



Issue 5: May 2022

## BCPS Reading newsletter



Welcome to the BCPS reading newsletter. A lot has happened since our last newsletter: We enjoyed an Easter break, the Book Fair visited us and Year 6 completed their SATs! In this issue, you'll find our recent 'Reader of the half term', information about the Book Fair, upcoming Book Bus sessions, as well as our usual game and recommendations. There will only be one more reading newsletter for this academic year before the summer holiday, so let us know if you would like to see anything featured in the final one!



### Book Bus



### Accelerated Reader Reader of the half term



The Book Bus is now on our playground, near the Wellinger Way gates, every Thursday after school again. The bus will arrive at 3pm and leave at 3:25pm. Parents and children are given the chance to look at and borrow some amazing books! In addition to this, every class in the school joined a 30 minute story — telling session on the bus this week. This was just like the story — telling sessions at the library but we're hoping to start visiting the actual library again in the new academic year!



Accelerated Reader is a great way for us and the children to monitor their reading progress. This includes their word reading, answering questions and understanding a text. It's really important that children are given the opportunity to read aloud at school and at home. We appreciate your support with this!

Before the February half term, our 'Reader of the half term' was **Amelia in 4CJ**, who won a book, signed by a famous author! As this term is so short, we will reveal our final winner of the year on the last day before the summer break. Remember, your name needs to be in the raffle box to win, so keep on reading and quizzing!



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Virtual Library



Don't forget to visit our virtual school library from home! You'll find it on the <https://braunstone.leicester.sch.uk/> homepage.





# Scholastic Book Fair



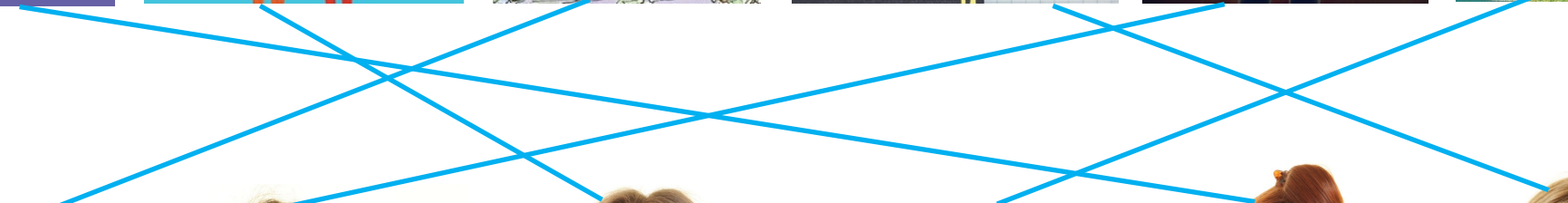
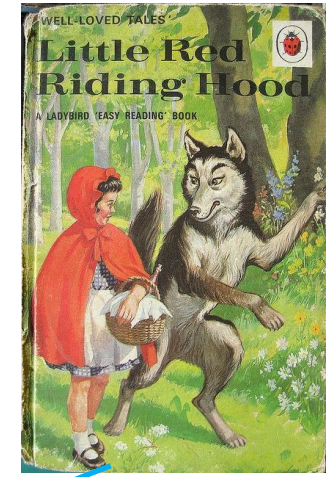
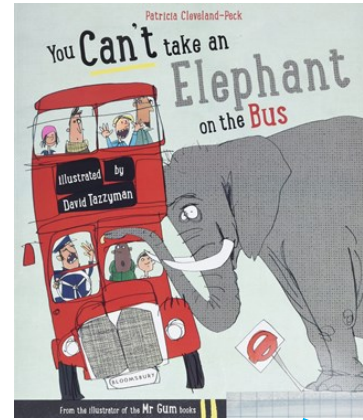
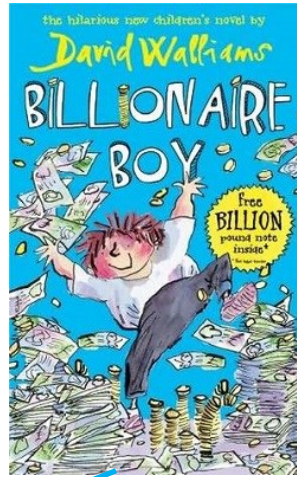
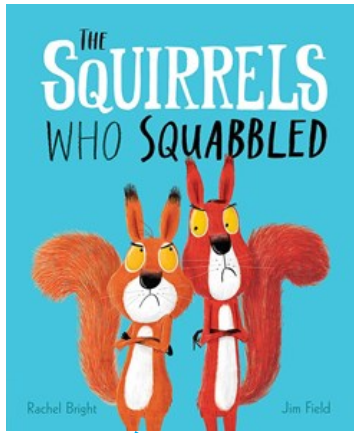
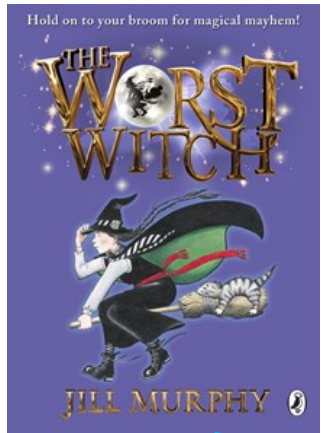
A HUGE thank you to those of you who visited or spent money at the Book Fair at the end of April. Between the staff and parents, we spent an amazing **£663.84!** This means that we now have **£338.30** to spend on new books for our school, which will be great for the library. The Book Fair will return at the beginning of December with **all books** at half price! We have already booked another fair for next year, so if you didn't get the chance to visit this time, it'll be back very soon.





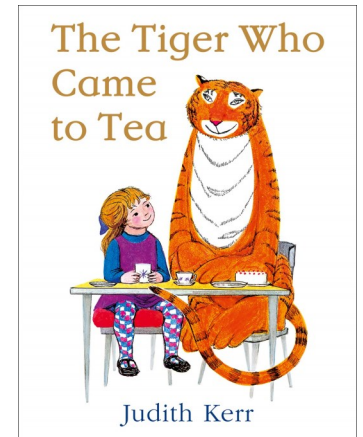
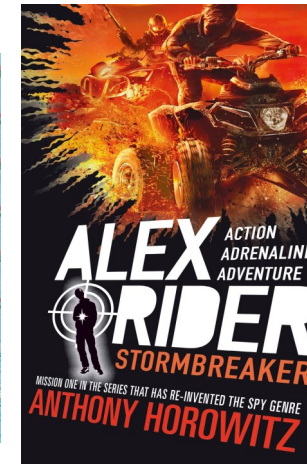
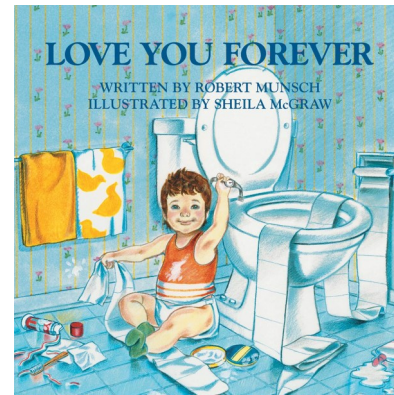
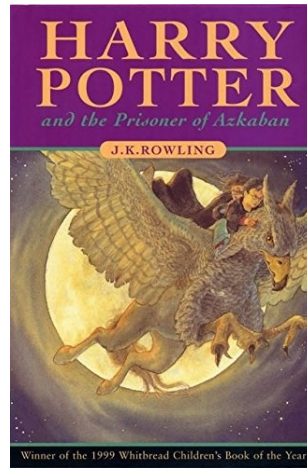
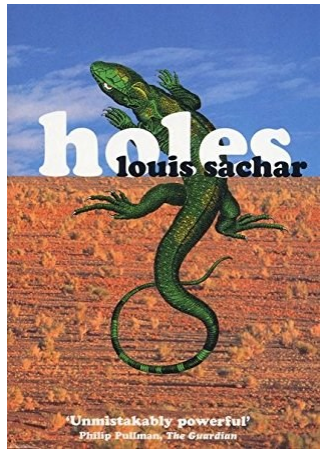
# Can you match the teacher to their favourite book? Answers!

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is to the  
**MIND**  
what  
exercise  
is to the **BODY.**  
Star Barbara Davis  
**READ**





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# Amazing Authors – Lisa Thompson



Lisa Thompson worked as a Radio Broadcast Assistant first at the BBC and then for an independent production company making plays and comedy programmes. During this time she got to make tea for lots of famous people. She grew up in Essex and now lives in Suffolk with her family. Her debut, *The Goldfish Boy*, was a Waterstones Children's Book of the Month pick in January 2017 and was the bestselling debut of the year as of July 2017.



## Tell us a secret about yourself...

When I swam my first ever length of the swimming pool (to earn myself a yellow stripe) I touched the wall when the teacher wasn't looking.

## If you could have any super power, what would it be?

To be able to fly! You know those dreams you have where you run and then you can suddenly bound up and float into the sky? I love those dreams and I'm always disappointed when I wake up and I can't actually do it. Also, I live in quite a rural area so it would be nice not having to drive everywhere all the time...





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## What's the best book you've ever read and why?

This is such a hard question! I think it must be *Perfume* by Patrick Suskind. Your sense of smell will never be the same again after reading that book. And the writing is so beautifully descriptive, even if it is a bit of a horror! It's one of the few books I've read more than once and it completely captivated me.



## What are your top tips for aspiring authors?

It was probably *On Writing* by Stephen King. I had all these assumptions about writing before I read that – that you had to plan the whole thing from beginning to end before you began etc. After reading that book I realised that all you needed was an idea and off you went. He also mentioned that he listened to music when he writes and I do the same and find it very helpful.

## Describe yourself in 5 words...

Imaginative, funny, music-loving nerd.

## What did you want to be when you were younger?

I remember really wanting to be singer for a while. I used to sing in my bedroom and record myself on my little cassette player. When I played it back I couldn't understand why I sounded so awful and I used to blame the machinery... I also wanted to work in film production (doing what, I'm not sure). It's still a dream of mine to one day write a screenplay.



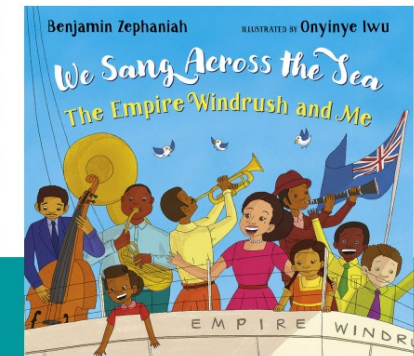
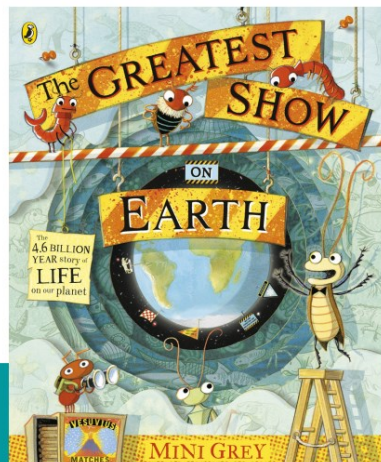
# The Reader Teacher

## April 2022 Monthly Must-Reads

Five of my favourites published this month!

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Non-fiction Book of the Month ★

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The Great  
Fox Illusion  
by Justyn Edwards

The Greatest  
Show on Earth  
by Mini Grey

The Light in  
Everything  
by Katya Balen

Skandar and the  
Unicorn Thief  
by A. F. Steadman

We Sang Across the  
Sea: The Empire  
Windrush and Me  
by Benjamin Zephaniah  
and Onyinye Iwu

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