



Wood Fold Primary School

Reading Newsletter

Summer 2 - 2024



Welcome back to our final edition of our Reading Newsletter – a place for us to share reading news, recommendations and ways to support our children and their families in accessing and enjoying great books. Every class in school has been enjoying their class novel or class stories these last few weeks.

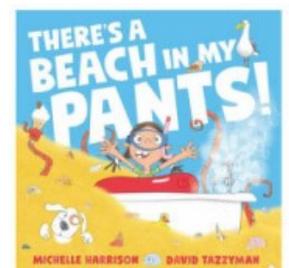
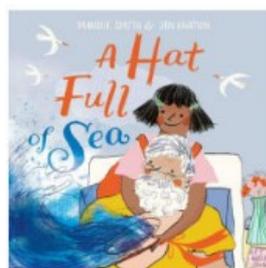
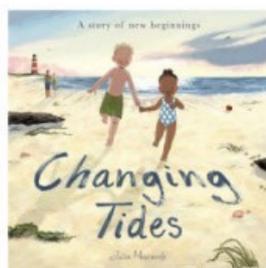
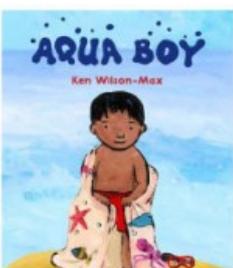
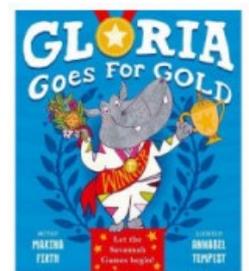
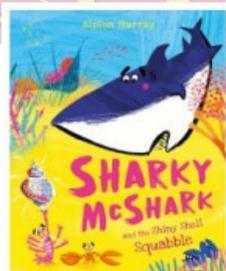
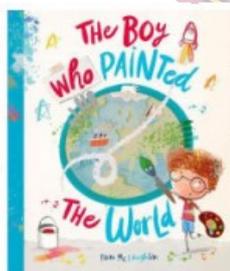
It has been a wonderful year for reading at Wood Fold and we have loved sharing some special moments with you! We are all so excited about the next academic year and can't wait to update you with more reading related news and activities!

We hope that you have enjoyed the newsletters. Have a lovely summer and relax with a good book or two.

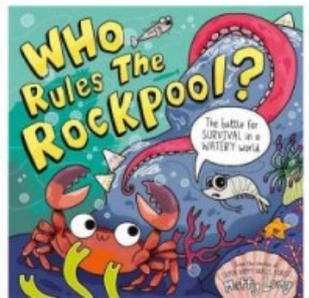
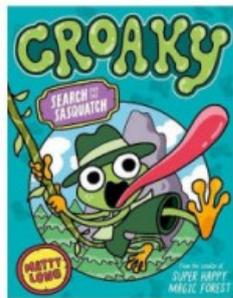
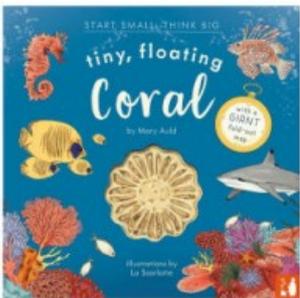
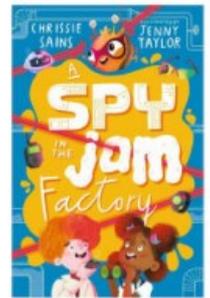
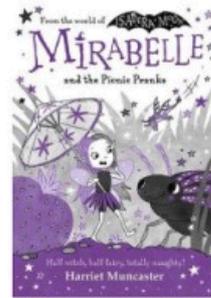
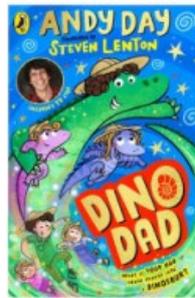
Recommended Children's Books for Summer 2024!

Looking for some good children's books to get stuck into during the summer holidays?

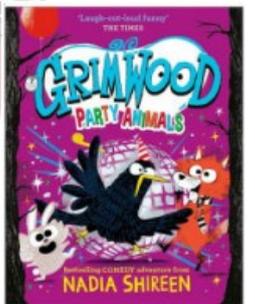
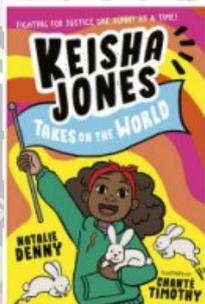
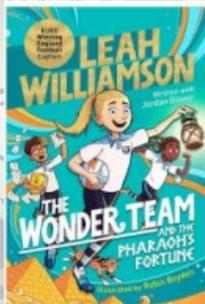
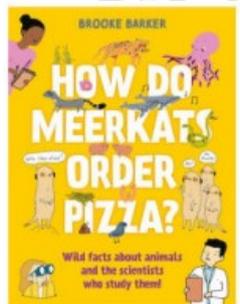
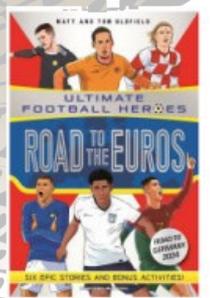
We've put together a list of some of our favourite new children's books out this summer, listed by age group. Our summer selection includes stories of adventurous getaways, creatures of the deep, treasure quests, seashore escapades and plenty of exploration of the great outdoors.



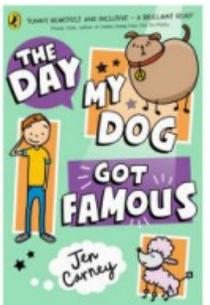
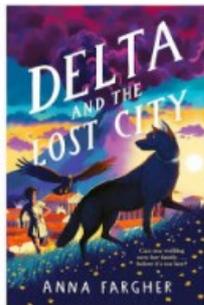
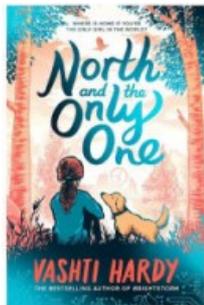
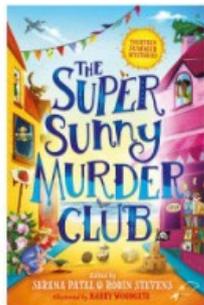
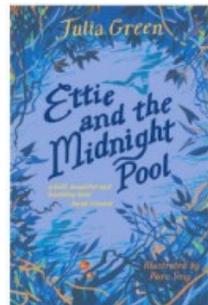
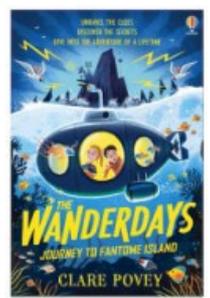
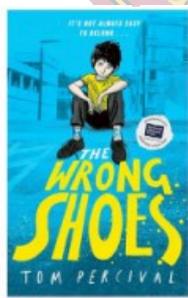
Ages 5-7



Ages 7-9



Ages 9-11



Recommendations based on our Summer 2 class texts

We read this...

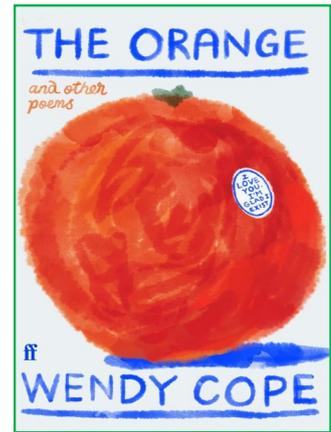
...so now try this



The Bog Baby

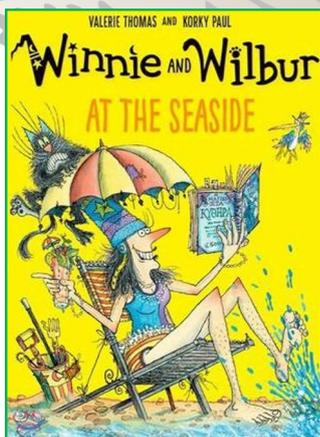
Jeanne Willis and
Gwen Millward

Reception



**The Orange
and Other Poems**

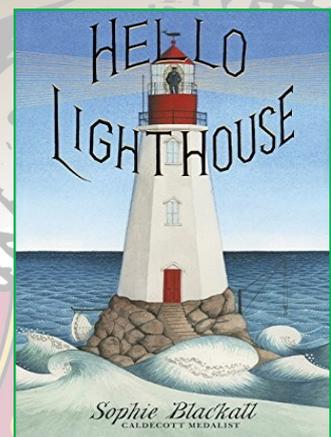
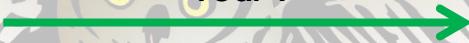
Wendy Cope



**Winnie and Wilbur at the
Seaside**

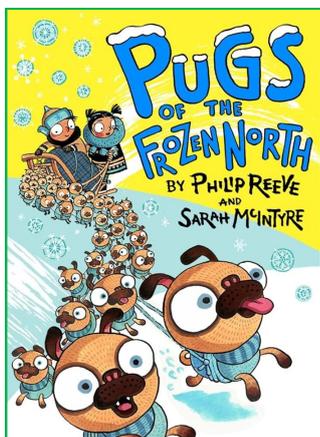
Valerie Thomas

Year 1



Hello Lighthouse

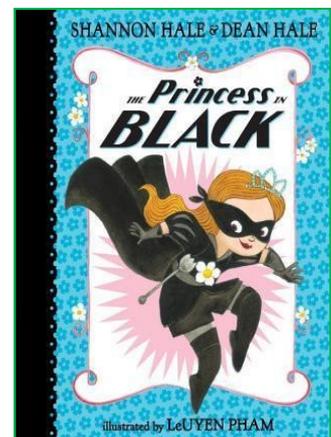
Sophie Blackall



Pugs of the Frozen North

Philip Reeve

Year 2



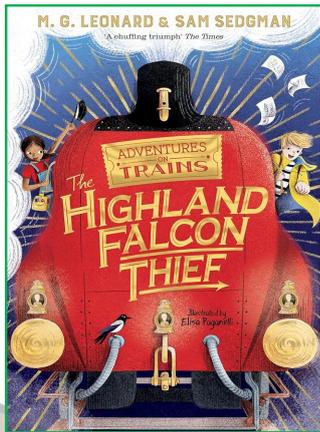
The Princess in Black

Shannon Hale

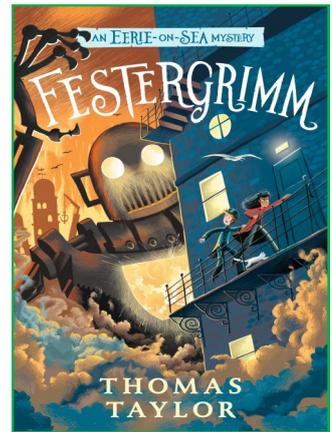
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Year 3

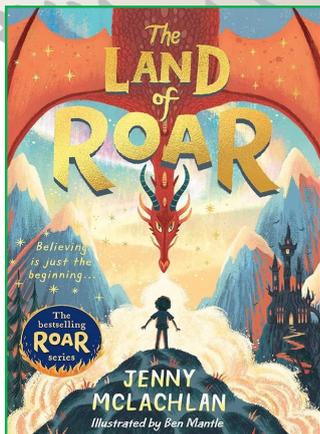


The Highland Falcon Thief

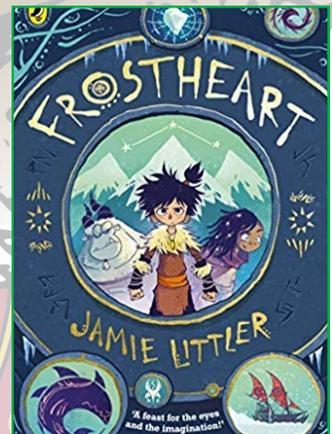
M. G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman

Festergrimm

Thomas Taylor



Year 4

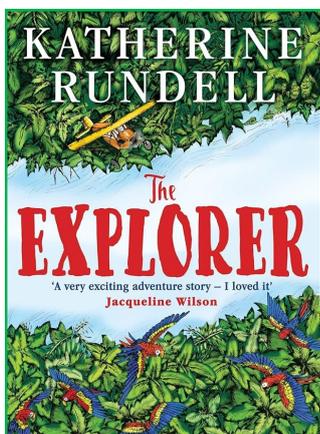


The Land of Roar

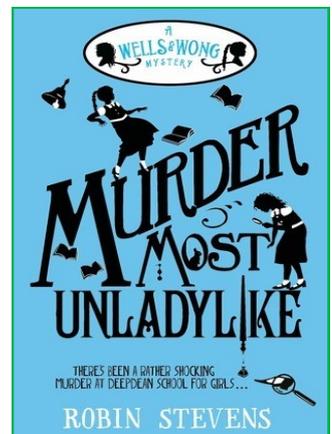
Jenny McLachlan

Frostheart

Jamie Littler



Year 5



The Explorer

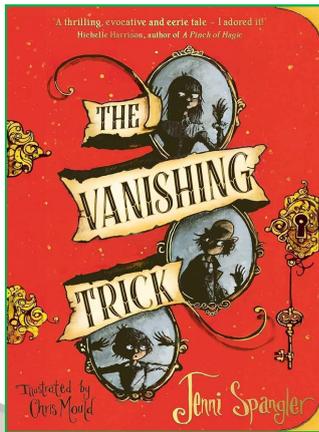
Katherine Rundell

Murder Most Unladylike

Robin Stevens

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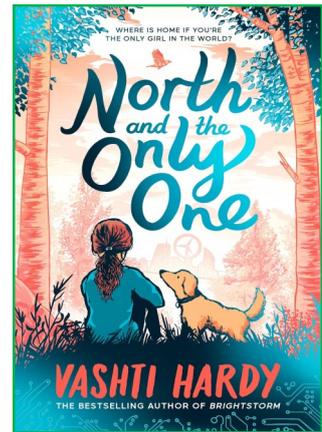
The Vanishing Trick

Jenni Spangler

Year 6



...so now try this



North and the Only One

Vashti Hardy

Miss Hamilton Recommends



This book was completely addictive, I did not want to put it down! This fast paced magical adventure has a truly amazing story for you to unravel filled with magic, fun and quirky characters that will leave you laughing for days on end. This book is the first of a series, with two more stories following on. The story follows the main character Nina, who is an orphan pickpocket that is desperate to find a new life and leave her old one behind. The adventure begins to come alive when Nina steals a small, strange house shaped ornament from a mysterious Woman's purse. Nina knocks on the tiny house's door, and it suddenly begins to grow, revealing lots of mysterious and magical characters inside, such as a playful wizard and an unpleasant troll, that have been put under a spell. Can Nina be the hero and break the spell? Will she escape her old life? If you enjoy an exciting fantasy book full of mystery and fun you will love 'The House At The Edge of Magic'.



Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers



Summer Reading Challenge

The 2024 Challenge started on **6 July**.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a **FREE** holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part. We would like as many of our Wood Fold children to have a go at this amazing challenge.

Children can read anything they like (really - anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading.

This year's theme and how to take part

This year's Challenge theme, **Marvellous Makers**, is all about creativity. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library.

Children can take part for **FREE**, either at the library OR online:

You can sign up **at** your local library and take part in person. A librarian will give you a special collector folder and help you find books to read. You'll collect special stickers and rewards for your reading.

OR

You can take part **online** by signing up on the official Challenge website. You'll set up a profile with a reading goal and log your books. When you reach your goal, you will unlock a virtual badge and certificate.

Please note, the in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals are only available via the library, for those taking part in the in-person Challenge.

MEET YOUR NEW READING LIBRARIANS

It is with great pleasure to introduce you all to our newly appointed Reading Librarians for the next academic year. Being a Reading Librarian is all about having a passion for reading and sharing the deep enjoyment of reading a great book. Our Reading Librarians have been chosen for their love of reading and their enthusiasm to share this with others.

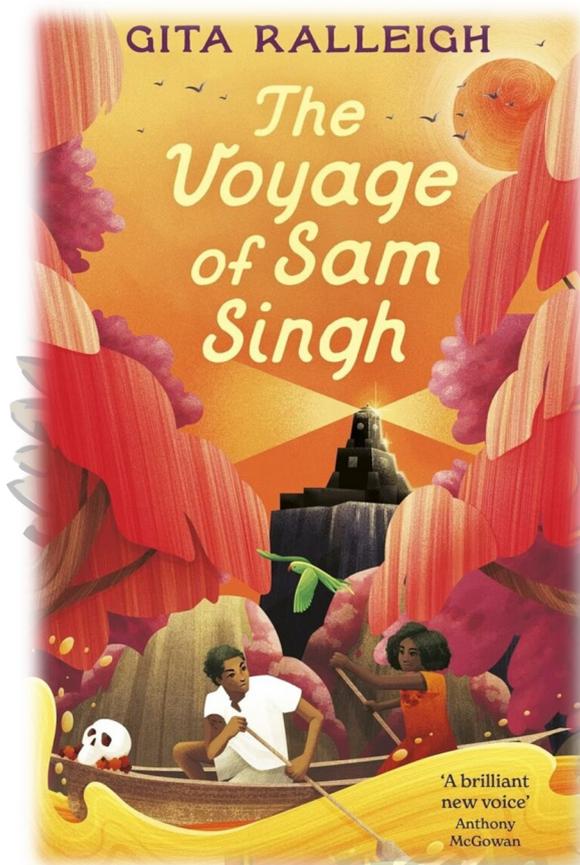
Say hello to:

Lucy, Florence, Harrison, Lottie, Sophia, Sophie, Kareem, Iwan, Farrah, Oliver, Isobel, Jude, Layla, Eva, Bronson, Archie, Thomas and Ava.



Part of the job of a Reading Librarian is to encourage others in school to read more, and find their own love of reading. There is much research that shows children who read regularly at home perform better at school. As well as being beneficial to learning, it is also lots of fun when you find the right types of books for you! Another role the Reading Librarians take, is making sure others get to know about new books, and all things related to reading. Throughout the year, the Reading Librarians will be helping to promote Reading across school in a variety of ways. Look out for what the Librarians have been up to in future newsletters.

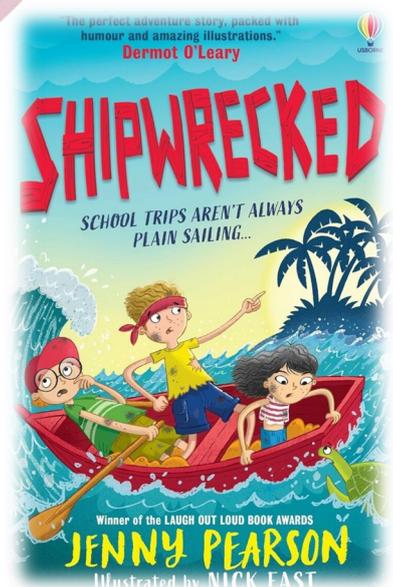
Coming Soon



Out in July 2024

In Gita Ralleigh's second magical middle grade adventure set in a parallel colonial India, land-pirate Sam Singh sails to an isle teeming with spirits and secrets on a perilous journey to find the truth. 'We are kings of the forest, Let them tame us if they can!' Sam's older brother, Moon, has been missing for three long years. Moon is a skilled thief, but Sam fears Moon's luck has finally run out. It's rumoured he's held in the Octopus, a notorious prison on the Isle of Lost Voices, from which no one has ever escaped alive. Leaving his tribe of land-pirates behind, Sam sets sail with the shady Professor Bogusz and his faithful parrot, Suka. With help from a young forest guide called Lola, they trek deep into the island's interior, a place where spirits dwell and the Octopus casts a deadly shadow. With a storm brewing and the clock ticking, Sam is in a race against time to break into the prison, save Moon and find a brighter future for them all.

Three kids face shipwrecks, survival and pirates in the latest adventure from bestselling author Jenny Pearson. Sebastian Sunrise and his two best friends, Lina and Étienne, are in a bit of trouble. They are stranded on a desert island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, after a rowing race went very, very wrong. The friends have no idea how long they might have to stay on the island, so they make a plan. They will try to survive, look after the island's baby turtles, and have fun, if they can. But Sebastian's life has never gone to plan, and they quickly face jellyfish stings, burnt bums and an out-of-control goat. But when a boat arrives, bringing pirates who want to hunt the island's baby turtles, the friends face their greatest danger yet...



Out in August 2024



Following the completion of Euro 2024, why not try a football book?

Football books are hugely popular with young readers from the earliest years all through primary school. From soccer superstars to famous fouls, there's no end of football facts and figures to absorb in our collection of non-fiction and fiction books about the beautiful game.

This list features characters of different shapes and sizes, genders and nationalities enjoying football.

Two very recommendable series about football players for KS2 are the Football Superstars series, which are simple and easy-to-read chapter books about individual players and great for younger or less confident readers of chapter books, and the Ultimate Football Heroes series, which are information-packed chapter book biographies of key players, best suited to children aged 9-11.

Here is a list of the best children's books about football that are bound to kick-start your book collection and score big with young football fans.



For more information, please visit:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/topics/arts-sport/football/>



With over 10,000 children's books published every year, it's a hard task to decide which ones to read. It's an important decision because you want to ensure whichever books you do choose will be the ones that you really enjoy!

How to CHOOSE a book!

Look!

Browse the bookshelves – it's a good idea to have a good look at the books.



Check out the COVER!

Does it look interesting? What is the title? Who is the author? Is it like books you've tried before?

READ the blurb!

The blurb is the short paragraph on the back of the cover and tells you something about the story. What does the blurb tell you? Does it make you want to read it?



Think about the GENRE

This is the type of story found in the book. This could be comedy, adventure or fantasy! What other kinds of stories have you enjoyed?

TRY it out

Read a few pages of the book. Do you want to know what happens next? It's fine to put it back if it doesn't feel right.

ASK

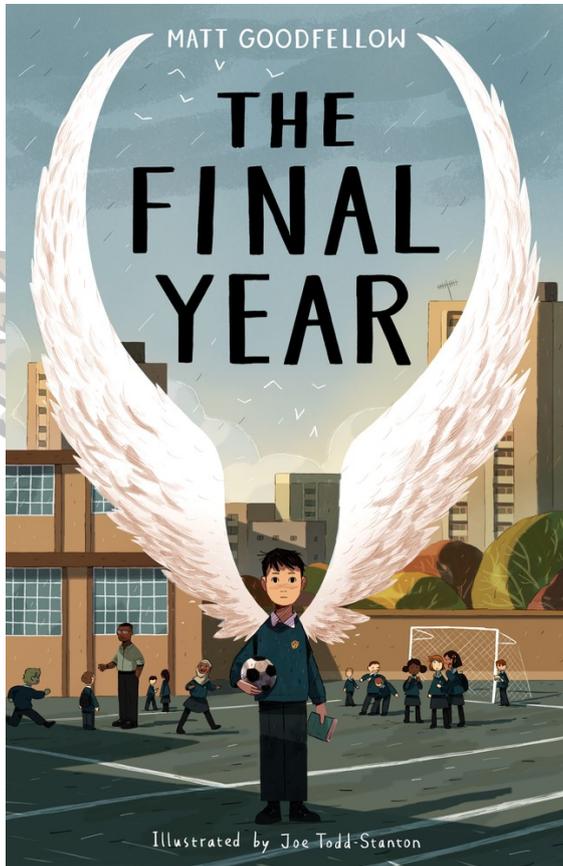
...the school librarian, teachers, parents and your friends to recommend a book!

The RIGHT One

Use the five finger test to help decide if it's the right book for you. Open the book and read a page. Every time you find a word you don't know count one finger. If you get to five the book is likely too hard, so put it back and try another one.



One for the Year 5's going into Year 6



Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS at his side - they've been inseparable since Nursery. But when they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, his world turns upside-down. As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital. His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to make sense of what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough?

THE FINAL YEAR



This powerful and lyrical story, told in verse, about finding your place in the world and the people that matter within it explores themes of family, identity, belonging, navigating friendships and the hardships of everyday life in a working class family in the North of England.

The end of the year

Thank you to everybody for taking the time to read our half-termly reading newsletter. It has been a pleasure to share the latest reading news, recommendations and ways to support our children and their families in accessing and enjoying great books. We have worked hard this year to provide children with lots of opportunities to become immersed in reading and we will continue to do so during the next academic year. Thank you very much for all of the support that you have given us and we can't wait provide more exciting opportunities for our children next year.

The end of the year is a very exciting and emotional time so here is a poem that will help to the enthusiasm about moving on to the next level.



WOOD FOLD



'The end of the year'

The end has come so very quick - it's time to move along,
The final days of this school year have been and now they're gone.

This year has been so wonderful; the time has gone so fast,
We've learnt so much; had so much fun - the time's just whizzed right past.

Enjoy your summer holidays and get some well-earned rest,
To start the new year full of beans; prepared to try your best.

Your next teacher's the lucky one - I'm certain this is true,
Because they get to teach and spend time next year with you.