



Reading Newsletter Autumn 2021

Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible.
Barack Obama

As the dark nights draw in, now is a great opportunity to stock up on reading material ready to snuggle down and transport yourself into a world of adventure and mystery or fun and mischief. In this autumn newsletter, we have some great book recommendations that are sure to just grab your attention. We have also included some information on authors as we all know that when we have finished a book we love; we often search out ones by the same author that we can dive straight into.

Focus on authors...

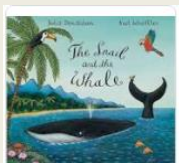
Every half term, each year group focuses on a different author to study. Within their classes, the children read or listen to different books by that author and then compare and contrast those books to other they have read. Here is some information on a just a few of authors.

Year group	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1	Julia Donaldson	Julia Donaldson	Helen Ward	Anthony Browne	David Weisner	Shaun Tan
Autumn 2	Oliver Jeffers	Mini Grey	Roald Dahl	Cressida Cowell	Carol Anne Duffy	John Boyle

Julia Donaldson

Julia Donaldson is the author of one of many people's all-time favourite books, *The Gruffalo* which she wrote in 1999. Check out this website with lots of information about Julia.

<https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/>



Cressida Cowell

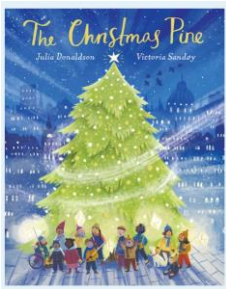
Cressida Cowell is currently the Waterstones Children's Laureate (2019 – 2022). *The Wizards of Once* is part of a series that many children absolutely love to read. We're sure that many of you also know the *How to Train Your Dragon* books series, and also the *Emily Brown* picture books, illustrated by Neal Layton.

Carol Ann Duffy

Carol Ann is an award winning Scottish author and poet who writes for children and adults. She became the first Poet Laureate in 2009. *The Lost Happy Endings* is a lovely book involving a witch who steals all of the happy endings from traditional stories. Can Jub rescue them back?



Scholastic Book recommendations

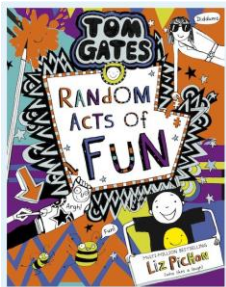


Ages 4 – 6

A magical picture book for Christmas, written in perfect, heartfelt rhyme by Julia Donaldson. Deep in a snowy wood stands a little pine tree with a special destiny: when it grows up, it's going to be the famous Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square! The gorgeous, atmospheric illustrations whisk you from frozen forests to the sparkling city square in a beautiful, moving story of festivity and hope. The lovely rhymes make it great to read aloud and share.

Ages 7 – 8

This is another of the Tom Fletcher series. Children and adults alike will love reading this heart-warming, festive adventure together. Written as a collection of short stories, it's the perfect length for before bed. Plus, it teaches mischievous kids about learning the error of their ways, sharing the true spirit of Christmas and realising that sometimes things aren't quite as they first appear.

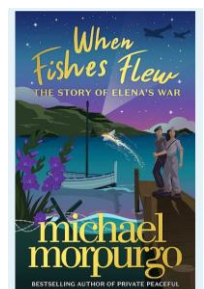


Ages 9 – 10

This new book is the 19th in the series from the best-selling, award-winning author Liz Pichon. This laugh-out-loud story is perfect for boys and girls who love to be silly and creative. Written in diary form and with doodles on every page, the engaging format keeps any reluctant readers hooked. Perfect for fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Dork Diaries*.

Ages 11+

When Nandi travels to her ancestors' home on a Greek island, she discovers the extraordinary story of her great-aunt Elena. Who fell in love, in the hardest of times, and how she became an unsung hero of World War Two. But now Elena has gone missing, and Nandi has to find her. In her search, she will discover that Elena was an even greater hero than she thought – and still is... This is the first novel in two years from previous Children's Laureate and from the Nation's Favourite Storyteller Michael Morpurgo. Nandi's story is an inspiring tale of personal discovery and belonging, threaded through with the quiet heroism of everyday people. Full of magic, myth and mystery, journey from Australia to the Greek island of Ithaca, and back in time to World War Two.



Something exciting is going to be happening soon.

Reading ambassadors

We will be looking out for Chapelford's own reading ambassadors. The role will be suitable for children who love to read and can encourage other children to read too. One of their important tasks will be reviewing books and recommending books for their class.