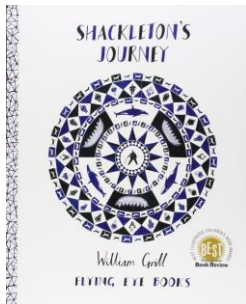
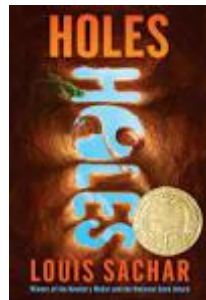


## What are we reading this month?

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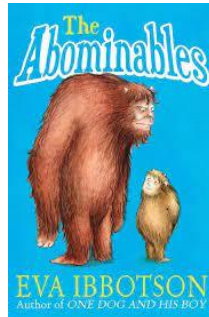
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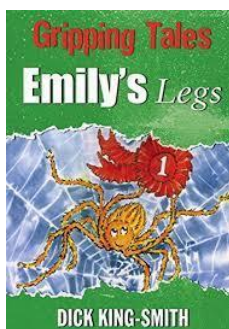
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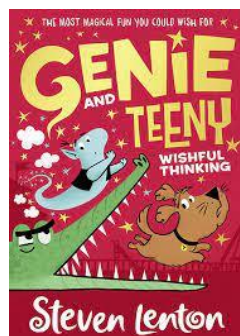
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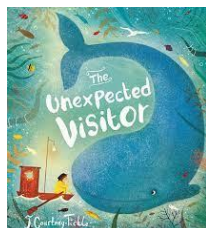
Beech – Year 2



Elm - Year 1



Pine – Reception



## Welcome

The theme for this issue links to World Refugee week which had the theme of **compassion**.

## Poetry Corner

'Ice Holds Many Secrets' by Niklas in Y6

An eerie silence fills the air

Shattering hope.

Growlers lie submerged

Deep, dark and deadly.

Stranded alone in a fractured sea

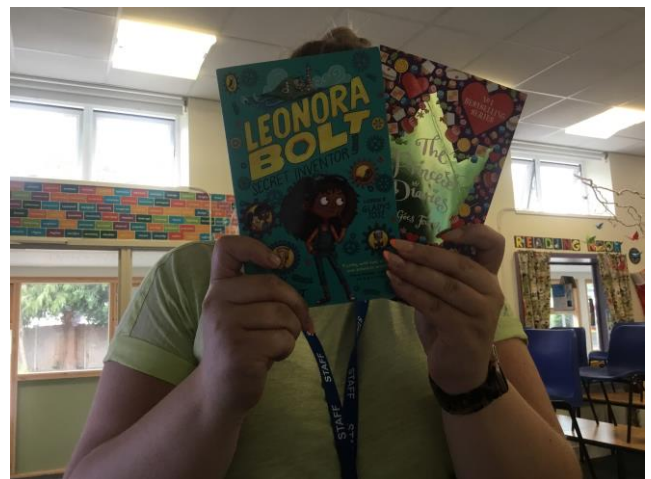
Coldness steals up upon us.

Ice creeps endlessly forwards

Deep and cold.

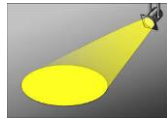
## Who's reading what?

Each issue we ask members of Chesterton Primary staff to tell us what they are reading.  
**Can you guess who this is?**



**Hint:** Their first book choice was by Enid Blyton – 'Fourth Term at Malory Tower' but it was on loan from the library!

## Spotlight on



## Automaticity

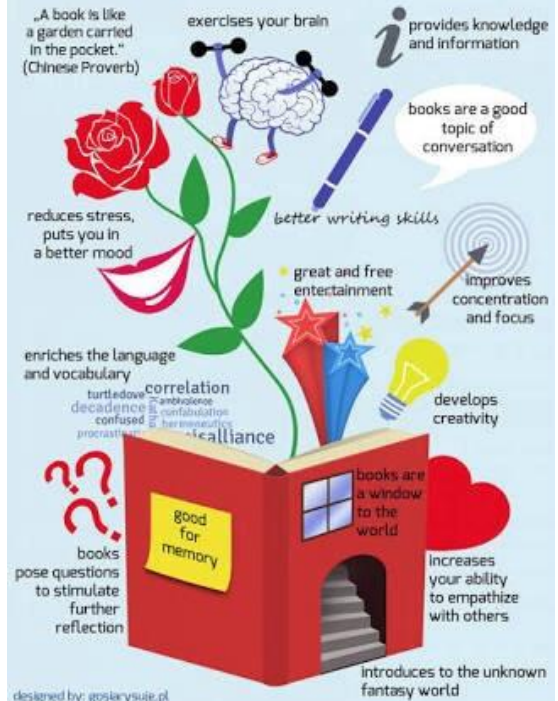
The more cognitive space that is taken up with trying to decode words, the less space that is available to comprehend meaning in a text.

Therefore, readers must be able to decode words without thinking about the decoding.

Reading with automaticity is reading words on sight automatically and at an appropriate pace. It feels and sounds effortless.

This is another reason we encourage repeat readings of texts.

## THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS



## Reading Strategies



### PREDICT



Try to figure out what might happen next.

### VISUALIZE



Picture the people, places, and events being described.

### CONNECT



Connect what you are reading to other texts and the real world.

### QUESTION



Ask questions about the material you are reading.

### CLARIFY



Investigate. Identify main points and summarize.

### EVALUATE



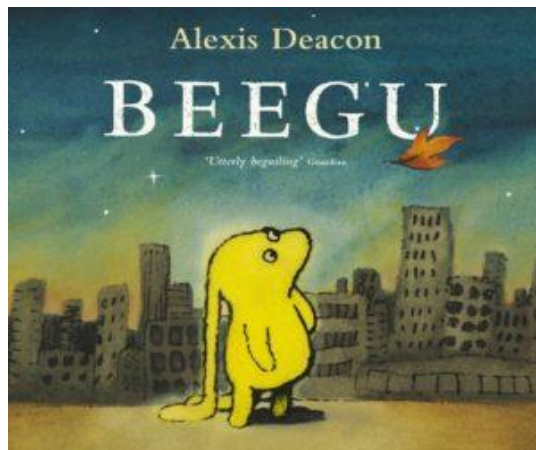
Judge the story and the actions of the characters.

## Reading Strategies





## This Month's Book Reviews



### Beequ

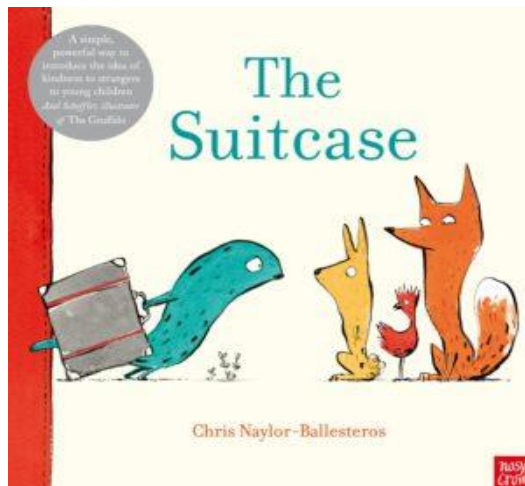
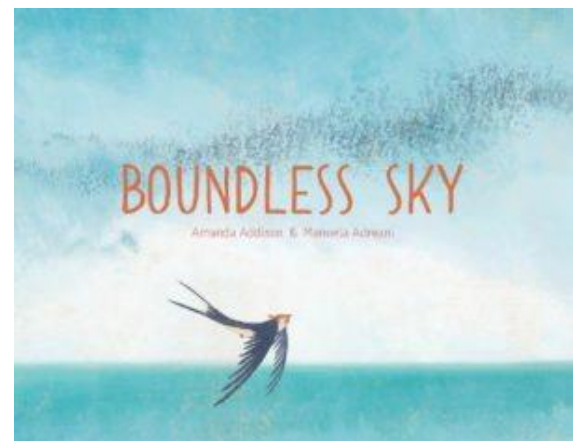
*Written by Alexis Deacon,  
published by Penguin Random  
House*

Beequ is not supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter...

### Boundless Sky

*Written by Amanda Addison,  
illustrated by Manuela Adreani,  
published by Lantana Publishing*

This is the story of a bird that fits in your hand flying halfway around the world looking for a place to nest. This is the story of a young girl from northern Africa fleeing halfway around the world looking for a place of peace.



### The Suitcase

*Written by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros,  
published by Nosy Crow*

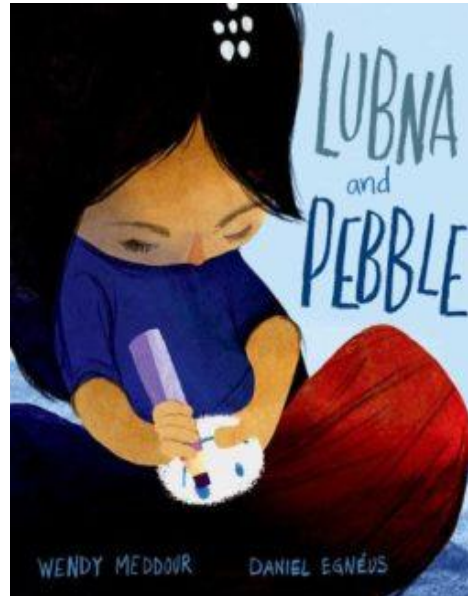
When a strange-looking animal arrives pulling a big suitcase, the other animals are curious. What on earth could be inside that suitcase? A teacup? Maybe. A table and chair? Perhaps. A whole home and hillside with trees? This stranger must be fibbing! But when the animals break into the suitcase and discover a very special photograph, they begin to understand what the strange creature has been through, and together they create a very special welcome present...

## Lubna and Pebble

**Written by Wendy Meddour, illustrated by Daniel Egneus, published by Oxford University Press**

In an unforgettable story that subtly addresses the refugee crisis, a young girl must decide if friendship means giving up the one item that gives her comfort during a time of utter uncertainty.

Lubna's best friend is a pebble. She found it on the beach when they arrived in the night, then she fell asleep in Daddy's salty arms. Lubna tells Pebble everything. About home. About her brothers. About the war. Pebble always listens to her stories and smiles when she feels afraid. But when a lost little boy arrives in the World of Tents, Lubna understands that he needs Pebble even more than she does ...

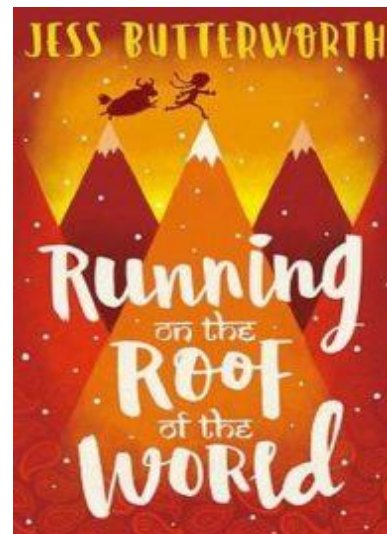


## Running on the Roof of the World

**Written by Jess Butterworth, published by Hachette Children's Group**

Join 12-year-old Tash and her best friend Sam in a story of adventure, survival and hope, set in the vivid Himalayan landscape of Tibet and India. Filled with friendship, love and courage, this young girl's thrilling journey to save her parents is an ideal read for children aged 9-12.

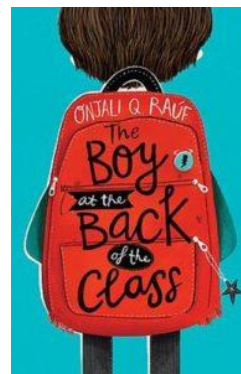
Tash has to follow many rules to survive in Tibet, a country occupied by Chinese soldiers. However, when a man sets himself on fire in protest and soldiers seize Tash's parents, she and her best friend Sam must break the rules. They are determined to escape Tibet – and seek the help of the Dalai Lama himself in India.



## The Boy At the Back of the Class

**Written by Onjali Q. Rauf, illustrated by Pippa Curnick, published by Hachette Children's Group**

Told with heart and humour, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.



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