



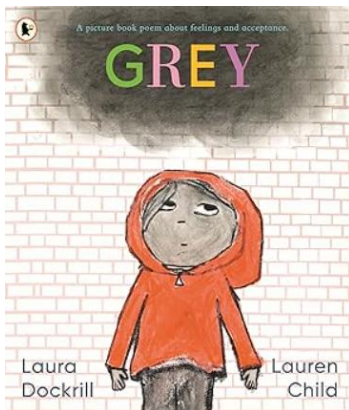
## **Book of the Month Newsletter – October**

Welcome to the second edition of our **Book of the Month** newsletter!

It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm for reading continue to grow across the school. Our **Reading Ambassadors** have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating reading for pleasure with their peers – from sharing book recommendations to reading out loud to their peers, they're truly helping foster a love of reading throughout our school community.

This month, we're excited to introduce a brand-new selection of books that we hope will spark curiosity, imagination and plenty of great conversations at home and in the classroom. The Reading Ambassadors are already looking forward to diving into the new titles and encouraging their classmates to do the same! Happy reading!

### **Here are the books that have been shared this month:**

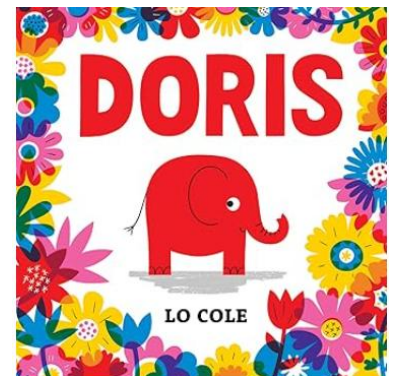


#### **Acorns – Grey**

Beautifully crafted compositions together with simple die-cut design, reveal the story of a child who feels as though all their colours have disappeared. Despite the joyful orange balloon, the huge yellow sun and the bright green trees, the child still feels grey. That is until a reassuring hand reaches out and shares words of kindness. Soon the child begins to see the warmth of colour again, and understands that their colours will always be there and that they will always be loved, whether they feel grey or sunshine yellow. Laura and Lauren have created a beautiful book full of empathy and understanding that will provide comfort and hope to readers of all ages.

#### **Conkers – Doris**

Being a bright red elephant, Doris is VERY easy to spot. Can you see her? Of course you can. But Doris is shy – she just wants to lose herself in a colourful crowd. Come on a journey of self-discovery as one little elephant comes to appreciate her own specialness. A colourful adventure that will entrance even the youngest children.

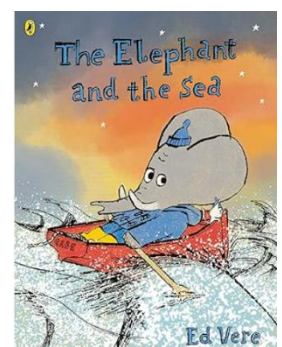


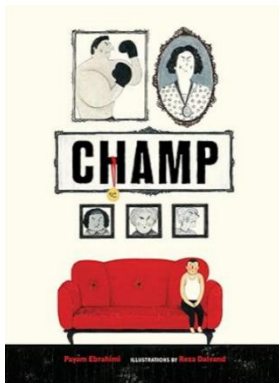
#### **Holly – I want a dog**

One little girl is determined to find her perfect pet at a wonderfully unusual animal shelter. The Copley County Animal Shelter has an armadillo, a lizard, a goose, a weasel, and plenty more. But do they have a dog? Our little girl has even turned up with a trolley to take home a dog – and she will not take 'no' for an answer! This hilarious subversion of the standard you-cannot-have-a-pet trope is a wonderful read-aloud text with repetition and build up of drama. The fun of the story could even lead to a wider discussion about what pets it is really possible to have.

#### **Hazel – The elephant and the sea**

Meet Gabriel. A young elephant who lives in a village by the sea. He has one dream and it's to join the lifeboat crew. He wants to help people in the water, bravely sailing out to sea! But elephants don't fit in lifeboats. He's too big to help the sailors. But one **STORMY, WINDY** day, the lifeboat crew run into trouble and Gabriel might be the only one who can help. Can Gabriel save the day?





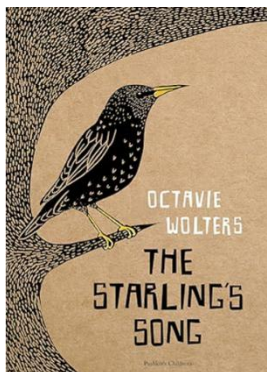
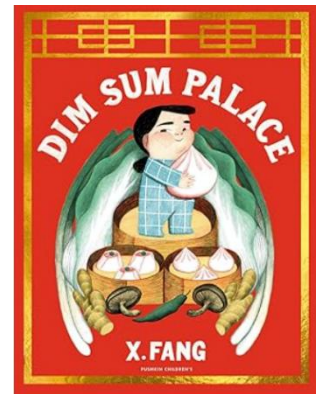
### **Willow – Champ**

Abtin is nothing like the rest of his family. The Moleskis are fiercely competitive sports champions, and they expect Abtin to become a great athlete too. But Abtin is a reader, an artist, and has his own way of doing things. Despite his family's best efforts, Abtin remains stubbornly himself. Wanting his family to be proud of him, he comes up with a plan to make them happy: a plan that doesn't go quite as expected...

### **Cherry – Dim Sum Palace**

A little girl's love of dim sum spills over into her dreams, taking her on a fantastical food-filled adventure.

Liddy is too excited to sleep! Tomorrow she's going to the Dim Sum palace with her family, so when a tempting smell wafts into her bedroom, she has no choice but to follow it...



### **Birch – The Starling's Song**

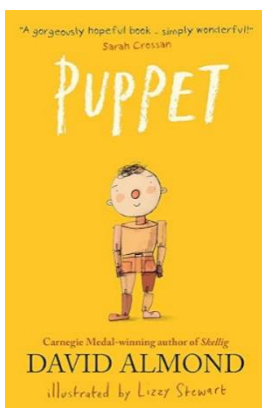
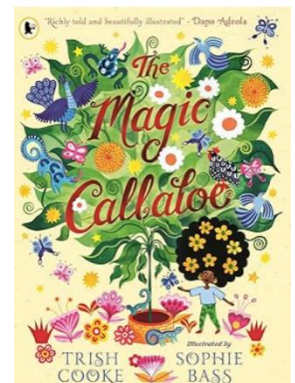
The blossom blowing in the wind, the snow-capped mountains, the coat of a roe deer...

From up in the air, everything looks so beautiful to the starling. He wants to sing about it to the world! But first he visits all the other birds, who each have something to add to his song.

This stunningly illustrated story reminds us of the endless beauty that can be found in the everyday, if only we look closely enough.

### **Rowan – The Magic Callaloo**

Long ago and far away, a magic callaloo plant grew in a village square. Whoever ate one of its leaves was granted a wish. But a greedy selfish man wanted all the wishes for himself so he stole the callaloo. With only one leaf left, Mister and Missus, desperate for a child, pluck it to make their dream come true. But the greedy man wants everything and he kidnaps their beloved daughter, who will ultimately make the most remarkable escape.



### **Chestnut – Puppet**

What should a puppet master do when he's old and alone, and all his puppets are gone? Sylvester makes one last puppet. But this one is different. When the old man speaks to him, Puppet speaks back. And then he walks...

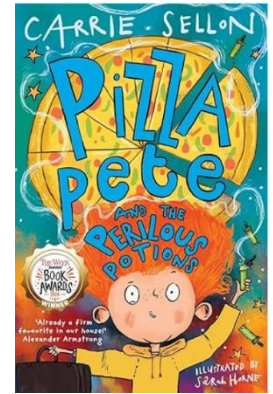
While Sylvester shows Puppet the town, the playground and the wonders the world holds, Puppet in turn helps Sylvester to make a new friend, and share his puppet-making skills with the next generation in this wonder-filled story of creation and the circle of life.



### **Maple – Pizza Pete and the perilous potions**

Pete loves the pizza shop, where he lives with his dad, and is terrified of the outside world. But when a new restaurant steals their customers, Pete and his friend Anna have to come up with an **INGENIOUS** plan to sell more pizzas, otherwise he'll be forced to move.

When they find a mysterious briefcase in the attic, they create the most extraordinary magical pizzas, and soon a queue of customers snakes down the road. But can they make enough money in four days to save Pete's home? Throw in an exploding headmistress, a fire-breathing dog and a vengeful bully and Pete's life soon ramps up from Margherita to Spicy Pepperoni!

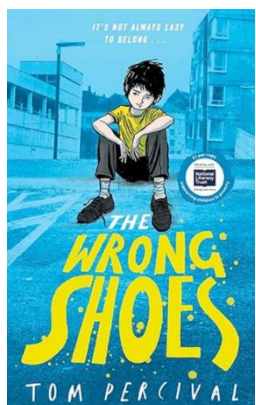
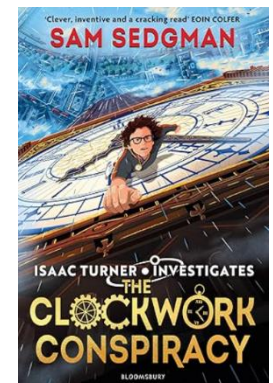


### **Lime – Miss Mary Kate's Guide to Monsters**

Dressed in sparkly red shoes and carrying her strawberry-scented notebook, Mary-Kate accompanies her archaeologist mother to the quiet English countryside to investigate some unusual bones found in an old well. But soon she realises that the village of Woolington is not as peaceful as it seems; the ground trembles beneath them, there are mysterious noises, and the locals are obsessed with a terrifying old legend. Could there be any truth in the myth of the beast who lives in the ancient well? With the help of a new friend, Mary-Kate starts getting to the bottom of this monstrous mystery.

### **Sycamore – The Clockwork Conspiracy**

Aspiring inventor Isaac Turner lives with his dad, the horologist in charge of Big Ben. But when his father vanishes from the belfry on the night the clocks go back, leaving behind only a smashed pocket watch and a cryptic message, Isaac determines to find him. Hunting a trail of clues through London's landmarks, Isaac uncovers a sinister plot in the gears of government and embarks on a race against time to save his father - and time itself.



### **Elder – The Wrong Shoes**

There's a bunch of kids in there and suddenly they're all looking at me like someone who can actually do something, not just some weirdo with the wrong shoes and a rubbish coat . . . Will has the wrong shoes – he's always known it but doesn't know how to change it. Navigating the difficulties of home and school when you feel you stick out is tough, but finding confidence with the help and empathy of friends can be all you need to see the way.

### **Oak – Quiet Storm**

No matter how quiet it is, you've got a voice, Storm. You should use it to speak up for yourself. Storm has never liked to stand out from the crowd, but ever since she started Year 7, her life has been full of people telling her she needs to speak up, make friends and be more like her popular big brother. Then Storm breaks a school record, and finds herself the new star of the athletics team. But as she's thrust into the spotlight, her home life and friendships start spiralling out of control, and it's time for Quiet Storm to show that she has something to say.

