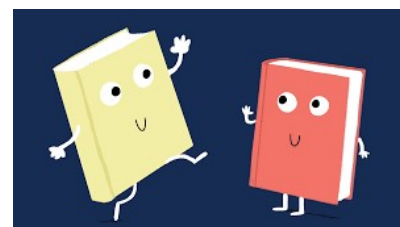
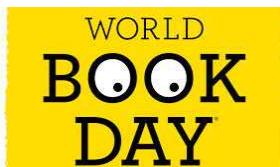




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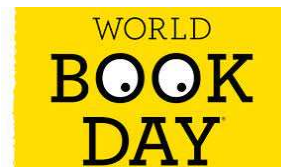


Welcome to our Book Corner where we share everything we love about Reading!



WORLD BOOK DAY

Wednesday 1st March



We couldn't not mention 'World Book Day' on the Book Corner this month! Here is a quick reminder of what we'll be up to on the day...

The message behind World Book Day this year is '**You are a Reader!**', where we will be continuing to celebrate reading for pleasure within our school community. You can find more information about why we celebrate this day here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/> along with lots of brilliant resources and author videos and audio stories and books.

Author visit- Sylvia Bishop

Sylvia Bishop, author of 'The Bookshop Girl', 'Trouble in New York' and 'Midnight Thief' (featured in our monthly must reads this month) will be visiting Backwell Juniors to talk to the children about her books and life as an author.



Sylvia is an internationally renowned author and we are incredibly lucky to have secured her visit to BJS through funding from the PTA. She will be talking to the children to provide inspiration for their own writing and enthusing them about the joy of reading. **Books are all priced at £7- please see recent email about purchasing one of Sylvia's books on the day.**

Dressing up

To keep with tradition, we would love the children to come in dressed as a character from one of their favourite books. There is a prize to be won for the most creative costume in each year group!

Blind Date with a Book!

We would like to invite every child in the school to each bring in a book from home (**which has been read and ready for a new home and therefore won't be returned**). The book must be wrapped in brown paper and then just a few clues about what the book is about e.g. 'Do you like funny stories about cats?' should be written on the front cover of the wrapped book. Books will then be exchanged within each class so please bring in a book which is appropriate for your child's class age group. Our aim is for every child to go home with a 'new' book at the end of the day 😊

World Book Day £1 tokens

We will also be handing out the World Book Day £1 tokens, which can either be spent in bookshops or swapped for one of this year's specially produced £1 books OR...! they can also be saved for our BJS book fair which will be running from Friday 17th March!

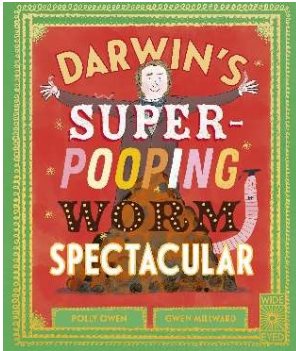
MONTHLY MUST READS

Each month, we post a selection of 'hot off the press' recommended reads...

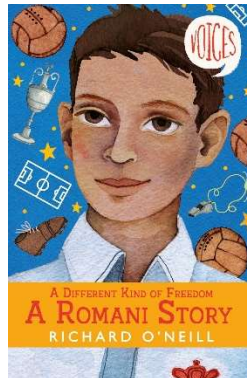
These are taken from 'The Reader Teacher' <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/> a fantastic source of reads, reviews and recommendations at KS1 and KS2.

These books are not currently on the 30 Reads list but could be added under the 'your choice' section on the 30 Reads log. These books can also be reserved and borrowed from Nailsea Library ©

FEBRUARY & MARCH



Non-fiction book of the month



Fiction book of the month

Interest age: 6+

Independent reading age: 7+

Charles Darwin is widely known for his *Origin of Species* book, yet Darwin had another great love, and that was for worms. Told for the first time for children, this is the silly and fascinating true story of how Charles Darwin came to discover that the humble earthworm is the most important species on our planet.

Darwin suspected worms were special but his scientist friends laughed at him. In a quest to find out the worms' special talent. Eventually he realised that worms do have a superpower. They POO! Without their life sustaining, nutrient rich poo, there would be no plants and no animals on earth.

Interest age: 8+

Independent reading age: 9+

A gripping football-filled adventure based in the Romani community of 19th-century Sheffield.

This action-packed story is told through the eyes of young Lijah, as he navigates life and discovers football and the legendary Rab Howell. "Quick history of Rab Howell: born in a wagon on a camp like yours about thirty years ago. He played for United and England, and was one of the best players I ever saw." In this heart-stopping adventure, Richard O'Neill shows us an important and intriguing time in Britain that's sure to fascinate young readers.

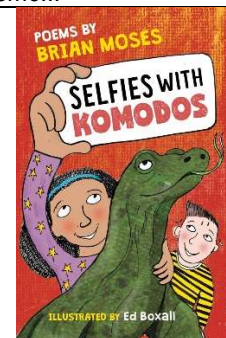
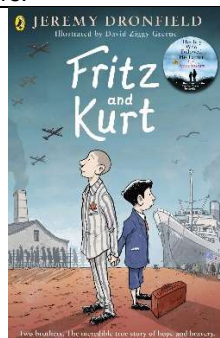
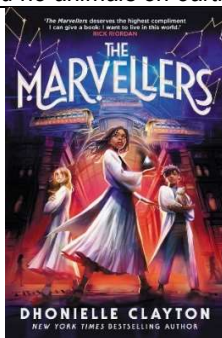
Interest age: 7+

Independent reading age: 8+

Transplanted from her exciting life as an explorer's daughter, Freya finds herself miserable at a posh boarding school. Freya hates all the boring rules, the other girls are mean to her, and the headmistress is frosty good manners personified.

When a bat removal expert is called in to deal with an infestation, Freya meets his irrepressible children - and finds herself making friends at last. Together they explore the city, with particular interest in the grand exhibition showing priceless artefacts for the first time.

When the objects are stolen in a dramatic heist, Freya is sure her new friends are responsible - but the true culprit might be closer to home...



Poetry book of the month

Interest age: 8+

Independent reading age: 9+

Eleven-year-old Ella Durand is the first Conjuror to attend the Arcanum Training Institute, a magic school in the clouds for Marvellers from around the world. Ella discovers that being the first isn't easy but she finds friendship in fellow misfits Brigit, a girl who hates magic, and Jason, a boy with a fondness for magical creatures and support from her Elixirs teacher, Masterji Thakur. The perfect next read for fans of *AMARI AND THE NIGHT BROTHERS* and *SKANDAR AND THE UNICORN THIEF*!

Interest age: 9+

Independent reading age: 10+

In 1938, the Nazis come to Vienna. They hate anyone who is different, especially Jewish people. Fritz and Kurt's family are Jewish, and that puts them in terrible danger. Fritz, along with his father, is taken to a Nazi prison camp, a terrible place, full of fear. When his father is sent to a certain death, Fritz can't face losing his beloved Papa. He chooses to go with him and fight for survival. Meanwhile, Kurt must go on a frightening journey, all alone, to seek safety on the far side of the world.

Interest age: 7+

Independent reading age: 8+

Oh, Komodo, no, Komodo,
if what I hear is true,
nothing but another Komodo
should risk getting close to you!

Every day is an adventure in this brilliant, eagerly awaited collection from one of the UK's best loved poets. Find cats, dogs and dragons, a rock'n'roll iguana and the Rescue Centre for Mythical Beasts. Take the night train to Transylvania, learn to fly or send a postcard from Pluto - but never take a selfie with a Komodo!