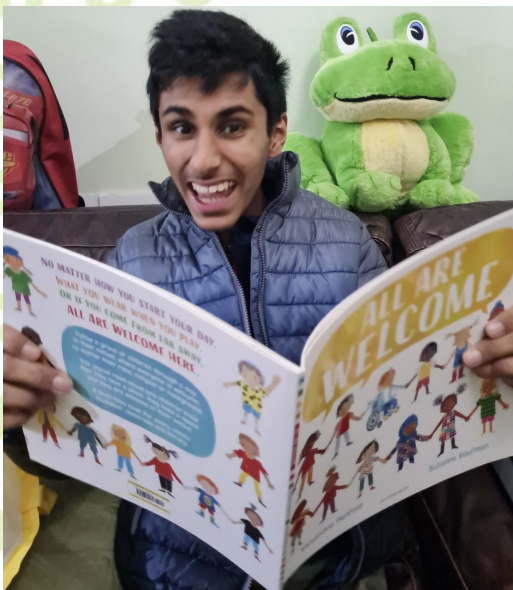


# Ellesmere College Reading Newsletter

## Issue: Spring 2023

Welcome back to our Reading Newsletter! Each term we will be sharing reading recommendations, promoting reading events and celebrating how we are building a reading culture here at Ellesmere College.







### Roving Readers

Our Spring RovingReader is  
**Mohammud Gangat!** Here he is  
enjoying *All are Welcome* at home.

If you have any pictures of your child that you would be happy to have published in our next newsletter, please email them to [Reading@ellesmere.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:Reading@ellesmere.leicester.sch.uk).

## Children who read...

			
Are more likely to overcome disadvantage caused by inequalities	Are more likely to be happier, healthier and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem	Are more likely to do better at school and make more progress across the curriculum	Are more likely to develop empathy and creativity



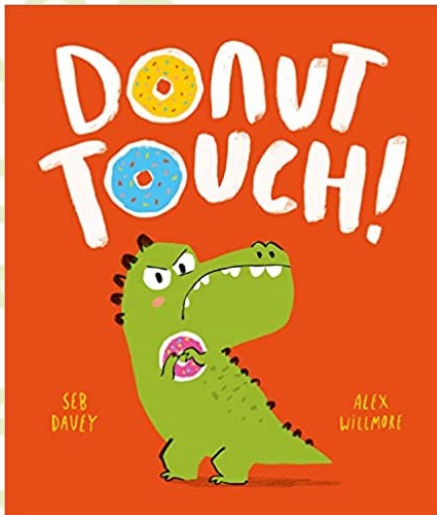


## Book recommendations



### *Ossiri and the Bala Mengro by Richard O'Neill & Katharine Quarmby*

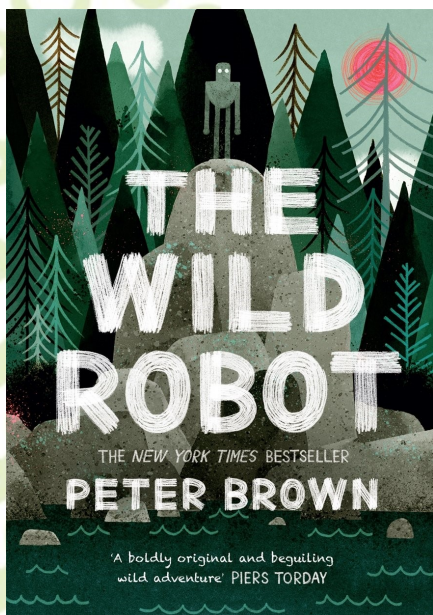
*A traveller girl named Ossiri makes her own musical instrument from a willow branch and lots of recycled objects. Will she wake the ogre?*



### *Donut Touch! by Seb Davey*

*A laugh-out-loud, interactive story in which readers must try to turn the pages without touching the donuts and upsetting the dinosaur.*

*Silverbirch class enjoyed this in their library session.*



### *The Wild Robot by Peter Brown*

*A heart-warming and action-packed novel about what happens when nature and technology collide.*

*Can a robot survive in the wilderness?*







*A magical story about the importance of kindness and friendship, perfect for sharing at bedtime.*

*When a little girl finds a lost star, she takes it home and cares for it, just like a beloved pet. She reads it stories, makes it special snacks and tucks it into bed at night. The more she cares for the star, the brighter it glows. Until, one day, it's time to let go ...*

### **Classic book recommendation**

*Each issue we recommend a classic children's book. This may be one you remember from your own childhood!*

## **WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE**



**STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK**

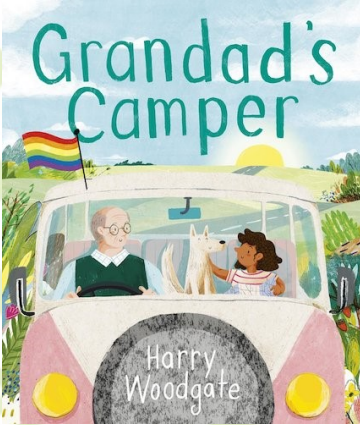
*Where the Wild Things Are,  
Maurice Sendak.*

*In his bedroom Max imagines sailing far away to a land of Wild Things. Instead of eating him, the Wild Things make Max their king.*

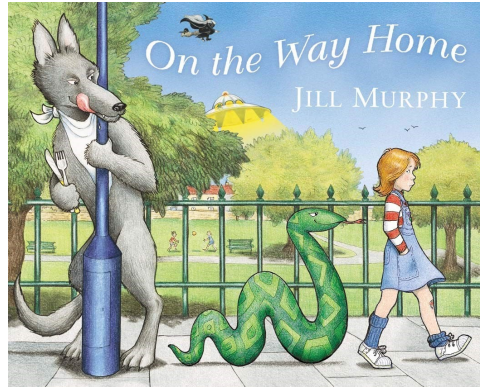




In their reading for pleasure lessons, our Key Stage 3 Starlights class have enjoyed reading...



Discover a wonderful grandfather-granddaughter relationship, as a little girl hatches the perfect plan to get her Grandad adventuring again.



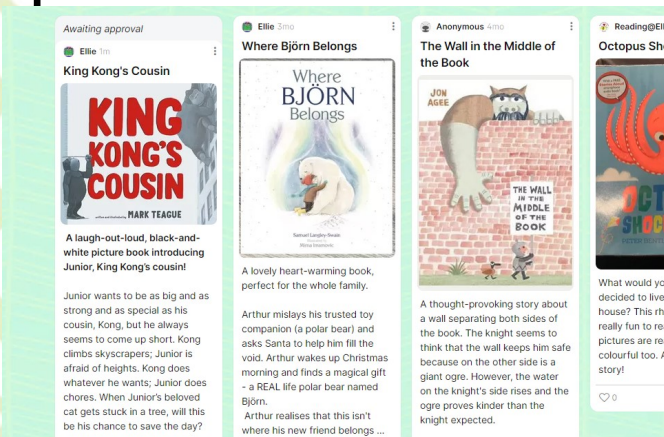
Claire has hurt her knee so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. On the way she meets her friends and tells them how the fall happened. But just how *did* it happen . . .?



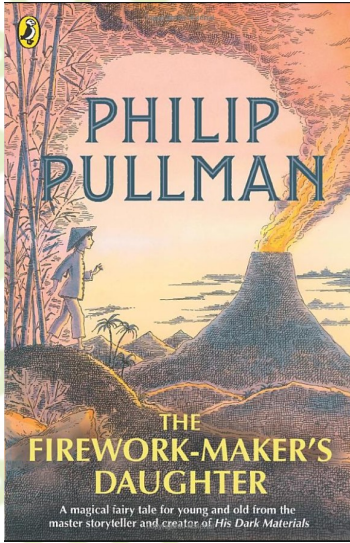
In this story we learn the value of being kind and of saying 'we're sorry' when we've been unkind.

For more Ellesmere book recommendations and to add your own please view our Padlet:

[https://padlet.com/Reading\\_Ellesmere/5nyaxngzprclrs50](https://padlet.com/Reading_Ellesmere/5nyaxngzprclrs50)







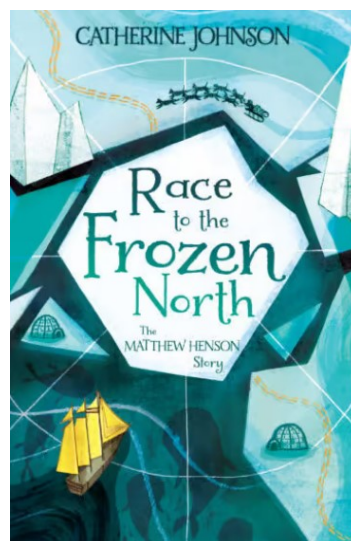
This term our Librarian, Ellie has read *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*. This is a shorter story set '1000 miles ago' in the east.

Lila learned almost all there is to know about making fireworks. But her father has held back the final secret, the most dangerous one, saying Lila's not ready to know. Not to be deterred, Lila sets off on an adventure.

### Shorter Reads

Many of our shorter stories are published by [Barrington Stoke books](#). Their books are *hi lo* (high interest, low ability), meaning the content is appropriate to the age of the reader but the text is edited to suit a lower reading age. They are dyslexia friendly.

*Race to the Frozen North* tells Matthew Henson's remarkable true story. Matthew Henson ran away from home and became the first man to reach the North Pole. A little luck and a lot of hard work led to a life of adventure on the high seas and in the Arctic, but back home in America his achievements were ignored due to the colour of his skin.

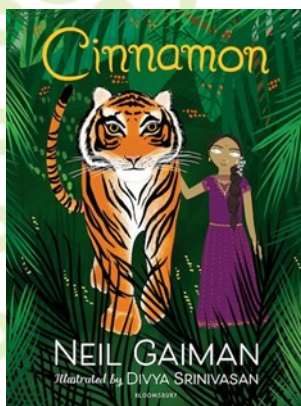




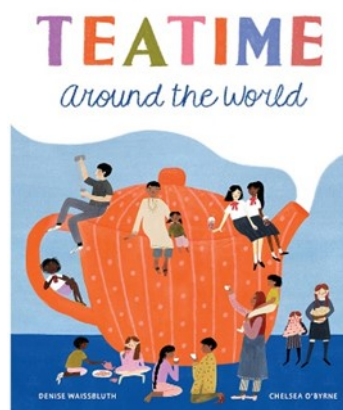
We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. We revealed many new library books at our book banquet on this day.



As part of our book trail at Aylestone Meadows, students made up well-known book titles using less well known book titles.

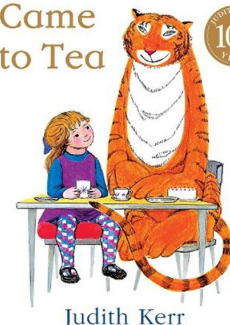


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The Tiger Who Came to Tea



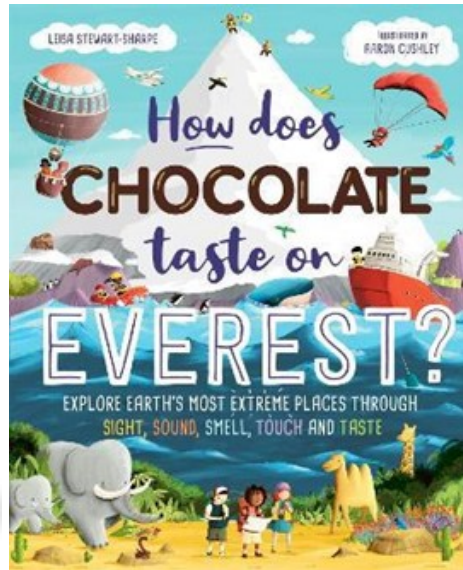
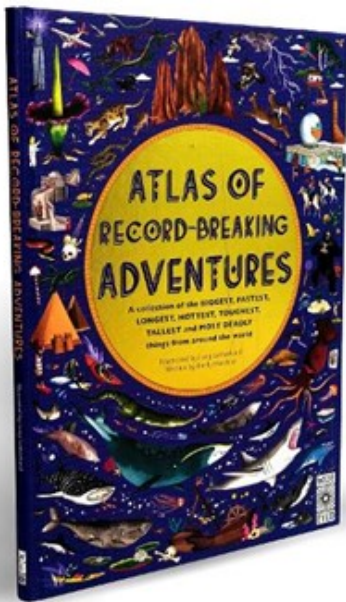
DESIGN YOUR NATIONAL BOOK  
TOKENS GIFT CARD HERE



For World Book Day, Abbey class designed their own book tokens. Well done Hazra!







*An update from Key Stage 4 class reading*

Bradgate	Knighton	Phoenix
<p><i>A few students have carried on reading this, while others prefer their own books.</i></p> <p><i>We have learnt that Joseph struggles with his reading and he's starting to become more brave near Adonis, the gorilla.</i></p>	<p><i>We are loving it! Asha and Jeevan have survived tigers, kidnap &amp; a work camp for children.</i></p> <p><i>They have gone to find Asha's father but the building he was in has burnt down. We hope he's OK!</i></p>	<p><i>Sammy's friend drowned during the journey over from Eritrea which was extremely emotional. He is in a camp that is relying on charity workers from England.</i></p> <p><i>We think Sammy and Nat will meet soon.</i></p>





We have exciting news and a big update!

We are delighted to announce that we will soon be launching online access to books through ePlatform (ebooks and immersive books).

At home, students will be able to log on and borrow a digital book of their choosing using their phone, tablet / device. Students will have access to a customised eLibrary brimming with amazing titles.

We're fine tuning the set up of this and will let you know once this is up and running. To find out more, please attend our Parent and Carer Coffee Morning, 4th May 2023 (10:00-12:00) at Aylestone Meadows.

A sneak peak ...

#### Latest Additions

[view more >](#)



Pandarella  
by Charlotte Guillain  
☆☆☆☆☆



Ping-Ping the Panda  
by Jan Latta  
☆☆☆☆☆



Rescuing Titanic: A true story  
by Flora Delargy  
☆☆☆☆☆



Vardaesia  
by Lynette Noni  
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Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone  
by J.K. Rowling  
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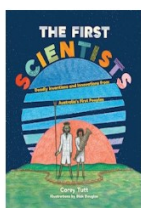
The Poet's Dog  
by Patricia MacLachlan  
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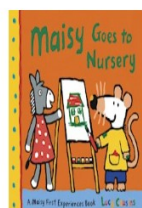
Dem  
by Rick  
☆☆

#### New / Recent Releases

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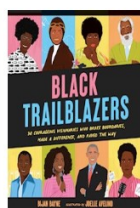
The First Scientists: De...  
by Corey Tutt  
☆☆☆☆☆



Maisy Goes to Nursery  
by Lucy Cousins  
☆☆☆☆☆



Also an Octopus  
by Maggie Tokuda-Hall  
☆☆☆☆☆



Black Trailblazers: 30 C...  
by Bijan Bayne  
☆☆☆☆☆



Loki: A Bad God's Guide...  
by Louie Stowell  
☆☆☆☆☆



Maisy Goes to the Libr...  
by Lucy Cousins  
☆☆☆☆☆



Foot  
by Ali  
☆☆





### *A little reminder of Leicester's local libraries*

We are working with the wonderful Leicester Library Services Team to promote our local libraries.

We are extremely lucky to have 16 libraries across the city and 57 across the county. You can find your local library by using the webpages below:

**City:** <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-community/libraries-and-community-centres/libraries/>

**County:** <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries>

The library is free to join and children can get their own library card too.

You can now borrow audiobooks for free via the BorrowBox or Libby app. All you'll need is your library membership number and pin.

Leicester libraries also have a Bookbus that travels to different streets in Leicester.



We're excited to be welcoming Elaine from Leicester Library Services this week to Ellesmere. She will also be joining us at the coffee morning on Thursday 4th May.

Find updates from the school library on Twitter  
[@ReadEllesmere](https://twitter.com/ReadEllesmere)

