

# FEBRUARY READING NEWS



## THE SECRET ELEPHANT BY ELLAN TANKIN

Our story begins many years ago, back when I was a baby elephant. Screeching monkeys dangled in their trees, roaring lions sunbathed on a dusty patch of dried grass and sniffing meerkats patrolled their enclosure.

There were no other elephants like me at the zoo. But I did have my keeper and she was my family.

We did EVERYTHING together: We had lunch together. we washed together and we even did chores together. I was a VERY helpful young elephant.

But then everything changed. People stopped visiting the zoo, and my keeper told me about a great war that was coming.



Based on a true story, this is a lovely colourful picture book about a bond between elephant and human that war cannot break..

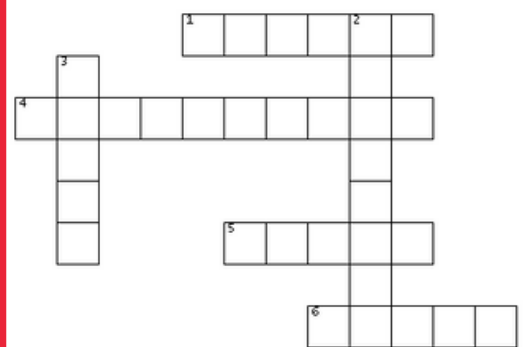


February is the last month of Winter. It is still cold out but that is perfect to snuggle up under a blanket with a good book.

If you have found a book you love, then share it with us – give Mrs Beech a review and she may put it in the newsletter.

We love a good book and February is a special month for love as it is St Valentine's day on the 14th. This is a great time to be extra kind to everyone including yourself!

## PUZZLE CORNER



### ACROSS

1. The last name of the Wimpy Kid author
4. What special day is 14th February?
5. A large body of water
6. A book about things that help our planet

### DOWN

2. The type of animal in the book by Ellan Tankin
3. The name of our planet



Thank you to Nile class for all their interesting, informative and colourful reviews.



### Tom Gates Family, Friends, Furry Creatures by Liz Pichon

#### My Book Review

Book Title: *Tom Gates Family, Friends, Furry Creatures*  
Reviewed by: *Jamada H*

Class: *Nile*

This book was about...

*A boy called Tom and he had tapping shoes. His mum did not believe him.*

A drawing of my favourite character



My favourite part was...

*my favourite part was when his mum said she will bring his Tom's gum shoes but he did not pack them.*

I gave this book .... stars.



### Tom Gates Best Book Day Ever by Liz Pichon

#### Review by Florence, Nile

Tom Gates has a book day and he wants to be the monster in his comic. His mom made a DIY and he wore it to school and all the scales fell off.

My favourite part was when all of his clothes came off and everyone saw his cat pyjamas.

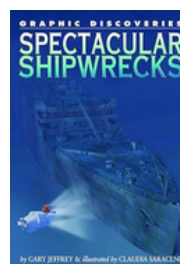


### Spectacular Shipwrecks

#### Review by Antoni, Nile

This book is about three shipwrecks.

My favourite part was when it is thought that Captain Ernst Lindmann (captain of the *Bismark*) could be leading an Atlantic rustling party under the command of Admiral Gunther Lutjens.



### The Boy in the Dress by David Walliams

#### My Book Review

Book Title: *the boy in the dress*  
Reviewed by: *Roman S* Class: *Nile*

This book was about...

*A boy who got expelled for wearing a dress and on the final match on the second half wore a dress and won 7-6*

A drawing of my favourite character



My favourite part was...

*was when dennis won the match 7-6*



I gave this book 5 stars.





## Dogtown by Katherine Applegate

Review by Olivia, Atlantic.

Dogtown is a shelter for stray dogs, misbehaving dogs, and discarded robot dogs.

Chance, a real dog, and Metal Head go on an adventure to find their forever homes.

I like Dogtown because it wasn't boring and it was fun and interesting read.



## The Body in the Blitz by Robin Stevens

Review by Maddie, Pacific

This is a mystery themed book. "A street full of secrets a murder only we could solve...". The main character is Nuala O'Malley and she is a detective. The book is about a missing spy and the murder in Hogwharf Mews.

My favourite part is when they were talking about something serious and May shouted cake.

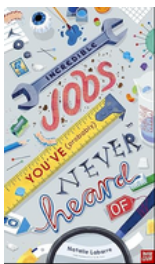


## Incredible Jobs You've Probably Never Heard Of by Natalie Labarre

Review by Fatima, Southern

This book is about cool and interesting jobs that might just be right for you. If you like animals maybe you can be something like an Animal Agent. There are lots more jobs.

This book is good for people who want to have a unique job.



## Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Meltdown by Jeff Kinney

### My Book Review

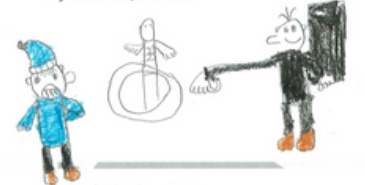
Book Title: *Diary of the Wimpy Kid the meltdown*  
Reviewed by: *Gehe* Class: *hite*

This book was about...  
*a Wimpy kid not wanting to go to school cause of the show*

A drawing of my favourite character



My favourite part was...



I gave this book ... stars.



## Tom Gates Epic Adventure by Liz Pichon

### My Book Review

Book Title: *Epic Adventure*  
Reviewed by: *Lacey* Class: *Nile*

This book was about...

*Tom went to Crabery casele the same day as his tropical disco at school. He didn't get to because they came home to late.*

A drawing of my favourite character



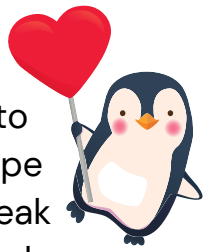
My favourite part was...

*My favourite part was when he found out the family outing was the same night as his disco.*





# LET'S LOVE OUR PLANET



We live on a beautiful planet with 71% covered by oceans. We can all help to protect our world. Farmers in California have found a way to turn kelp (a type of seaweed) into packaging instead of using plastic which takes years to break down. There are over 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic in the oceans! We can all do our bit to help. These books give some ideas – make your own reusable cup or help clean up the beaches, and other ways to protect our wildlife.

**Let's Clean Up and help our world together!**

