



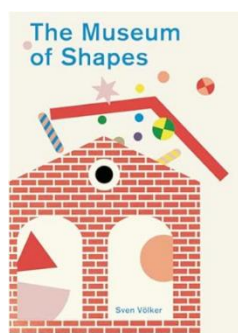
Book of the Month Newsletter – February

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

It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm for reading continue into the new year, particularly following our focus on *poetry in January*. Pupils have enjoyed exploring poems, performing them aloud and discovering how powerful and playful language can be. Our Reading Ambassadors have been busy sharing favourite verses and encouraging others to join in, helping to build confidence and enjoyment in reading across the school.

This month's selection of books has been carefully chosen to capture imaginations, encourage discussion and celebrate the joy of storytelling. We hope these new titles will spark curiosity whilst providing a sprinkle of kindness and a dash of humour too! The Reading Ambassadors can't wait to share them with their peers and maybe help peers discover a new favourite read!

Here are the books that have been shared this month:

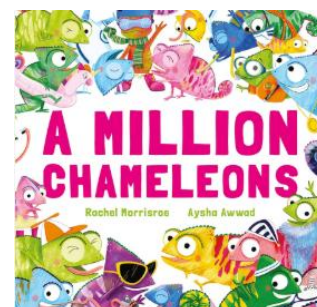


Acorns – The Museum of Shapes

Welcome to the Museum of Shapes. Alma is the curator of the museum. She decides which shapes should go where. Triangles have three sides and three angles. Can you help Alma find all the triangles on the shelf? Alma's favourite shape is a circle. All the points on the edge of a circle are the same distance from its centre. Not all shapes are geometric; some are wiggly and messy. Can you make a wiggly line with your body?

Conkers – A million chameleons

The world is home to millions of colourful chameleons. What do you think they get up to when no one is watching? From cheeky flicking-pea-leons to cute-as-cute-can-be-leons and even always-needs-a-wee-leons, there's SO much more to these creatures than meets the eye!

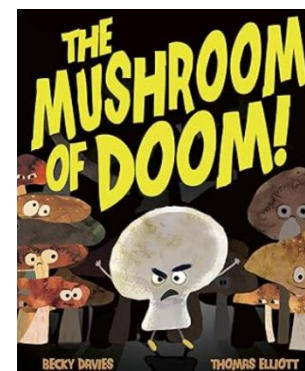


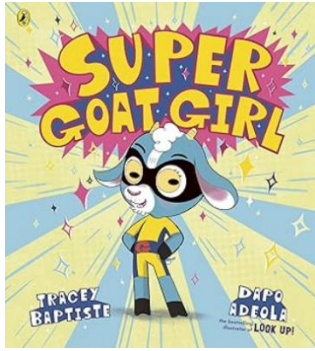
Holly – Duck Delivers

Duck is a home bird. He likes splashing in the bath, eating bread in bed, and organising his sock collection. Yet, there comes a time when even the most unadventurous birds must fly the nest. And what better way to see the world, than as a Delivery Duck for Feather Force?! Soon, with his uniform, parcel and STRICT instructions from Osstrich Bosstrich, Duck is scooting off on his very first adventure . . . what could go *possibly* wrong?

Hazel – The Mushroom of Doom!

Mushroom is having the worst day EVER. First, he's not picked to go on the pizza (and Pineapple is chosen instead of him - can you BELIEVE it?! PINEAPPLE!). Then, Milk spills all over him. And then he's thrown in the compost bin. The indignity! I know exactly what you're thinking . . . it's time to build a mushroom army and take revenge!





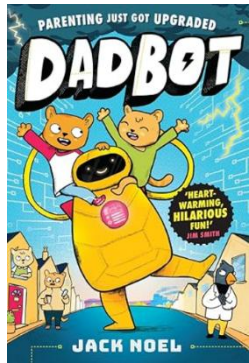
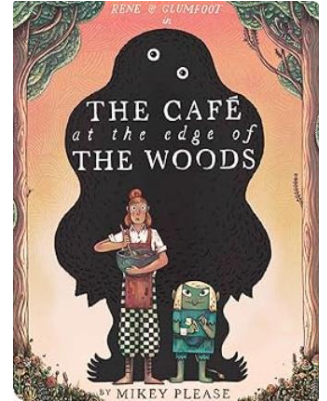
Willow – Super Goat Girl!

On Super Goat Girl's first day, she's met with a LOT of stares! After all what kind of superhero doesn't have a fancy costume or a funky cape? While the other children are having fun writing with lasers, doing lightning-fast math, and being super stretchy, Super Goat Girl doubts she can measure up.

As weird events happen throughout the day, will she be able to figure out what her special superpower is and work out how not to feel super strange?

Cherry – The café at the edge of the woods

Welcome to the Café at the Edge of the Woods, the utterly charming and mesmerising new picture book from BAFTA award-winning writer Mikey Please. Rene's dreams have finally come true! She's opened a café beside an enchanted wood, and with the help of a newfound waiter, Glumfoot, she is ready to serve the finest cuisine! But the locals seem to favour a most peculiar palette, requesting all sorts of disgusting things. Can Glumfoot's quick-thinking save the day? Join Rene and Glumfoot in this incredible other-worldly story full of magical humour, mythical creatures and culinary curiosities.

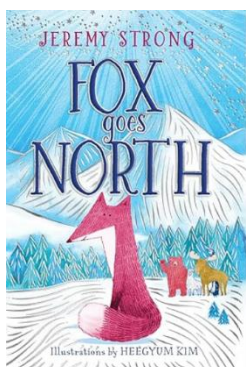
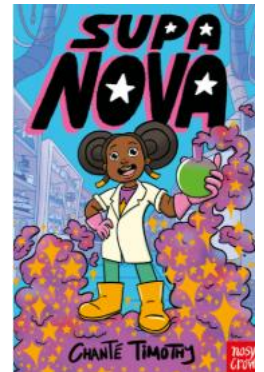


Birch – Dadbot!

What do you get when you mix workaholic parents, a car boot sale and a mad scientist together? DADBOT, that's who! With super-strength, hot chocolate on tap and a printer for a butt, Dadbot might be the most exciting thing Josh and Daisy discover - and he only cost £3! With this major parenting upgrade, Josh and Daisy's summer holidays just went from dull to dynamite. But the evil Doctor Egg is lurking to steal Dadbot for his own plans of world domination . . . Can Josh and Daisy protect their new robo-parent before it's too late?

Rowan – Supa Nova

Meet Nova! She's a scientist. Some people say she's a genius. Some people even call her Supa Nova – get it? Like a supernova. Basically she's a huge star, exploding right at you with her adventures! When Nova invents a plastic-eating monster, she thinks she's solved the world's pollution problem. But she doesn't expect her monster to start rampaging through the city! Can Nova find a way to save the day? It will take a genius to figure it out!

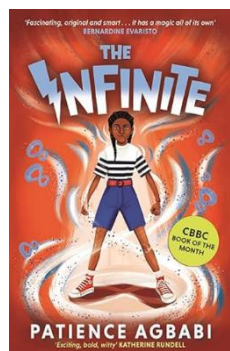


Chestnut – Fox goes North

An extraordinary house on wheels is being towed along a forest track by doleful Moose. On board the house are philosophical Fox; distinguished Bear; theatrical Toucan, with his magnetic beak that always points north; argumentative Little Owl, and loving, excitable Young Llama. With nothing but her little blue suitcase, Fox has left home to join the animals' expedition to the Snowlands to see the Northern Lights. They encounter many ups and downs on their travels - and their journey's end will require the most courage of all...By turns funny and thoughtful, this is a brave, touching and timeless children's fable about friendship, art and the journey of a lifetime.

Maple – Marnie Midnight and the Moon Mystery

Marnie Midnight is SO excited to be starting at Minibeast Academy. She adores everything about the moon and she can't wait to learn about its magic. But Marnie soon discovers that nobody believes in moon magic anymore! Marnie is determined to get to the bottom of this moon mystery. The little moth and her minibeast friends explore far and wide in their search for the truth. But will they survive a run-in with a rebellious rat or an out-of-this-world trip with the terrifying Early Bird ... ? One thing is for sure, Marnie is a little bug having a BIG Adventure!

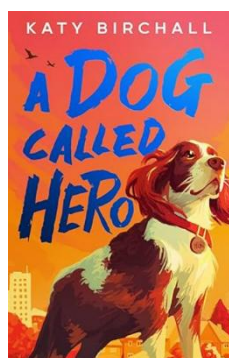


Lime – The Infinite

FIGHT CRIME, ACROSS TIME! Leaplings, children born on the 29th of February, are very rare. Rarer still are Leaplings with The Gift - the ability to leap through time. Elle Bibi-Imbelé Ifiè has The Gift, but she's never used it. Until now. On her twelfth birthday, Elle and her best friend Big Ben travel to the Time Squad Centre in 2048. Elle has received a mysterious warning from the future. Other Leaplings are disappearing in time - and not everyone at the centre can be trusted. Soon Elle's adventure becomes more than a race through time. It's a race against time. She must fight to save the world as she knows it - before it ceases to exist . . .

Sycamore – Dracula and Daughters

The only way to make the city safe again is by culling the undead with a stake through the heart. But vampire slayers are in dangerously short supply. Then three girls, Mina, Buffy and Bella, discover a mindblowing secret. Could they alone have the powers to cure - not cull - vampires? Temstown is about to welcome its very own vampire healing company, and their first case is perilously close to home . . .



Elder – A dog called Hero

Haley has withdrawn from the world and retreated into her shell ever since her police officer dad was killed in the line of duty a year ago. Hero is a young police dog who has been retired early – his handler was injured in the line of duty and he cannot seem to bond with anyone else. But when Haley and Hero meet, two lost souls find one another. As they settle into their new lives, they quickly learn that old habits die hard when Hero is instantly onto a clue when the Whittaker Diamond is stolen. And Haley is furious when DI Doyle, a former rival of her dad's, is assigned the case and immediately accuses ex-offender Dylan – an employee of her mum's catering business which offers second chances and rehabilitation. Can Hero and Haley crack the case?

Oak – The game I will never forget

Just after his tenth birthday, the last thing Zak expects to hear is that his mum is having a baby and he has to give up his room for an ageing old grandmother who is coming to live with them! With the help of his friends and a series of cheeky pranks, Zak is convinced it'll be no time before he can reclaim his rightful territory! But Zak soon discovers that his Nani is no ordinary old grandma but a former chess prodigy, able to outwit and outdo him - and his friends - at every turn. Just as both players begin to forge a mutual respect and a friendship that might finally overcome all obstacles, Zak begins to notice things. Like how Nani sometimes forgets where she is... Or who Zak is... In a desperate bid to ensure his Nani never forgets again, Zak enters her into the chess competition of a lifetime. But will Zak's Nani remember long enough to play?



Happy reading!