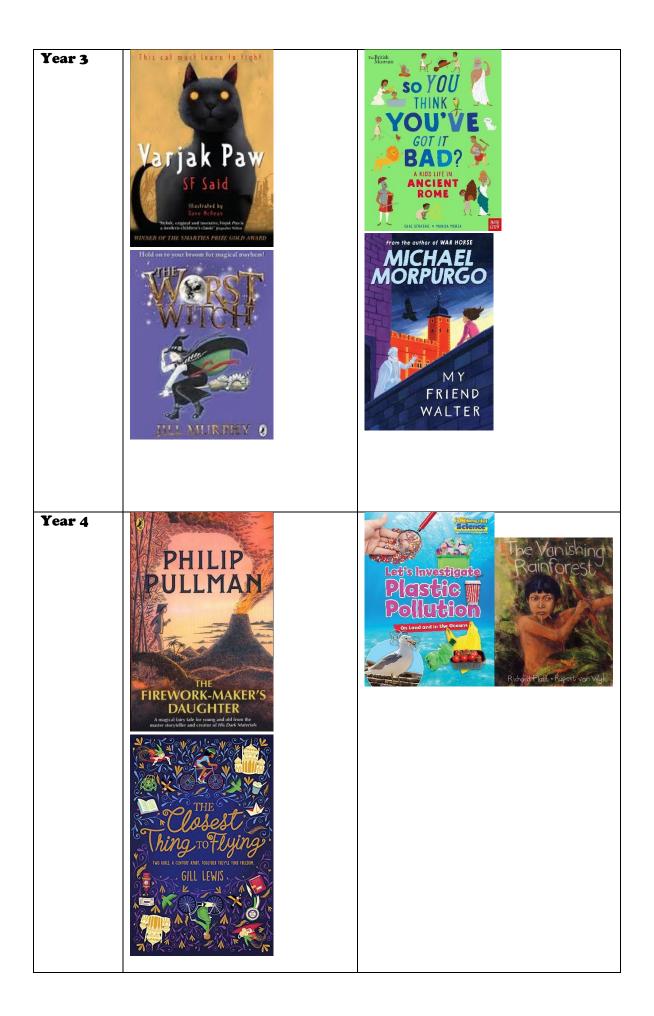
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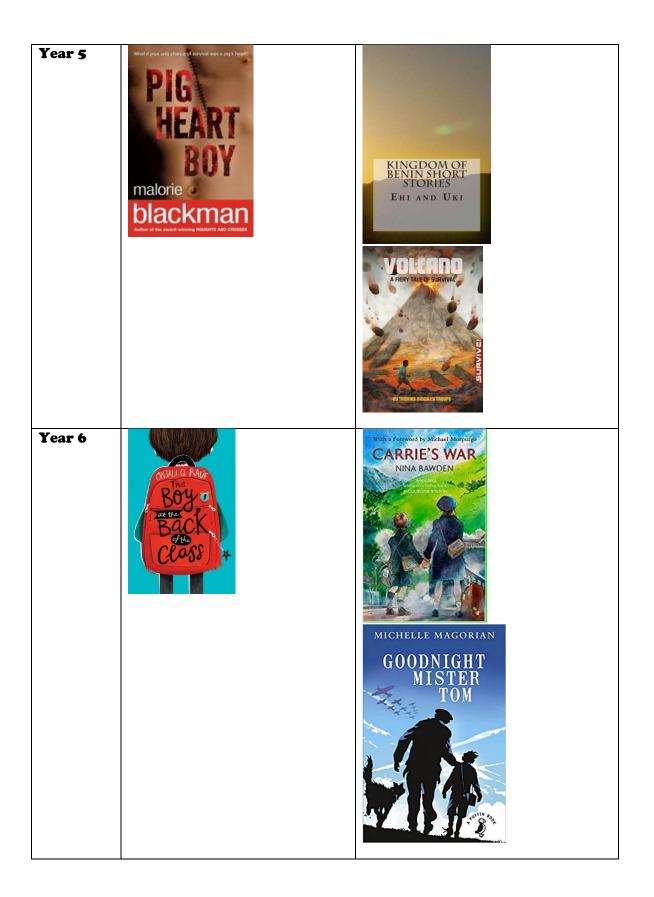
#### Welcome to our final Reading Bulletin of the academic year!

We hope you have enjoyed this new feature and that it has given you some ideas on how to develop your child's love for reading at home.

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### **Shakespeare Week**

Primary will be celebrating Shakespeare Week this term where pupils will be exposed to some of the playwright's most famous texts. They will have the opportunity to explore language which is not regularly used in modern speech and practise their acting skills, recreating some famous scenes from A Midsummer's Night Dream, Romeo and Juliet, The Tempest and Macbeth. We are expecting a surprise visit from The Bard himself! Stay tuned for photos!

#### **Reading Ambassadors**

Miss McNeill is currently recruiting the 2022-2023 Reading Ambassadors. If you are passionate about reading, have ideas for how to get children reading more, want to become more confident with speaking to large groups or are interested in learning about upcoming reading events, apply today!

### End of Year Reading Celebration

To celebrate all the amazing reading that has taken place this year, pupils who have achieved 100 or more reads, shown a love of reading, or participated in the ARA Reading Challenge (found at the back of our reading records) are invited to a fun Bouncy Castle Day to put the final touch on a wonderful reading year!

Stay tuned for more amazing events starting in the Autumn Term with our annual Roald Dahl Day celebration!

## **Summer Reading Challenge**

Organised by charity The Reading Agency (<u>www.readingagency.org.uk</u>) and the UK public library network since 1999, the **Summer Reading Challenge** is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11.

The Summer Reading Challenge combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff and young volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

#### How the Challenge works

- Children sign up through their local library and receive a Gadgeteers collector poster.
- Children set a reading goal and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate!
- The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer: <u>www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk</u>

You can find additional information and free resources to support children's reading for pleasure in the Summer Reading Challenge School Zone: <u>www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src</u>

### It's FUN! It's FREE! It's LOCAL!

### **Summer Reading Tips for Parents**

By: Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities

Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read will gain skills.

Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading and read for enjoyment.

Below are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:

### 1. Read aloud together with your child every day.

Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.

### 2. Set a good example!

Parents must be willing to model behaviour for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.

### 3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.

This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.

# 4. Let kids choose what they want to read and don't turn your nose up at popular fiction.

It will only discourage the reading habit.

### 5. Buy books on tape, especially for a child with a learning disability.

Listen to them in the car or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.

### 6. Take your children to the library regularly.

See above re the Library Summer Reading Challenge!

# 7. Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines like Sports Illustrated for Kids, Highlights for Children, or National Geographic World.

Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines, to keep up the reading habit over the summer and develop vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read and listen to what they say.

## 8. Ease disappointment over summer separation from a favourite school friend by encouraging them to become pen pals.

Present both children with postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamped. If both children have access to the Internet, email is another option.

## 9. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices.

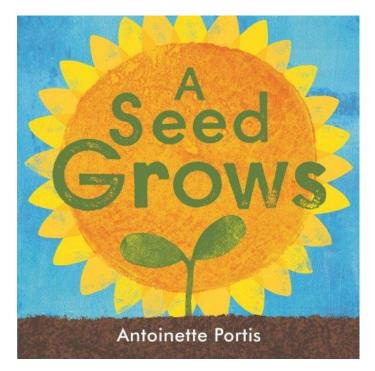
Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.

### **10.** Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.

Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.

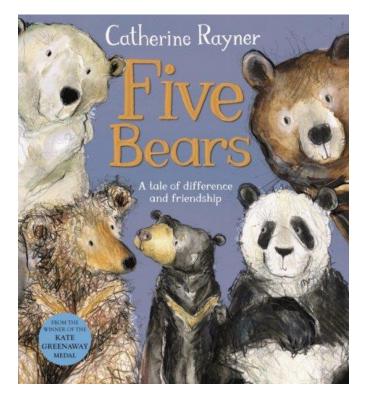
## **Summer Reading Suggestions**

### A Seed Grows by Antoinette Portis

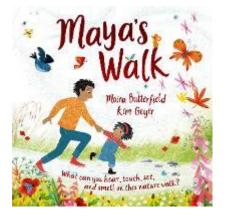


Follow the true story of a seed that bursts into life and unfurls upwards into a resplendent and towering sunflower – basking briefly in the summer before shedding seeds to begin the story again.

### Five Bears by Catherine Rayner



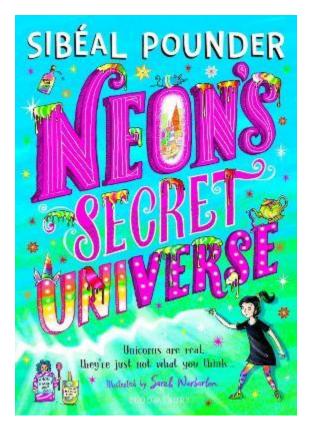
When Bear notices another bear while walking, the two bears bond and focus on what each of them has in common. By the end of the story, there are five bears, each unique, and celebrated for their inclusivity and warm-hearted togetherness. Cleverly written to be positive and gender-neutral, this will be a useful text to explore when discussing friendships and how to relate to people who are not the same as us.



### Maya's Walk by Moira Butterfield

The benefits – to physical and mental health – of going out for a walk are widely acknowledged, and they are all captured in this bright, joyful picture book. We join little Maya as she sets out for a walk, grown up in tow. There are so many fun things they can do together, from spying tiny secrets – busy ants scurrying, baby plants sprouting – to listening out for noises or copying animals. Each double page is lively, full of things to spot and name, and Maya herself is a busy bundle of energy at the centre of it all. It ends with Maya tucked up in bed and an invitation to think about the walk you will take as you drift off to sleep, while a final spread reminds us of all the things we can do on a walk. Walking, whatever the destination, will be much more fun after reading this.

### Neon's Secret Universe by Sibéal Pounder



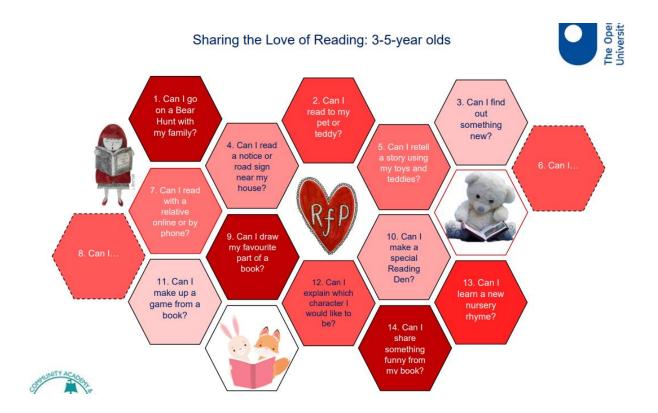
Neon Gallop is trying to be a normal as possible when her family move to a new home. But her best plans all go wrong when, using a green lipstick she had found in goo, she opens a portal to the UNIverse. It's a secret place where real unicorns live...All those horses with horns and rainbow hair are just fake unicorns who were invented to put humans off the scent... Prepare to be challenged on everything you have ever known about unicorns in this hugely enjoyable fantasy extravaganza.

### **Bigfoot Mountain by Roderick O'Grady**



There are two central characters in Roderick O Grady's book and we see the story through their eyes, the same incidents from their different perspectives. One of these is Minnie, who has recently lost her mother and is struggling to reset her relationship with Dan, her mother's partner. The other is Kaayii, a young Sasquatch, or Yeti or Bigfoot as they're often known. Kaayii and his family have been forced into close proximity with Minnie and her neighbours due to forest fires and he too is trying to find a new way to live. Their stories combine and Minnie is able to learn new ways of being from her (enormous) friend and protector while Kaayii finds peace too. The setting for the story is the wild forests and mountains of North America and they're beautifully described.

## These mini reading challenges are invitations to engage and share the love of reading!





Sharing the Love of Reading: 9-11-year olds





## **Roald Dahl Day September**

Roald Dahl Day is one of the staff and children's most cherished event in the school academic calendar. Roald Dahl Day is celebrated on the 13<sup>th</sup> September each year, the author's birthday! We will continue with this tradition and be celebrating on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.** Start thinking about costumes and accessories over the summer! There will be a prize in each phase for the most creative Roald Dahl character costume! We cannot wait to see how creative you can be this year!

## **Northolt Library Visits**

Beginning in the Autumn term we will be partnering with our local library branch, Northolt Library, to provide once termly visits for pupils of all year groups. Please look out for more information in the new academic year regarding this exciting local experience.