

# Bury and Whitefield's Reading Newsletter



## Introduction

Welcome back to Bury and Whitefield's reading newsletter; your home for all things 'book-ish'. Alongside key events such as, Bonfire Night (5<sup>th</sup>), World Kindness Day (13<sup>th</sup>) and Anti-Bullying Week (w/c 15<sup>th</sup>), November brings two exciting announcements: the Blue Peter and Costa Book Award shortlists. Keep an eye out for these to inspire your upcoming purchases.

Aside from these wonderful events, is 'National Non-Fiction November'; the basis of this month's theme. Many children say they love to read but only a select few would have non-fiction texts in mind when they say that. The biggest factor behind this is that non-fiction reading isn't as heavily modelled as fictional reading is. So let's change that. Have a browse through the many wonderful non-fiction books on offer and model that reading incorporates texts of all types, sizes and descriptions.

## THANK YOU:

Huge thanks to the families of Jack and Willow in our EYFS unit. Your donations were much appreciated and the children have already enjoyed reading them in their book area.



## 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/>

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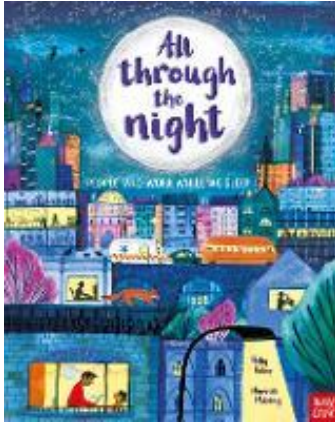
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“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.” – Margaret Fuller



## EYFS Recommendation

### All Through the Night (Polly Faber)

The sky is getting dark. In a big city, a little girl is eating her dinner, brushing her teeth and getting ready for bed. Meanwhile, her mother is putting on her coat and getting ready to go to work. But where will she go, and who will she see along the way? Meet the people doing the important jobs that help keep the city running: doctors, delivery workers, cleaners, journalists and many more...

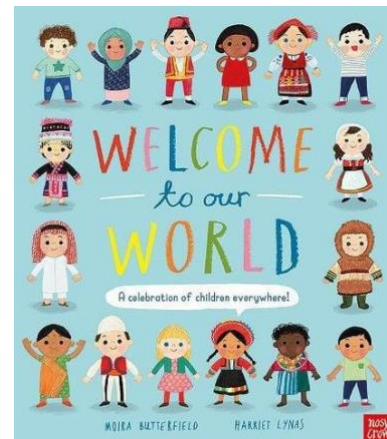
This wonderfully illustrated picture book comes with a free audio recording – just scan the QR code and listen along!

## Years 1 and 2 Recommendation

### Welcome to Our World (Moira Butterfield)

Children all over the world are very different, but they also have much in common. In this beautifully illustrated book, young children can learn all about what people in other countries eat, wear and play, and how they speak and celebrate. From breakfasts to birthdays, cakes to clothes, and hiccups to hellos, there are so many ways to say and do things – but everyone shares a love of family, friends, food and fun.

This delightful book teaches us that despite different languages, customs and traditions, it really is a small world, after all.



## Years 3 and 4 Recommendation

### My Encyclopedia of Very Important Adventures (DK Children)

Viking voyagers, Arctic adventurers, female fossil-hunters and a professional pirate queen combine to make an inspirational encyclopaedia for inquisitive minds. Divided into sections, this covers all corners of the globe through history. What's more, the appealing visuals (a mix of photos, drawings and funky graphics) will draw young readers in and will surely spark plenty of off-the-page exploring.

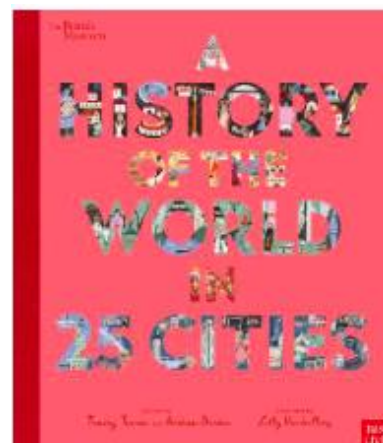
My favourite factor of this book is the diverse range of people and adventures covered – definitely something for all interests.

## Years 5 and 6 Recommendation

### A History of the World in 25 Cities (Tracey Turner and Andrew Donkin)

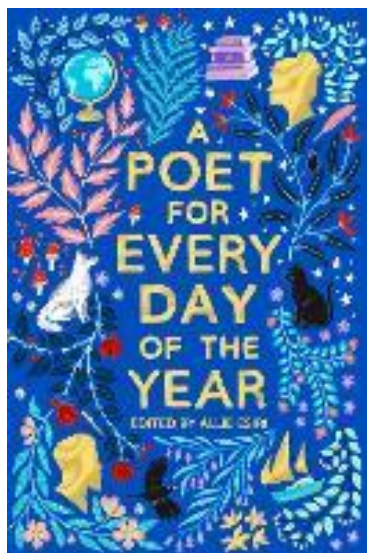
An informative, inspiring treasure trove that takes readers on an epic, in-depth tour of extraordinary cities around the globe and across time. Readers are taken on a thrilling voyage of discovery through 25 cities, among them seventeenth-century Delhi, 1930s New York and modern-day Toyko. Each city is presented with fabulous maps and a feast of fascinating facts, with the book rounding off with a look ahead to cities of tomorrow.

For someone, like myself, who loves to explore the world and its many treasures, this is the gift that keeps on giving.





## Miss Pereira's Books of the Month



### Poetry for the Family

#### **A Poet for Every Day of the Year (Allie Esiri)**

Allie Esiri's beautiful gift anthology is the perfect introduction to 366 of the world's greatest ever verse writers. With an inspirational, life affirming, provocative, moving or entertaining poem for each and every day of the year, this anthology is perfect for reading aloud and sharing with all the family. Each of the 366 poems features a small introduction that gives a sense of who the writer was, and not just the greatness of their work. The day-to-day format of the anthology invites readers to make poetry a part of their daily routine.

As a reader, I don't tend to pick up a poetry book but this has truly changed my opinion. A great read/ present for anyone.

### Children's Fiction

#### **The Book of Stolen Dreams (David Farr) – 9+**

When Rachel and Robert are passed a stolen book by their librarian father, they have to go on the run and protect it at all costs. With their father captured and everyone hunting for the Book, they must uncover its secrets and track down the final, missing page. But the cruel and calculating Charles Malstain is on their trail. When the children discover the astonishing, magical truth about the Book, they resolve to do everything in their power to stop it falling into his hands. For if it does, he could rule forever. Step inside the pages of an immortal adventure and discover a truly unforgettable journey of wonder, courage and magic...

An exhilarating, awe-inspiring debut from Farr; perfect for fans of Philip Pullman and Katherine Rundell.



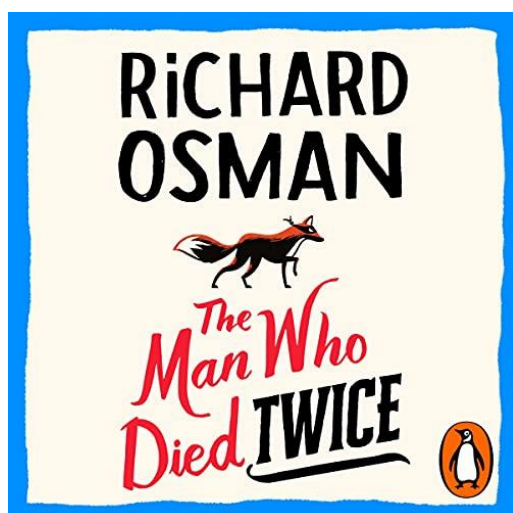
### Adult's Fiction

#### **The Man Who Died Twice (Richard Osman)**

It's the following Thursday. Elizabeth has received a letter from an old colleague, a man with whom she has a long history. He's made a big mistake, and he needs her help. His story involves stolen diamonds, a violent mobster and a very real threat to his life.

As bodies start piling up, Elizabeth enlists Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron in the hunt for a ruthless murderer. And if they find the diamonds, too? Well, wouldn't that be a bonus? But this time, they are up against an enemy who wouldn't bat an eyelid at knocking off four septuagenarians. Can the Thursday Murder Club find the killer (and the diamonds) before the killer finds them?

The second novel in the best-selling Thursday Murder Club series by Richard Osman. This one has split reviews across the staff room so let me know what you think.



# Author Spotlight



## Sally Doherty

Hi Bury and Whitefield Jewish Primary School,

My name is Sally Doherty and I'm the author of Toby and the Silver Blood Witches, suitable for age 9-12.

It's about a twelve-year-old boy called Toby who is a young carer. Since his mum fell ill two years ago, he has forgotten how to enjoy life and just wants to stay at home and look after her. But mysterious things are happening in the building behind his garden hedge. And then a strange woman with a broken broom and a pet bat crash-lands in his attic. Toby becomes entangled in a magical adventure where he discovers a secret city in the sky and he uncovers a sinister plot to experiment on witches. And along the way, he learns how to laugh again.

I live in Surrey, south-east England, with my husband and three-legged rescue dog called Jasper. I suffer from ME which is the same illness as Toby's mum. This means that I have to spend most of my time stuck at home. However, it also means that I have a lot of time to think up new stories and work through the plots. I'm currently writing the sequel to Toby and the Silver Blood Witches which is due out in 2022.

If you ever read my books, I would love to hear from you! You can get in touch via my website [www.sallydohertyauthor.com](http://www.sallydohertyauthor.com). You can also see some wonderful illustrations of my characters there – Toby, Witch Bumble and Witch Willow. There's even Barnaby the bat – the witches call him a fluttermouse. In fact, the witches use lots of different words. What do you think are summer sniffles, morph munchies and sparking hiccups? You'll have to read Toby and the Silver Blood Witches to find out!

Sally



“I kept always two books in my pocket, one to read and one to write in.” –  
Robert Louis Stevenson

## GUESS THE BOOK



Can you guess each of the six books, using the snippets given?

Bring your answers to Year 5 or email them to me ([c.pereira@bwjps.org.uk](mailto:c.pereira@bwjps.org.uk)) for a chance of winning 5 dojos. Extra dojos for a picture of you with each of the books, should you have them.

## Reading Challenge Update

You can definitely tell I've been busy this past month as I haven't managed to read half as much as I would have liked. Those books I have read don't really fit into the reading challenge: I am finding it very tricky to choose a non-fiction 'self-help' book to cover the DIY section or a book 'about feeling trapped' for the quarantine section. if you have any suggestions PLEASE get in touch! [c.pereira@bwjps.org.uk](mailto:c.pereira@bwjps.org.uk).

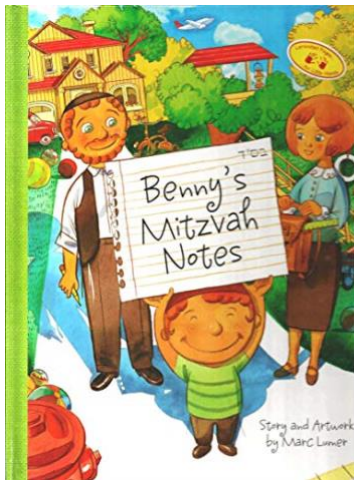
Category	Title	Rating
Defiance	Cinderella is Dead (Kalynn Bayron) - YA	4/5



“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



### **Benny's Mitzvah Notes (Marc Lumer)**

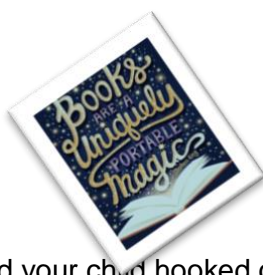
Every day, Benny's mother writes him a mitzvah note, and his father draws a picture on it. Benny takes those notes to his teacher in school. Those precious notes, highlighting Benny's good deeds, means so much to him. At the end of the school year, the teacher puts each child's mitzvah notes into an album, which the child then takes home to keep.

When he grows too old to take those little notes to school, his mother still writes them, and his father still draws the pictures. Benny certainly tries his best and mitzvahs remain at the centre of Benny's life.

A great read – especially on the lead up to Mitzvah Day!

## Upcoming Events

<b>Blue Peter Book Awards Shortlist</b>  <b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<p>This month, hundreds of books are whittled down to a mere 6 as the Blue Peter Book Awards Shortlist is announced: three best story books and three best factual books. These are all centred around children's books.</p> <p>Once they are announced, why not use this list as the inspiration for your upcoming reads? Visit: <a href="https://bit.ly/3bKxZrw">https://bit.ly/3bKxZrw</a> to see the current 'longlist'.</p>
<b>National Non-Fiction November</b>	<p>There are tons of amazing non-fiction books out there for children – and adults – of all ages to enjoy! Find some great examples here: <a href="https://bit.ly/301BF5g">https://bit.ly/301BF5g</a>. There's also a competition to mark the event at: <a href="http://fcbg.org.uk/national-non-fiction-november-2021/">http://fcbg.org.uk/national-non-fiction-november-2021/</a></p>
<b>National Poetry Day</b>  <b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<p>This month also uncovers the Costa Book Awards Shortlist. These awards are more family friendly as they have categories for all members of the family to enjoy: First Novel, Novel, Biography, Poetry and Children's Book.</p> <p>The shortlist will be announced on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Visit the website for more info: <a href="https://bit.ly/3CTG3IF">https://bit.ly/3CTG3IF</a></p>



**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).