

# Swaleciffe Community Primary School's Reading Newsletter, Term 2



## Reading News for our Families

We are so pleased that we are now able to provide our families with dates for some upcoming reading events at our school.

**Infant Open Library** - On the following mornings from 8.20 - 8.40, we will be opening our Infant Library for specific year groups each term. This is a chance for parents to join their children to share books in our lovely library:

Year R - 10/11/23  
Year 1 - 19/01/24  
Year 2 - 08/03/24  
Year R - 19/04/24  
Year 1 - 14/06/24



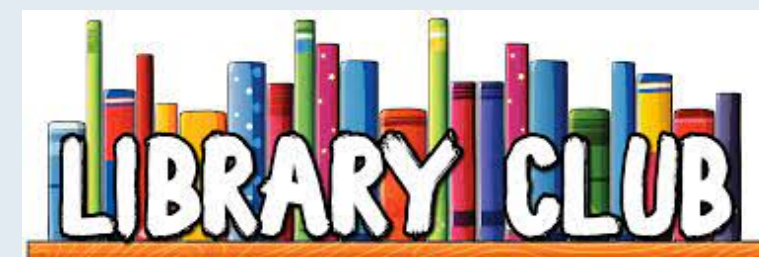
**Pre-School Storytime** - If you have another child due to start school in September 2024, we would love for you to come along and join us at one of our storytime sessions which run from 2.45 - 3.10. To book call the office:



24/11/23  
02/02/24  
08/03/24  
03/05/24

**Lunchtime Library Clubs** - These will be running at lunchtimes on Mondays for the infants with Mrs Back and on Wednesdays for the Juniors with Mrs Hughes. There is no need to book as the children can just come along should they wish. Please note that in the Infants, it is a year group per term as we get lots of children who join:

Term 2 - Year 1  
Term 3 - Year 2  
Term 4 - Year R



**Family Workshops** - We will be offering three reading workshops this year as follows.

Book using the 'click here':

Supporting Your Child to Read at home on 23/11/23 - [click here](#).

Phonics on 28/11/23 - [click here](#).

Supporting Reading for Pleasure at home 05/03/24 - [click here](#).

Each workshop runs from 8.50 - 10.00. Please arrive at the office where a member of staff will sign you in. Thank you.



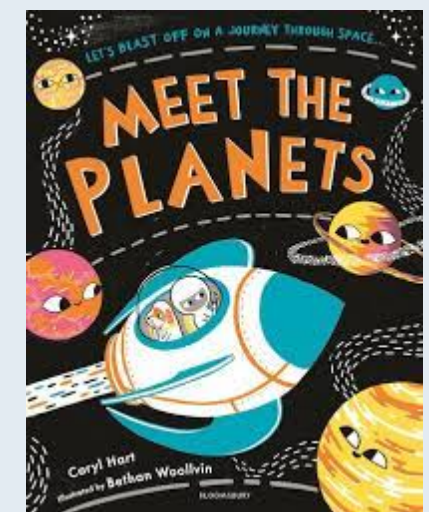
## Book Swap Shed

Our 'Book Swap Shed' will also be open, from Term 2, in the Quiet Area on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. This is run by the English Subject Champions over lunchtime. We encourage children to bring a book from home that they no longer read to 'swap' but they can just pop along to enjoy some reading time outside.

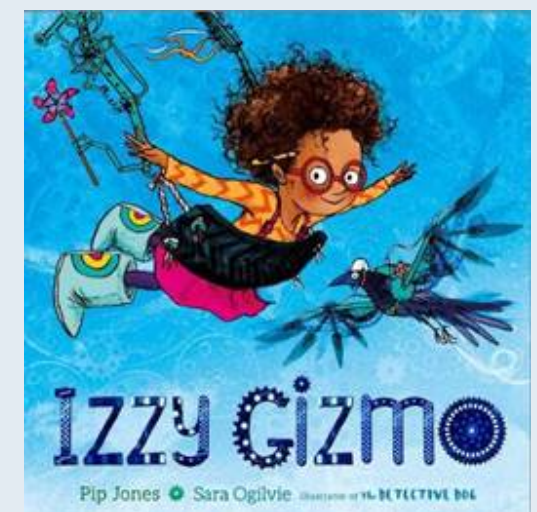


## This Term's Recommended Reads - Books that Encourage STEM

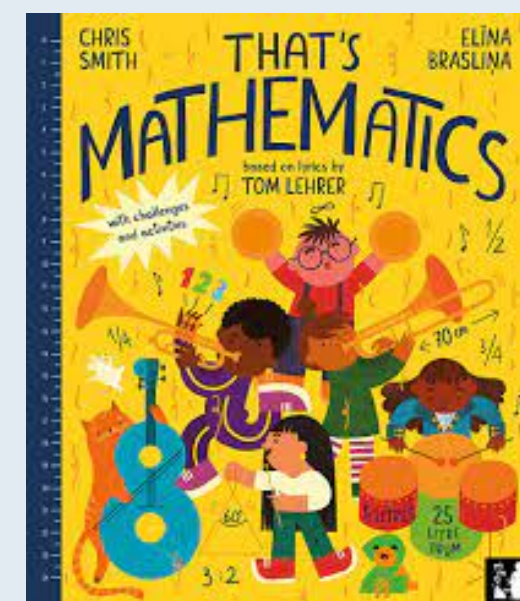
**Meet the Planets by Caryl Hart and Bethan Woolvin**  
Age 3+, Perfect for Year R



**Izzy Gizmo by Pip Jones and Sara Ogilvie**  
Age 4-6, Perfect for Year 1



**That's Mathematics by Chris Smith and Elina Braslina**  
Age 5-8, Perfect for Year 2

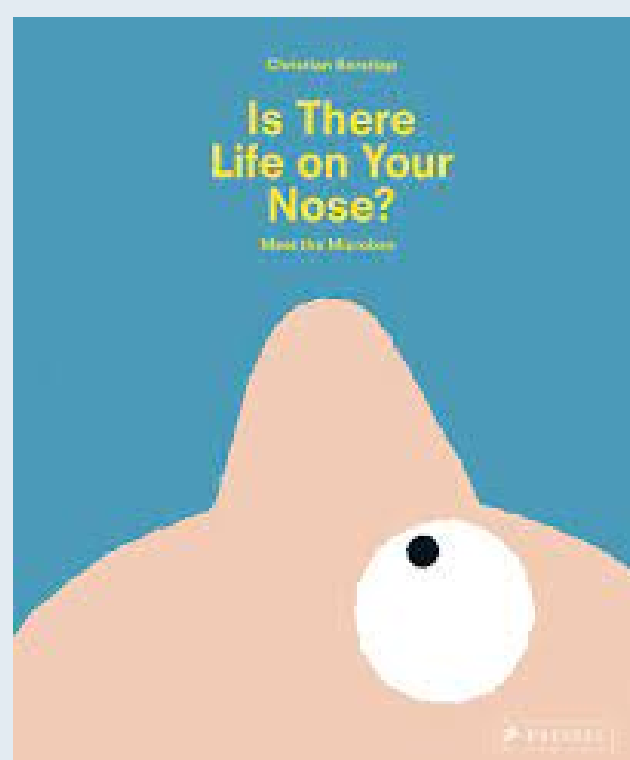
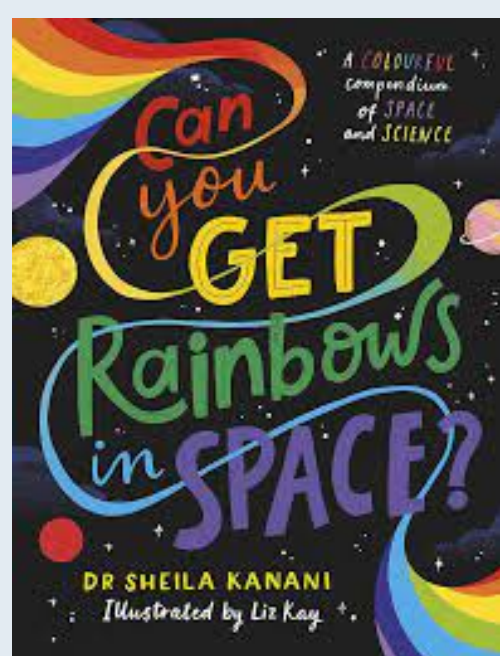


**Can You Get Rainbows in Space? by Dr Sheila Kanani**  
Age 7-9, Perfect for Year 3

**Is There Life on Your Nose? Meet the Microbes by Christian Bortslap**  
Age 5-9, Perfect for Year 4

**Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest by Vashti Hardy**  
Age 9-12, Perfect for Year 5

**Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman**  
Age 11+, Perfect for Year 6





### [A Special Book Review from Frankie and Grace \(two of our fabulous subject champions\):](#)

The Last Stardog by E.K. Mosley  
Sadly, the Stardog is the last of its kind but this is a book of hope.

This story is magical and the illustrations are brilliant with stunning contrasting colours which are so vibrant. We recommend this book to all ages and give it five stars!



### [Some Recommendations for the Grown-Ups:](#)

Harbour Books Recommends ...

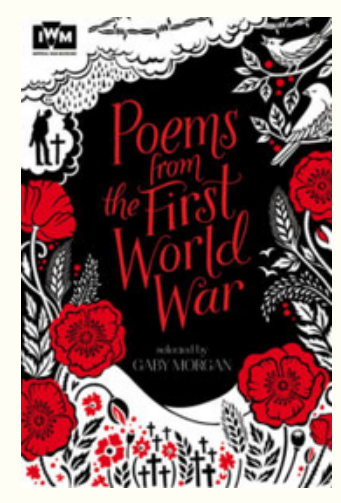
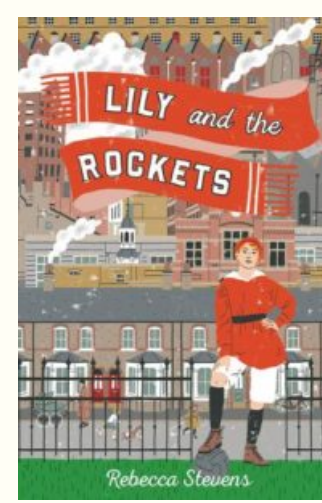
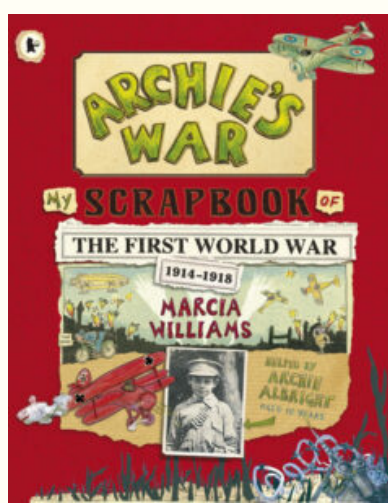
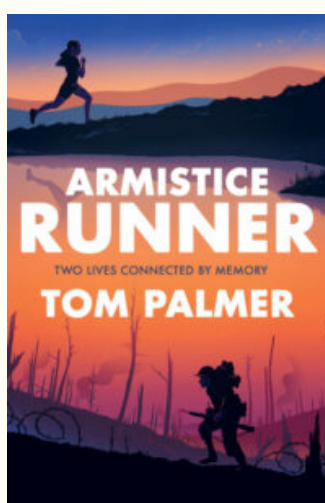
'The Island of the Missing Trees' by Elif Shafak. This wonderful adult contemporary fiction was shortlisted for the Costa Novel of the Year. It a delicately constructed story of love, division, transcendence and history set in Cyprus.

### [Some Reading Dates/Events Coming Up](#)

**Non-Fiction November 2023** - The National Literacy Trust's most recent research (2022) found that children who read non-fiction are more engaged with environmental issues. Click here to find out more about the importance of environmental. [Click here to read more about the importance of non-fiction.](#)



**Remembrance** - A day to honour the service and sacrifice of those who have defended and protected our communities in the past, and those who continue to do so. Here are some wonderful books that explore life during World War One both on the home front and on the battlefields. Most are more suitable for KS2.



Thank you for taking the time to read this term's Reading Newsletter. I hope that you have found it useful. As always, myself, the rest of the English Team and your class teachers are always here to speak with you about how to help with your child's reading. Please also remember our plea for any small basket that we can use in our class libraries please.

The kindest regards,  
Miss Garton  
Deputy Head and English Lead

