

# Bury and Whitefield's Reading Newsletter



## Introduction

Welcome back to Bury and Whitefield's reading newsletter; your home for all things 'book-ish'. December – the month of Chanukah – is a wonderful time to gift books. Books can be a very special gift that children and adults can treasure for years to come. I am always over the moon to receive a book, especially when it has been purchased because it is a book they had personally enjoyed.

With this in mind, I have chosen to centre this newsletter around the theme of new books; whether they be new releases; new editions; new books to be gifted; or even old books that are new reads to you.

My hope is that all children will open a book with a huge smile on their face!

## THANK YOU:

Huge thanks to the Tachauer family who donated tons of books which were shared throughout the school, from EYFS to Y6. There were some beautiful books that had been loved by the family and passed on. Should you have any recent children books that are no longer needed, please send them in for more children to enjoy.

## Reading at BWJPS

At Bury and Whitefield, we understand the importance of reading and aim to develop fluent readers who not only can read but enjoy reading. These wish lists are frequently updated to avoid multiple copies being purchased and to ensure they consistently offer an up-to-date selection. As always, our wish lists can be found on your child's class page (on our school website) or in this newsletter.

EYFS: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/>

Y1: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2PS0FETXIL21C...>

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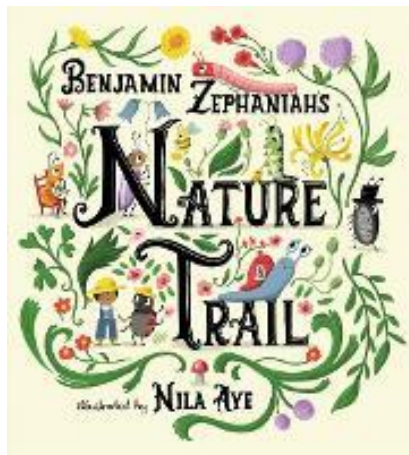
Y3: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3DZGBMFS8GM5V...>

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Y6: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3F3MPM8THCC EW...>

“A book is a dream that you hold in your hand.” – Neil Gaiman



## EYFS Recommendation

### Nature Trail (Benjamin Zephaniah)

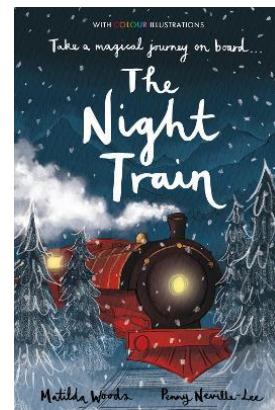
All around us, from parks to gardens and flowerpots to pavements, there's a world of wonder just waiting to be discovered. Look a little closer and see what you find. Written by legendary poet and performer, Benjamin Zephaniah, this joyful celebration of nature reminds us all to take a closer look at the world around us and enjoy the wonder of nature wherever we find it. Packed with animals and minibeasts galore, this imaginative rhyming text is perfect for reading aloud.

## Years 1 and 2 Recommendation

### The Night Train (Matilda Woods)

With a shrill whistle, the Night Train is off delivering its passengers to children's dreams. The yeti, the ballet dancer, the friendly monster and the princess all have starring roles. Then the train comes to an unexpected halt. A tree has fallen across the track and there's no way the guard can move it on his own. It's a race against time and the passengers will need to use all their talents to get the train moving again. Can they reach their dreams before midnight?

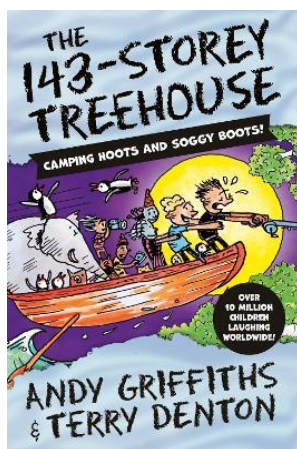
This beautiful first reader is perfect for reading together at bedtime. This wonderful story introduces a range of endearing characters and full-colour illustrations. Beautiful gift!



## Years 3 and 4 Recommendation

### The 143-Storey Treehouse (Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton)

It's the 11<sup>th</sup> book in the series meaning an extra 13 new levels have been added to the Treehouse! Including a word-o-matic, recycling depot, wrecking ball and a deep, dark cave with a real fire-breathing dragon (amongst other things). Andy's been a bit stressed, so Terry has decided the perfect way for them to relax is to head up to their new camping ground level for a much-needed holiday. But it turns out to be not quite as relaxing as Terry originally planned... Can Andy brave the dark, dark woods and rescue them in time to finish writing their next book? Get ready for a barrel of laughs as you re-enter the infamous treehouse!

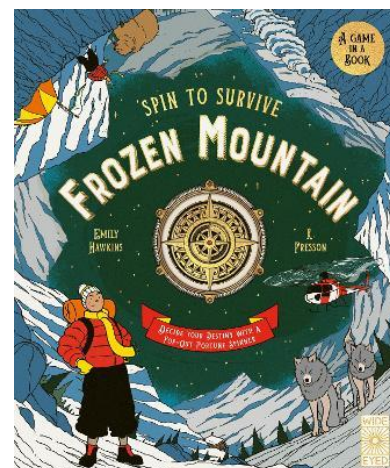


## Years 5 and 6 Recommendation

### Spin to Survive Frozen Mountain (Emily Hawkins)

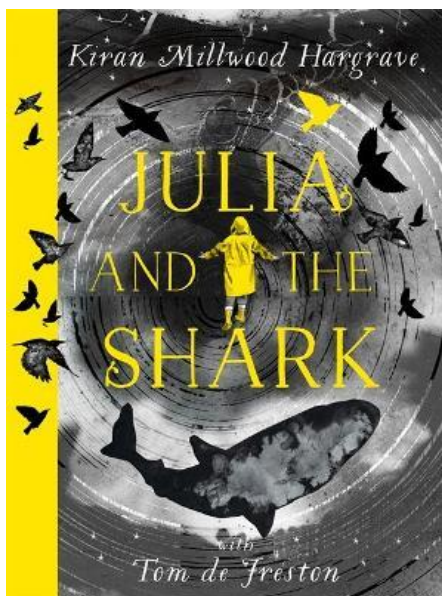
Do you have what it takes to survive in the mountains? *Frozen Mountain* is an interactive adventure game book that teaches essential survival skills to up-and-coming explorers. The story unfolds following an emergency landing high in a remote mountain region and from there the reader has to make a series of life and death decisions to make it home. Every possible danger comes your way as you deal with frostbite, bear attacks, blizzards and more. Use the pop-out Survival Spinner to learn your fate.

*Frozen Mountain* is packed with tips and advice for surviving in the wilderness whilst you navigate your own perilous journey guided by your decisions and the removable spinner. I love this concept; it's bound to spark enjoyment for all. Where will you end up?





## Miss Pereira's Books of the Month



### Poetry for the Family

#### **Julia and the Shark (Kiran Millwood Hargrave)** – 9+

Julia has followed her mum and dad to live on a remote island for the summer - her dad, for work; her mother, on a determined mission to find the elusive Greenland shark. But when her mother's obsession threatens to submerge them all, Julia finds herself on an adventure with dark depths and a lighthouse full of hope...

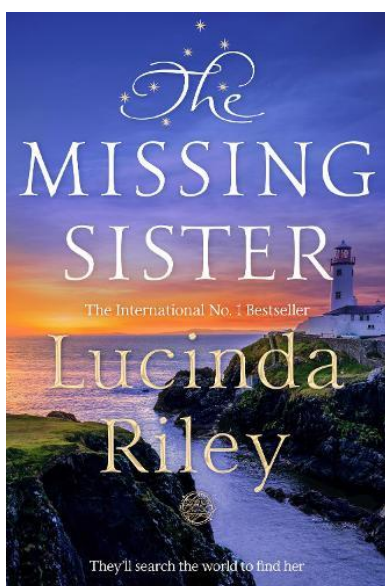
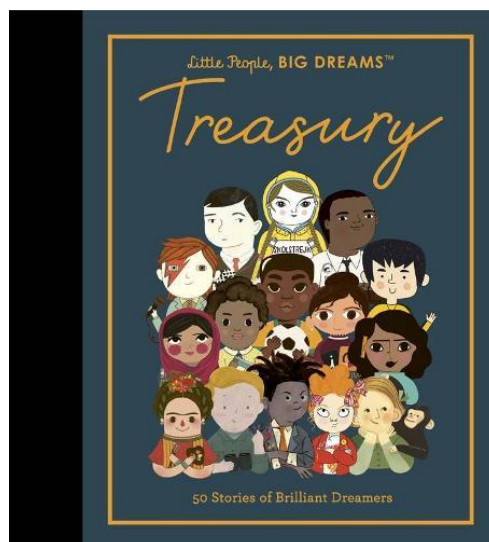
A beautiful, lyrical, uplifting story about a mother, a daughter, and love - with timely themes of the importance of science and the environment. Its black and yellow illustrations with tracing paper inserts, makes this a beautiful gift for fans of David Almond and Frances Hardinge. Plus, it is Waterstone's Children's Gift of the Year so it must be as special as it sounds.

### Family Non-Fiction

#### **Little People, BIG DREAMS Treasury: 50 Stories from Brilliant Dreamers (Maria Vegara & Lisbeth Kaiser) – 7+**

Learn more about each of your favourite dreamers with new in-depth stories, facts and figures. Revisit best-loved figures from the series and some new ones too, including Frida Kahlo, Coco Chanel, Maya Angelou, David Attenborough, Elton John, Malala Yousafzai, Prince and more...

This wonderful book makes the lives of role models accessible for children, providing a powerful message to inspire the next generation of outstanding people who will change the world! This keepsake treasury makes the perfect gift for holidays, birthdays and more. I, for one, have got it at the top of my wish list!



### Adult's Fiction

#### **The Missing Sister (Lucinda Riley)**

The six D'Apliese sisters have each been on their own incredible journey to discover their heritage, but they still have one question left unanswered: who and where is the seventh sister? They only have one clue – an image of a star-shaped emerald ring. This search will take them across the globe – from New Zealand to Canada, England, France and Ireland – uniting them all in their mission to complete their family at last. In doing so, they will slowly unearth a story of love, strength and sacrifice that began almost 100 years ago, as other brave young women risk everything to change the world around them.

This is the mesmerising seventh instalment in Riley's bestselling series and comes highly recommend from Mrs PJ herself.

“That’s the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet.” – Jhumpa Lahiri

## TOP TIPS

**Still struggling to get your child to read for pleasure? Read some of these top tips below that seem to summarise some of our previous newsletters.**

- 1. Make books a part of family life** – Always have books around at home. That way you and your children are ready to get reading, even if it’s only for ten minutes.
- 2. Join your local library** – Get your child a library card. They’ll be able to get their hands-on hundreds of fantastic books. Let them choose what they want to read to help them develop their own interests.
- 3. All reading is good** – Don’t rule out non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines or leaflets. Reading is reading and it’s all worthwhile.
- 5. Get comfortable!** – Snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it’s in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. And make sure your child has somewhere comfy to read on their own too.
- 6. Read favourites again and again** – Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.
- 7. Enjoy bedtime stories** – Read with your kids at bedtime as often as you can. It’s a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them.

## QUIZ

Below are 5 riddles, hinting to different characters. Can you guess who the riddle is describing and what book they are from? Send all answers to me (via my classroom or email) for a **chance of winning any book of your choice!**

1. Crookshanks is my friend of choice when the boys annoy me. Who am I?
2. I come from Peru and love to eat marmalade sandwiches. Who am I?
3. I used to be an international jewel thief and planned to have one last go at stealing the Crown Jewels with some help from my grandson. Who am I?
4. I am a demigod, the son of a mortal and the Greek god Poseidon.
5. I am the oldest of three siblings and a young inventor who ties my hair up with a ribbon when I have a good idea.



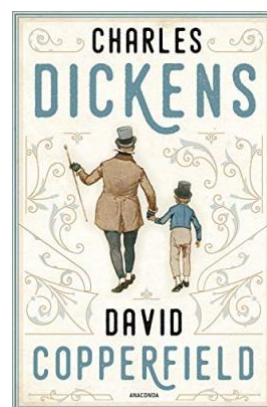
# Governor Spotlight

*I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new English Governor: Phil Reuben. After a great chat, Phil has kindly offered to do a review every now and then so here is our first Governor Spotlight Review:*

## **David Copperfield by Charles Dickens**

Review by Phil Reuben

As an avid reader of 'rubbish' – adventure books about Israeli spies and ex SAS commandos, my choice of reading last month was a surprise even to me! Not since my English 'A level' days (Shakespeare, Austen, Keats, Donne, Chaucer etc), have I read a 'classic'.



My choice? Charles Dickens' David Copperfield. What a read! Exciting, interesting, informative, mysterious, comical, sad, happy and a 'page turner' Occasionally there is a word which has been lost to today's language but whether you check it out or not, it does not distract from the story.

There are plots and subplots but it's really all about the characters. They are alive and vibrant, the idealistic David Copperfield, the evil stepfather, the crazy Mr Micawber, the lovely Peggotty the humble yet treacherous Uriah Heep, the crazy Aunt Betsy....I could go on and on.

Don't be put off by the huge number of pages, by the end, you'll be wishing for more! It's a must read!



“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” – Dr. Seuss



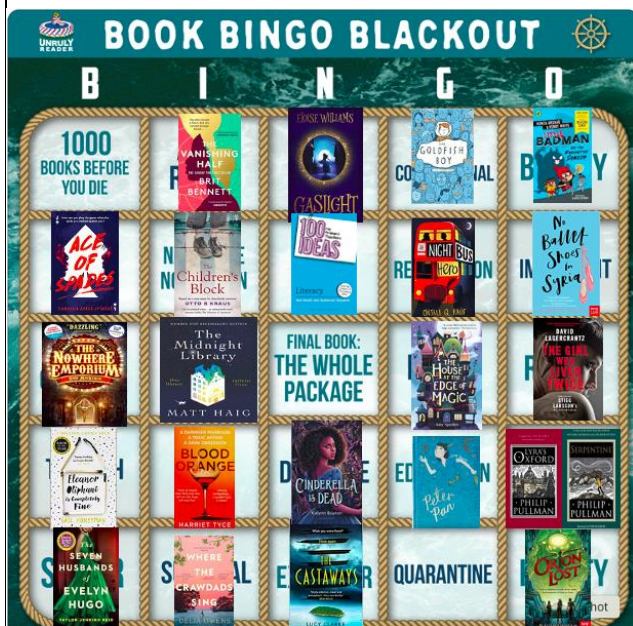
## Jewish Studies Book of the Month

### Like A Maccabee (Barbara Bietz) – Ages 8+



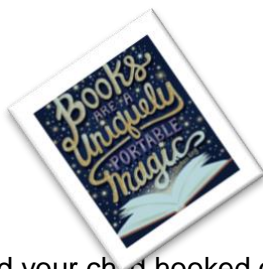
Days before Chanukah, ten-year-old Ben's soccer team makes the league championships. Only one thing stands between Ben and victory: the rival team's best defender, a school bully whose favourite sport, other than soccer, is tormenting Ben. No one at home seems to understand. And now he has to share his bedroom with his grandfather, a man he barely knows! Facing humiliation at school and misunderstood by those who love him most, Ben finds an unexpected friend in his grandfather, learning ancient wisdom and steadfast strength, enough for the big game and beyond. Includes latke recipe and dreidel game instructions.

## Reading Challenge Update



Unfortunately, it's been a slow month for my reading challenge. I have only managed to read two books this month, with only one qualifying for the challenge. It's going to be a close one to finish this challenge before the New Year. How are you all doing? Let me know if any of you joined in and manage to complete it before 2022 this us.

Category	Title	Rating
DIY	100 Ideas for Primary Teachers: Literacy (Katherine Simpson & Rob Smith)	4/5



Happy reading!  
*Miss Pereira*



Spotted your child hooked on a book? Seen an article that you think other parents will find useful? Need a recommendation for your child? Send me a message, article, question or picture through to [c.pereira@bwjps.org.uk](mailto:c.pereira@bwjps.org.uk).