



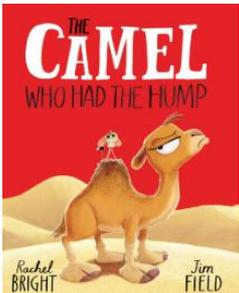
## Book of the Month Newsletter – March

Welcome to our March edition of the Book of the Month newsletter!

This month is an especially exciting one for readers, as we look ahead to **World Book Day** on **Thursday 5th March** – a fantastic opportunity to celebrate books, stories and the joy of reading for pleasure across our school. We'll be marking the occasion with lots of fun reading activities throughout the week, all designed to inspire curiosity, creativity and a lifelong love of books. To keep the celebrations going, we are also delighted to be hosting our **second-hand book sale** in the school hall on **Friday 6th March**. This is a wonderful chance for pupils to pick up a 'new' book to treasure and to share the magic of reading with others.

This month's book selections have been thoughtfully chosen to encourage thoughtful conversations and show our children the joy of reading a really good book. With a mix of warmth, humour and inspiring stories, we hope these titles help pupils discover new favourites. Our Reading Ambassadors are looking forward to sharing them with their classmates.

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

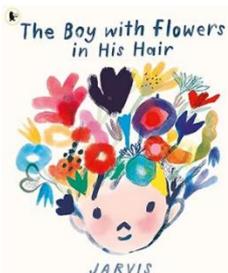
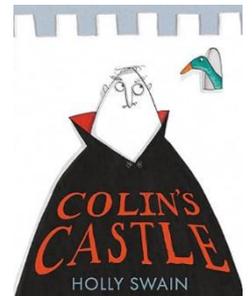


#### **Acorns – The Camel who had the Hump**

Not everyone has woken up in a good mood: Cuthbert the camel is having a bit of a bad morning. He's hot, he's tired and he certainly WON'T be walking to the oasis today! There is ABSOLUTELY NOTHING that will get him out of his grump. Or is there? When Cuthbert makes a new friend, he discovers that even if things get off on the wrong hoof, we're all just one smile away from a happy rest-of-day. A laugh-out-loud tale of how choosing fun can turn a grumpy, humpy start into a happy ending.

#### **Conkers – Colin's Castle**

When a vegetarian vampire moves into his dream castle, he soon discovers he has an unwanted house guest ... Colin's new castle is perfect in every way – apart from the DUCK. The duck pops up when Colin's in the bath. When he's watching telly. When he's ON THE LOO. QUACK! But where there's a will, there's a way. Colin has a PLAN. Will he succeed in banishing Duck from his castle and leading the bird-free life that he dreams of?

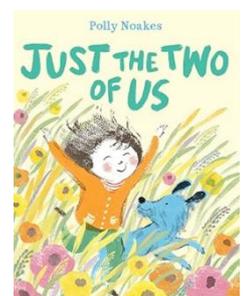


#### **Holly – The boy with flowers in his hair**

*His name is David. He's the boy with flowers in his hair and he's my best friend...* David is the boy with flowers in his hair. He's sweet and gentle, just like his petals. But when David's flowers begin to fall – a single petal at first, then every last blossom – his best friend never leaves his side. And through kindness and creativity, he even finds a way to give David his colour back...

#### **Hazel – Just the two of us**

When Stella makes a new friend and doesn't need her imaginary friend Arlo anymore, can he find his own path? One night, Arlo comes for Stella. Soon, he becomes her very best friend and they do everything together, just the two of them. But when Stella meets Sid, the boy who moves in next door, everything changes. Poor Arlo feels forgotten. Perhaps Stella doesn't need him any more. Maybe it's time Arlo finds a friend of his own who will be with him always.



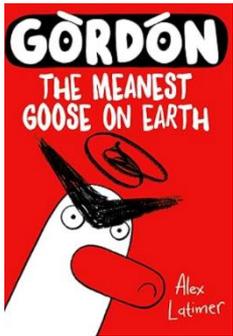
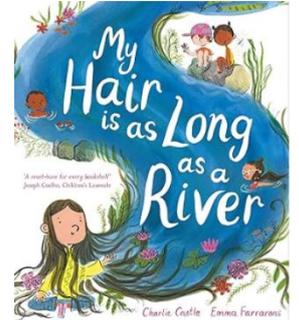


### **Willow – Grotti**

Down in the hollow, where creepy tangles grow, a knight finds something green, something grotti. He explains that he can't stay because he is very busy ("I've got beasts to battle and kingdoms to defend!"). But he can't just *leave* this sad, lost – and very big-eyed! – baby monster, can he?

### **Cherry – My hair is as long as a river**

People don't always understand the boy with long hair. But he knows that his hair is a part of who he is and who he can be - soft and strong, wild and still, fierce and gentle. It can be as long as a river, as steep as a waterfall and as fierce as a tempest. It's a drawbridge to rescue a Prince, and a rope to escape from a dragon!

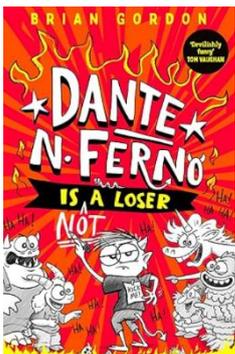
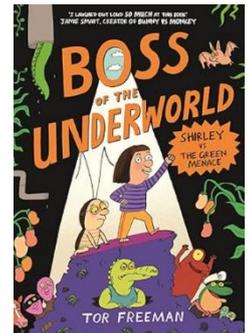


### **Birch – Gordon the meanest goose on earth**

There are plenty of mean geese in the world. They hiss and honk and chase you down for a handful of crumbs. But Gordon is the **meanest** of them all. He stomps on sandcastles, knocks ice-creams out of hands, and punches sharks - he's the worst, and he loves it. Until one day, something extraordinary happens . . . Anthony the Piglet gives him a flower. With this one act of kindness, Gordon's world begins to crumble. Join Gordon the Goose, Anthony the Piglet, and the citizens of Grover Gardens for a laugh-out-loud journey of empathy, courage, and soggy bread.

### **Rowan – Boss of the Underworld**

Join Shirley and her giant cockroach friend, George, on a strange adventure through the Underworld. Will they triumph over scary foes, resist eating delicious things in the forest, navigate the Bog of Intense Emotions, and find their way into the dark sewers to confront the Green Menace?? There are many ways into the Underworld... but only one way out!

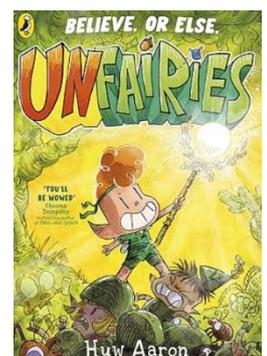


### **Chestnut – Dante N Ferno is NOT a loser**

Ever since his trousers fell down in front of the whole school, Dante has struggled to shake off his seriously uncool reputation. Luckily, he has a foolproof plan to become the most popular kid at his new school: 1. Completely reinvent himself. 2. Make a ton of friends and accept his nomination as their leader. 3. Become good at sports stuff and win all the game things. 4. Rub his newfound popularity in the face of all the haters he grew up with. Sounds easy, right? Well think again - Purg School is attended by infamous creatures from myths and legends and they're not going to let him shake off his loser status overnight! Dante is going to have his work cut out to beat the bullies and show the world that he is NOT a loser.

### **Maple – Unfairies**

Some stories will tell you fairies are sweet, kind, magical creatures. Well, those stories are **WRONG**. It's time everyone knew the truth: fairies are sneaky, violent and about as magical as slugs. Join our RECKLESS, FEARLESS and, well, CLUELESS, hero Pip on a breakneck adventure among the warring unfairy tribes of The Garden. Expect sinister plots, dubious ancient prophecies, thrilling centipede chases, a bit of bug-bum honey . . . and a hero who doesn't give two hoots about anything.!



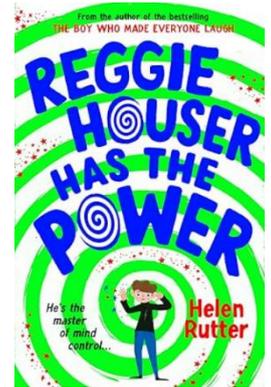


### **Lime – The Boy who fell from the Sky**

Twelve-year-old Zed has always been fascinated by the Demons that fall from the sky. His whole life his dad has worked as a Hunter, tasked with eliminating Demons once and for all, and Zed hopes to one day follow in his footsteps. But then one night Spark appears and disrupts everything Zed thought he knew. Because this Demon is nothing like the myths – he’s a frightened boy, no older than Zed, who wants to go back home. Can Zed stand up for what’s right, even if it means going against his own family?

### **Sycamore – Reggie Houser has the Power**

This is the story of how hypnosis saved a boy. Reggie Houser has ADHD and struggles to make friends at school, plus his mum and teachers seem constantly weary about his erratic, high-energy ways. But when he sees a hypnotist perform on stage at the holiday park he visits, Reggie becomes *obsessed* with learning the skills of mind control - and he discovers he has an incredible talent for it! First of all, he hypnotises the dog to think he's a frog, then makes his headmaster cluck like a chicken in assembly in front of the whole school. But then a group of mean kids supposedly take him under their wing and make him use his hypnosis talents for bad: stealing a chocolate bar from a shop and escalating to a bigger theft. Reggie must decide to use his skills for good only and come to trust his own brain to make decisions.



### **Elder – The Wild Way Home**

When Charlie's longed-for brother is born with a serious heart condition, Charlie's world is turned upside down. Upset and afraid, Charlie flees the hospital and makes for the ancient forest on the edge of town. There Charlie finds a boy floating face-down in the stream, injured, but alive. But when Charlie sets off back to the hospital to fetch help, it seems the forest has changed. It's become a place as strange and wild as the boy dressed in deerskins. For Charlie has unwittingly fled into the Stone Age, with no way to help the boy or return to the present day. Or is there? What follows is a wild, big-hearted adventure as Charlie and the Stone Age boy set out together to find what they have lost - their courage, their hope, their family and their way home.

### **Oak – Small Wonder**

*Family secrets, a kingdom in danger, the adventure of a lifetime for two brothers and their horse . . .* ‘Small Wonder’: that was what Tick’s grandfather always called him. He taught Tick a lot of things: how to take care of himself; how to take care of his little brother, Leaf; how to take care of their horse, Pebble. But Grandfather is no longer around . . . So when the family home is under suddenly threat, it’s on Tick to put everything he’s learned into practice and protect his family, by taking them on a quest filled with danger. Because it’s not just their home at risk; enemies are invading the whole land. He has only six moons to get to Kings’ Keep and warn their ruler . . . Travelling through forests and mountains, encountering bandits and rogue knights along the way, the journey is not an easy one. But Tick is determined to honour his grandfather’s last advice – *Make it count, Small Wonder.* . . .



**Happy reading!**