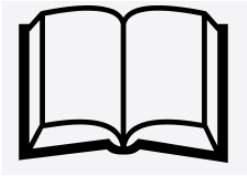


Arno Vale Junior School

Reading Newsletter



May 2025

Welcome to our Reading Champions Newsletter. The Reading Champions have worked hard this year to look after our library and to share their joy of reading with others in school. Please read on to see their book reviews and interview with Mr Rossington.



The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

What happens?

A cargo boat crashes on an island because of a storm. A box falls off and robot parts fall out. The parts form into a robot. An otter turns it on and the robot starts to whirl. It scares the otters. The robot gets used to the environment and teaches a gosling how to fly. The geese migrate to warmer places. People come to pick the robot up but animals fought.

3 Word description

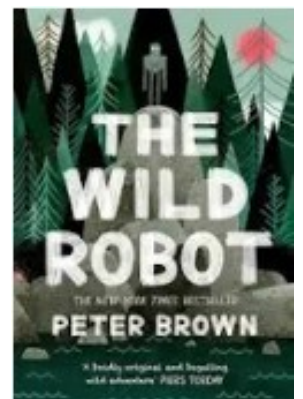
Star rating:

Some sadness

Fear

Joy

Reviewed by Naomi, Ella, Emily, Ivy and Lydia.



The Twits by Roald Dahl

Why we like it:

1. It's funny.
2. There's lots of problem solving.
3. It's inspiring.
4. It's cleverly written.
5. The characters are cool.

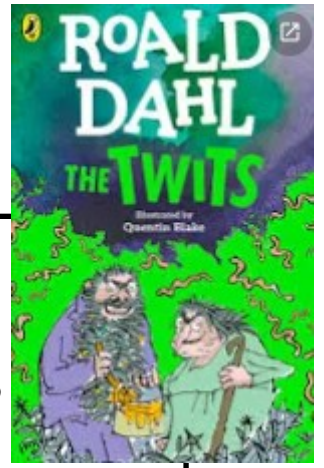
Main Characters:

Mrs Twit is married to Mr Twit and they are horrible to others.

Monkeys are funny acrobats and want to escape.

Rolly Polly Bird flies around giving the other animals information.

Reviewed by Elizabeth, Millie, Arabella, Annis and Alice



An interview with.....MR ROSSINGTON! By Molly, Violet, Jessica and Georgia

Q. What do you think about children reading books?

A. Reading is really important. It helps with imagination. I love to see people read and it develops vocabulary.

Q. What do you like about reading?

I love learning new vocabulary.

Q. What is your favourite book and why?

Therese Raquin by Emile Zola. The reason is it's very descriptive and it is a murder crime thriller.

Q. Who is your favourite author?

A. Agatha Christy because of the plot twists.

Q. How long do you think children should read per day? How long do you read per day?

A. I think children should read for about 15-20 minutes. I read for 30 minutes... and more.

Q. What is your favourite type of book?

A. Murder mysteries.

Q. Who do you read with most?

I read by myself mostly.

Dog Man #1 by Dav Pilkey

It is a very funny book based on good v. evil! When you think everything is good...it turns bad. It is about a person, who has the head of a dog. They build stuff.

There are jail breaks! There are evil cats! There are animals. It is cute.

It is INTENSE.

Big Jim is my favourite cat....

Reviewed by Maya, Molly, Meredith, Luke & Emily S.



Hidden Treasure by Jessie Burton

Released 13th March 2025

PREVIEW

Set in London during WW1, a boy and a girl go on an adventure to retrieve two magical gems from the Thames. On they way, they encounter: mysterious visions from the past and an evil man who wants the gems for himself.

WHO GETS THE GEMS?

WHAT MAKES THEM SO POWERFUL?

WHO WILL THEY BRING BACK?

Main Characters:

Bo is a young girl who comes from a poor family with a single mother. Her older brother is an army soldier and has recently gone off to fight in the war. She enjoys passing her time mudlarking. Billy is a young boy who is also from a poor family with a single parent. His favourite hobbies are mudlarking and using his binoculars. Both children feel a strong connection to the river.

Why we'd recommend this book:

This lovely children's book is suitable for all ages, and is jam-packed full of adventure, drama, suspense and fun! There are lots of unexpected twists and turns and odd things happening that no one could foretell. There are characters that almost switch personality (in a way) and romance. Throughout the story, there are lots of gripping moments that won't let you put the book down, like: mysteries, questions and sadness—but also joy and happiness.

So to conclude: We believe the recommendation will inspire children to read this incredible, easy-to-read, recently added children's book!

Thank you for reading!

Review by Elizabeth

