

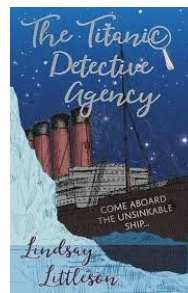
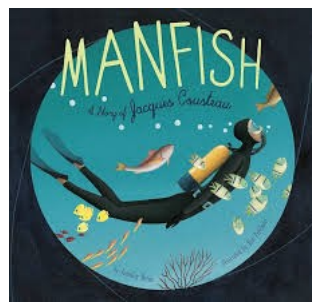
# Reading at SAH

## Welcome to our Summer 2 Reading Newsletter!

It's been an incredibly busy year for reading at our school. We've made exciting developments to our Little Wandle programme, launched new reading for pleasure initiatives, and celebrated whole school events like World Book Day and National Poetry Day. Next year is set to be even more exciting! We are thrilled to announce that our school recently won a grant that will enable us to enhance our reading provision even further. With this grant, we will be implementing a new daily reading scheme aimed at improving both fluency and comprehension across all classes. Additionally, we will be expanding our Little Wandle fluency programme, specifically targeting the development of fluency skills. The grant has also allowed us to purchase approximately 400 new books, which we can't wait to start using in September. Here's to another fantastic year of reading!

## Birthday Books

Thank you to the parents and carers who have taken part in this scheme—the children love receiving their books in assembly and proudly scanning them into our school library once they have read them. Your contributions have made such a difference to the books we can offer in our school library. We will be continuing this scheme next term, so please follow this link to purchase a birthday book for your child: <https://amzn.eu/0hVxuMz4>



## What's coming up?

In September, the children will be reading the following texts. It is not an essential requirement, but if you are able to get hold of a copy of the text, it would be useful.

**Year 3:** A House that Once Was by Julia Fogliano and Lane Smith (*this is an expensive non-fiction hardback book so there is no expectation to purchase*)

**Year 4:** Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau. (*this is an expensive non-fiction hardback book so there is no expectation to purchase*)

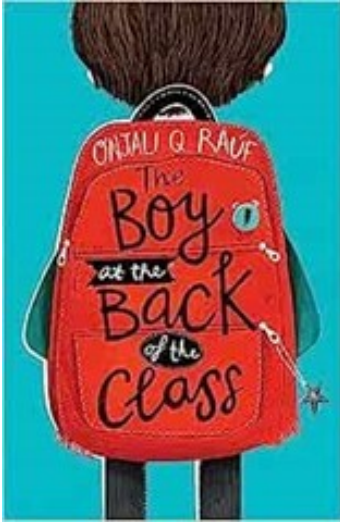
**Year 5:** The Titanic Detective Agency by Lindsay Littleton

**Year 6:** Letters From the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll

*These texts may not begin in September, but will begin next half term.*

# Books we're bragging about!

As we approach the start of a new academic year, many of us are thinking about change, whether it's moving on to new classes or meeting new friends and teachers. This is a perfect time to dive into books that explore the theme of change. Stories that show characters facing and overcoming challenges, celebrating successes, and learning to accept new situations can be incredibly inspiring and helpful. Through these books, we can see that change, while sometimes difficult, is a natural part of life and can lead to wonderful new experiences and personal growth. So let's embrace this season of change with some great reads!

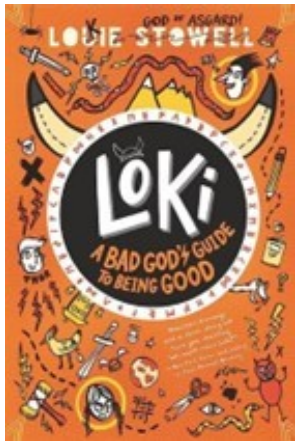


Onjali Q. Rauf's debut won both the Waterstone Children's Book and the Blue Peter Book awards in 2019, and for good reason. It is a brilliantly written story of how friendship and kindness can help win over cruelty and prejudice. Ahmet is the new boy in class, a refugee from Syria, who finds his life changed by three friends and their determination to help. An inspiring way for children to think about what it means to be new, and a call to arms for kindness!

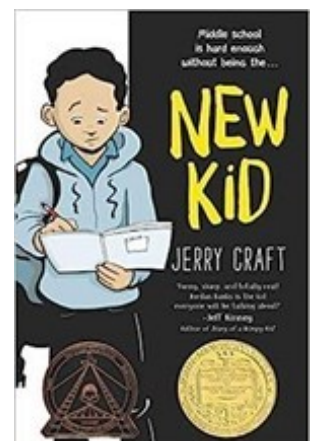
Cora is struggling to fit in at her new secondary school. She is autistic and finds it hard to navigate a new world that is both familiar and foreign to her. Adrien is home-schooled and has ADHD. The two meet and are soon firm friends. Adrien appears to have everything, a wealthy family, a loving mum, and a dad who runs the Pomegranate Institute. Cora is captivated by its latest invention, a technology that creates holograms that can bring people back to life. But something sinister is lurking in the Pomegranate Institute. Adrien isn't being entirely truthful, and Cora's sense of integrity leads her to question their friendship. Cora is left to decide, can she fight to discover the truth? Can she face what she finds?



Imagine not only being a god (in a feeble child's body), but also being a trickster god made to go to primary school. And even worse than that, imagine your annoying goody-two-shoes brother, Thor, is also at the same school being perfect and funny and cool! And even worse than all of that, IMAGINE that you have to be good and do good deeds for a month or you will be left alone in a room with Fangy, a bad-tempered and very poisonous snake for all eternity! This is the fate of Loki. And let's just say he finds the change from trickster god to primary school child challenging!



Imagine starting at a new school. Now imagine starting at a new school where you are one of only a handful of children of colour. The challenges of fitting in whilst staying true to yourself are brilliantly described in this award-winning graphic novel by Jerry Craft. Both sensitive and funny, *New Kid* is a story that all children can relate to, and which opens up some great discussions about finding your way in a new environment.



# Summer Reading Ideas

Continuing to read over the summer holiday is crucial for children's development and learning. It helps maintain the progress they have made during the school year, preventing the 'summer slide' where skills and knowledge can be lost. Regular reading keeps their minds active and engaged, enhances their vocabulary, and improves comprehension skills. It also fosters a love for reading, encouraging lifelong learning and curiosity. Why not give some of these reading ideas a go over the summer holiday?

Read a poem aloud with great feeling.	Read two books by the same author.	Read for 15 minutes outside.	Read a chapter to a family member.	Read an article in a magazine.
Read for 15 minutes in your bed.	Read instructions to something like a game or a new appliance.	Read a book about an athlete.	Read a book published more than 100 years ago.	Read a graphic novel, and then read the same novel in traditional form.
Read a book with a friend alternating sentences.	Read a book by flashlight under the stars.	<b>Bingo!</b>	Read a science fiction novel.	Read a recipe book, and choose a recipe that you would like to make.
Read an autobiography.	Read a chapter aloud to a pet or stuffed animal.	Read a book that you think is too hard for you.	Read a biography.	Read a nonfiction book about something non-living (rocks, trucks, etc.).
Read a book about an animal.	Read to a baby, young child, or younger sibling.	Read a book with a one word title.	Read to an elderly person.	Read a book that you think is too easy for you.

The Summer Reading Challenge is back! To ensure children continue their reading journey over the summer holidays, The Reading Agency has designed this amazing challenge. Created in partnership with the charity Create, and delivered by libraries, the theme this year is 'Marvellous Makers'. A celebration of the Creative Arts, children will be inspired to express themselves in creative ways, tap into a world of imagination and storytelling and of course to read!

All children aged 4 to 11 can now sign up for the challenge at their local Surrey library for free. The aim of the challenge is to keep children reading over the summer holidays when there can sometimes be a 'reading dip'. Children can set their own goals, but to complete the challenge they will need to read 6 books before Saturday 14 September.

Pop along to Virginia Water Library to sign up now!



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