



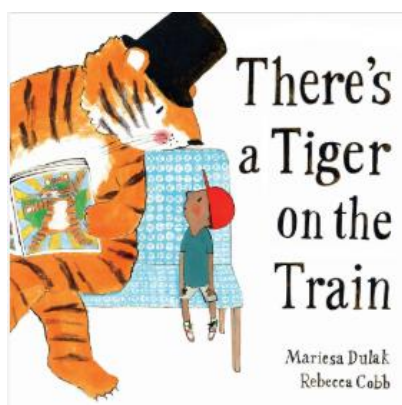
Book of the Month Newsletter – September

Welcome to our very first 'Book of the Month' newsletter!

Each month, your child's class will be given a brand new, wrapped up book by their recently elected Reading Ambassador. Over the course of the year, books by a range of different authors, with a variety of themes and a whole host of genres will be given to each class.

At Abbey Road we are passionate about creating lifelong, volitional readers and to encourage this we have invested in buying books that are current and relevant to inspire reading for pleasure across our school. We hope that your child enjoys reading these books either in class or sharing them at home and we look forward to hearing more book talk across school!

Here are the books that have been shared this month:



Acorns – There's a Tiger on the Train

You'll never guess what happened

On our trip down to the sea . . .

A tiger in a top hat

Came and sat right next to me!

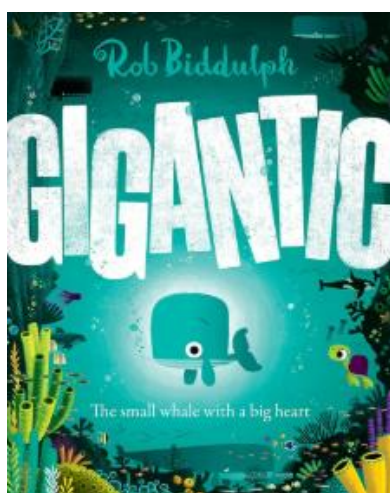
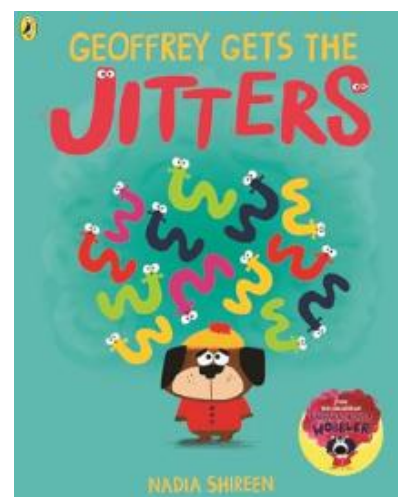
Off to the seaside they go on a rather . . . EXTRAORDINARY train journey. But will Dad ever look up from his phone?

A boy and his dad board the train. Dad is stuck into his phone and misses the fact that a tiger boards the train too . . . and so does a family of hippos, and a band of crocs, and a mum with her piglets, and a pug in a boa - or two . . . On the way to the seaside pandemonium ensues, and then the tiger roars . . . Has he finally had enough? And what will Dad say? Will he even notice?

Conkers – Geoffrey gets the Jitters

Geoffrey's got the jitters! It started last night when he was thinking about school - a funny, wiggly feeling in his tummy that grew and grew. But when Geoffrey's tummy jitters started talking to him - that's when he knew they were out of control. Geoffrey had to do something...

Through a laugh-out-loud story and loveable character, Nadia Shireen shows how to understand and dispel anxieties, one jitter at a time.



Holly – Gigantic

Meet Gigantic, the smallest blue whale in the Atlantic. Dwarfed by the other whales, Gigantic keeps to himself, making new friends and perfecting his somersaults and flips in the bay.

But one day when Gigantic's brother, Titan, gets stuck on the sand, it's down to Gigantic and his smallest sea creature friends to save the day. Can they show it's possible to be tiny and tough?

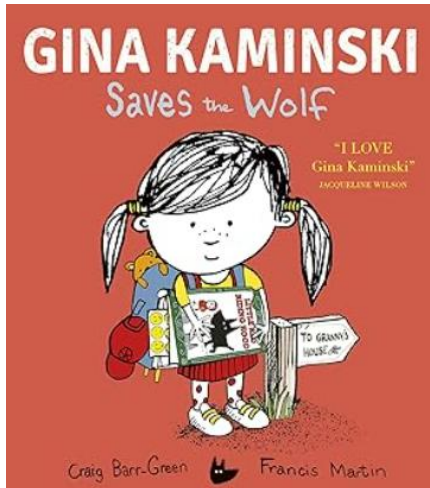
A swimmingly good story about little fins and big hearts from bestselling author and illustrator, Rob Biddulph.

Hazel – I hate love books

In this spellbinding story, we meet a little girl excited for the end of term. No more school! However, she's given the very unreasonable task of reading a whole book over the holidays. A whole book? But she HATES books. But her sister takes her to the library – she says she has just the thing.

Slowly, the little girl is drawn into a world of adventure: a little fennec fox leads her to meet fairytale witches and creatures, as they find ingredients to cast a special spell at the end of her book. At first, the little girl is dismayed to learn that this spell seemingly hasn't changed a thing . . . however, the little fox points out that she HAS transformed: discovering the power of her imagination has changed her forever.

This charming, engaging picture book shows children how wonderful books can really be, to encourage a lifelong love of reading. Discover adventure on every page – and turn I Hate Books into I Love Books!



Willow – Gina Kaminski saves the Wolf

Gina Kaminski is here to tell you three facts:

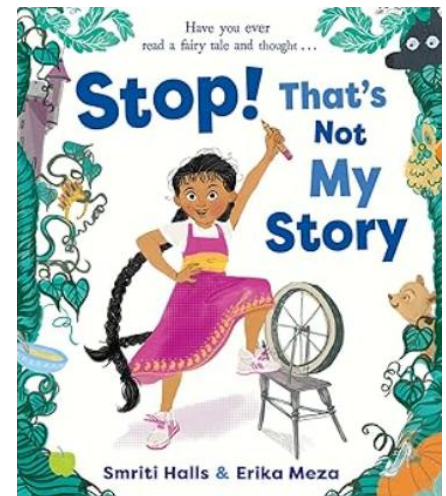
- 1 – Little Red Riding Hood is full of BIG mistakes.
- 2 – She is off to fairy tale land to fix them.
- 3 – She WILL save the wolf.

Who's afraid of the big bad wolf? Certainly not Gina as she takes the narrative lead and tells the story in her own distinctive way. With fantastic illustrations from Francis Martin, and an innovative use of pictorial emoji language, this is the ideal book to empower every child to be the hero of their own story. Fans of Little Red by Bethan Woollvin, Luna Loves Dance by Joseph Coelho and Fiona Lumbers and Look Up! by Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola will love Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf.

Cherry – Stop! That's not my story!

A girl opens up a book looking for the story that's perfect for HER and tumbles inside. But Goldilocks is not her story, and nor is Jack and the Beanstalk or Little Red Riding Hood... There's only one thing for it: she's going to have to write her own story – and this time, SHE will be the hero.

A celebration of the stories we ALL love and the stories we are yet to write, this vivid, irresistible picture book introduces the terrific new partnership of Smriti Halls (bestselling author of I'm Sticking with You illustrated by Steve Small and Rain Before Rainbows illustrated by David Litchfield) and Erika Meza (award-winning illustrator of My Two Border Towns written by David Bowles).



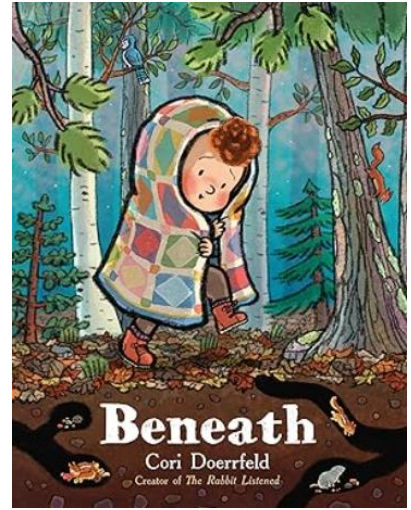
Birch – The Golden Hare

Meara and Grandad set out on a journey to find the Golden Hare, a mythical, shape-shifting creature that can jump to the moon in two-and-a-half leaps! Along the way, they discover all sorts of treasures in the trees, under the ground and in the waves.

And who knows where that clever Golden Hare might be hiding ...

Rowan – Beneath

Finn is in a horrible mood and doesn't want to talk about it, but after some persuading, agrees to go for a hike with Grandpa. Throughout their forest walk, they see many different things: big, strong trees with networks of roots growing underneath, still water with schools of fish swimming below, and an expectant bird with eggs nestled under her. Grandpa explains that people also have hidden feelings beneath the surface, and despite appearances, may be feeling the same way you do.



Chestnut – Murray and Bun

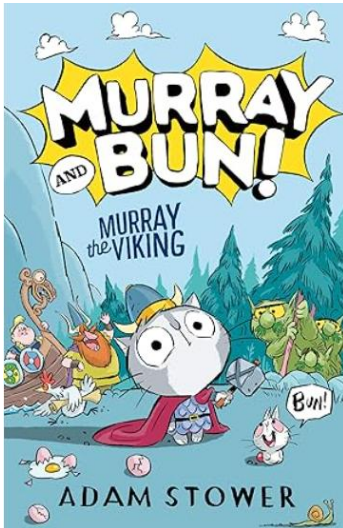
Murray is a cat. Murray loves snoozing, fluffy blankets, and peace and quiet.

Bun is a bun. Bun loves... EVERYTHING!

And together they are unstoppable!

SOMETIMES Murray's enchanted cat flap leads to the garden... but mostly it leads to ADVENTURE!

And when Murray and Bun travel through the cat flap and find themselves in a land of VIKINGS, they are given a VERY IMPORTANT MISSION: to travel to TROLL ISLAND and rescue Eggrik the Viking... if he hasn't already been gobbled up by the trolls, that is. Perfect for newly independent readers and fans of Bunny vs Monkey, Dog Man, Adventure Mice and Claude, this funny, exciting, and hugely loveable story – brilliantly illustrated throughout – will delight adventure-lovers young and old. After all, heroes come in all shapes and sizes!



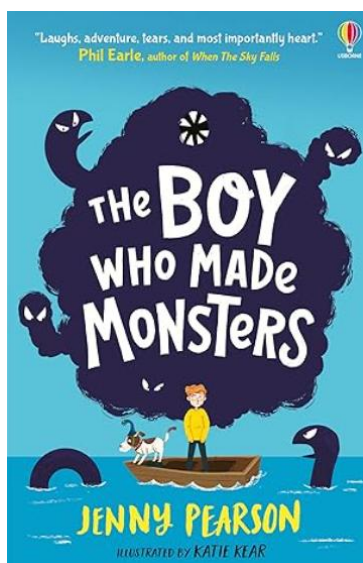
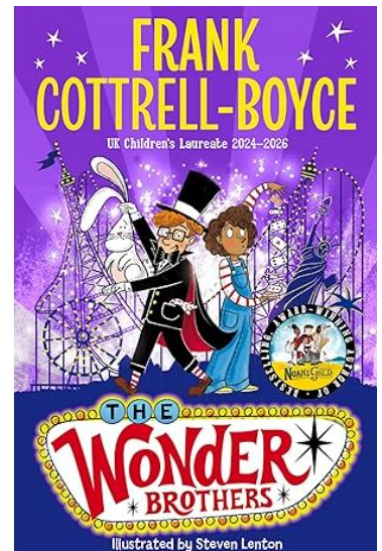
Maple – The Wonder Brothers

It's . . . SHOW TIME!

Drum roll please for Nathan (that's me) and Middy (that's her). We are . . . The Wonder Brothers!

Cousins Middy and Nathan love magic, the on-stage, cape-swirling, bunny-out-of-a-hat kind. So, when the famous Blackpool Tower dramatically vanishes the night of the Big Switch-On, showman Nathan announces live on TV that they will magic it back home.

With a stick of rock, a spangly cape, and a bit of misdirection, they end up lost in Las Vegas, home to the grand master of illusion, and magic legend, Perplexion. But, with a great illusionist, comes great mystery – and , in Las Vegas, nothing is as it seems. . .



Sycamore – The Boy who made Monsters

There are a lot of different types of monster. Some live at the bottom of lochs, some are found far out at sea and some swim about in the depths of your mind and these can be the scariest monsters of all - if you let them.

Benji McLaughlin is a visionary. He believes in things that other people think are impossible, like that he and his brother Stanley will be happy in their new home in Scotland, and that the Loch Lochy monster exists, and that his parents will come home safely one day, even though they've been missing for months.

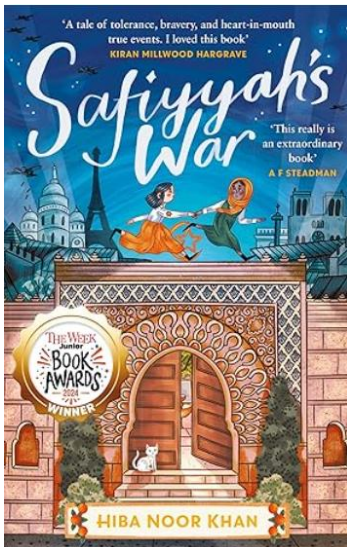
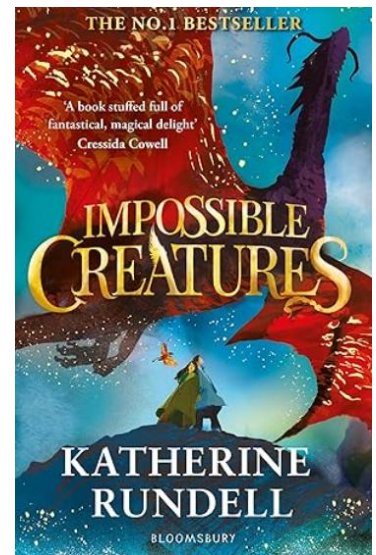
When he finds out that his Uncle Hamish's Loch Lochy tourist business is struggling, and it looks like Benji and Stanley might lose another home, Benji's not worried. He has a plan. If he can show everyone that the Loch Lochy monster exists, people will flock to come and see it, and the business will flourish again.

Together with his new friend Murdy and Mr Dog, the best dog in the world, Benji sets off to capture evidence of the monster, even if he has to get a little creative. But Benji might end up confronting more monsters than he expects.

Lime - Impossible Creatures

There's a place where all the wildest stories began. The first novel in the award winning and globally best-selling Impossible Creatures series is the story of two children's epic adventure to transform the world.

Christopher is stunned when he discovers a Way-Between from our world to the Archipelago: a cluster of magical islands where all the creatures of myth still live and breed and thrive in their thousands. There he meets Mal: a girl from the islands, who is in possession of a flying coat and a baby griffin, and who is being pursued by a killer. Together they embark on an urgent quest to discover why the creatures are suddenly perishing, voyaging across the wild splendour of the Archipelago, where sphinxes hold secrets and centaurs do murder, in a bid to save both the islands and the world beyond them from a rising evil - before it's too late.



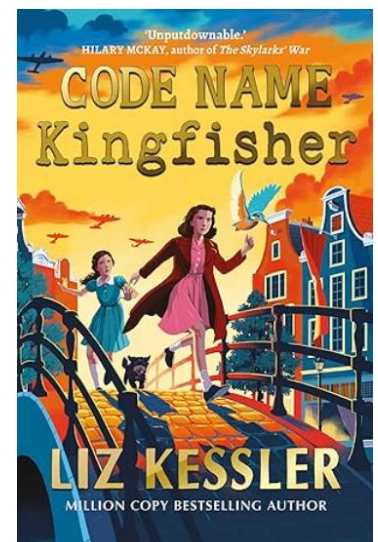
Elder – Safiyyah's War

War comes to the streets of Paris and Safiyyah's life changes for ever. Her best friend's family have fled, and the bombing makes her afraid to leave the mosque where she lives. But when her father is arrested by the Nazis for his secret Resistance work, it falls to Safiyyah to run the dangerous errands around the city. It's not long before hundreds of persecuted Jews seek sanctuary at the mosque. Can Safiyyah find the courage to enter the treacherous catacombs under Paris and lead the Jews to safety?

Oak – Code Name Kingfisher

Holland, 1942. The world is at war and as the Nazis' power grows, Jewish families are in terrible danger. Twelve-year-old Mila and her older sister Hannie are sent to live with a family in another city with new identities and the strict instruction not to tell anyone that they are Jewish.

Hannie, determined to fight back, is swept into the Dutch resistance as an undercover agent: Code Name Kingfisher. And though Mila does her best to make friends and keep out of trouble, there is danger at every turn and the sisters are soon left questioning who they can trust...



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***The Reading Ambassadors look forward to sharing
October's 'Books of the Month' with you soon!***