



## Book of the Month Newsletter – May

As we welcome our **May** edition of **Book of the Month**, we would like to begin by saying thank you to all our families for your support and feedback on this new initiative. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm for reading at home and in school, especially during this special *National Year of Reading*. Your encouragement makes a difference.

This edition also marks an important milestone for our newsletter. It will be the final time *Book of the Month* is shared in this format. However, this brings some very exciting changes ahead!

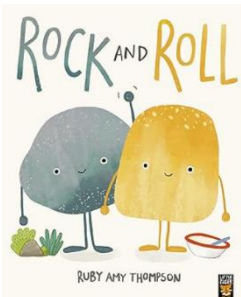
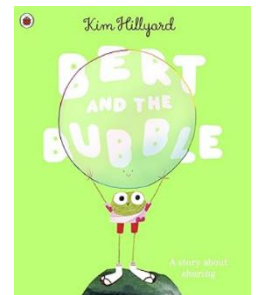
In June, our fantastic Reading Ambassadors will be taking the lead in a truly memorable way. On Tuesday 2nd June, they will be launching an incredibly exciting opportunity in school as the *Book Bus* comes to visit! The ambassadors will have a dedicated time slot on the bus, where they will be able to browse, choose and purchase June's *Book of the Month* for their class.

This wonderful opportunity has been made possible thanks to your generosity and support during our second-hand book sale in March for *World Book Day*, where we raised a fantastic £300. This funding will also allow our class teachers to select their own *Book of the Month* for July, tailored specifically to their classes. How exciting! We wonder what they will they all choose??

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

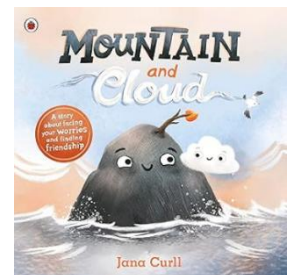
#### **Acorns – Bert and the Bubble**

One day, Bert the frog finds a beautiful, shiny bubble. It's a very nice bubble – and all Bert's friends think so too. Soon everyone wants to have a turn with the precious bubble – but as Bert discovers, sharing can be tricky. Can the friends find a way to enjoy the fun... together?



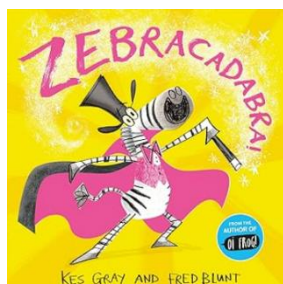
#### **Conkers – Rock and Roll**

Rock and Roll are very different.  
Rock is strong and Roll is soft.  
Rock hates attention. Roll loves it.  
But hang on...  
Maybe they have more in common than we think...



#### **Holly – Mountain and Cloud**

Mountain and Cloud are the BEST of friends. They do everything together!  
When an enormous storm blows Cloud far, far away, they're lost without each other. Can the two friends face their fears and find their way back to one another?



#### **Hazel – Zebacadabra!**

Meet Zebacadabra, master of magic. Watch as he transforms his animal friends before your very eyes! How *does* Zebacadabra do it? By being the best magician in the world, of course! Or he would be, if only he knew how to turn the animals back to their original colours...



#### **Willow – Milo and the Mountain**

"Milo wants to climb The Mountain. He really does. But The Mountain is HUGE and Milo is scared. Can he ever reach the top? Yes, he can. With just a little help from his friends!"

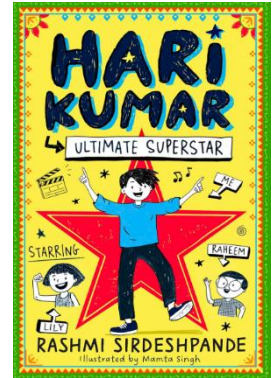


### **Cherry – My rice is best!**

Shane is convinced that nothing beats a big, delicious bowl of **rice and peas** - it's the best rice in the world! But when he brings his favourite meal to school, he discovers that his friend Yinka is just as passionate about her **jollof rice**. What follows is a hilarious and heartfelt showdown to settle the age-old question: **which rice reigns supreme?**

### **Rowan – Hari Kumar**

Hari Kumar: 10 years old, 75% Indian, 25% French, and 100% going to be a superstar. All Hari needs to make it big is a lucky break – a chance to get his name out there. And when that arrives in the form of a film festival competition at school, it's Hari's chance to shine. But life isn't always like the movies. The new kid Hari thought would be his sidekick turns out to have the makings of a true villain, the crack team he's assembled have minds of their own, and censorship (in the form of the Deputy Head Teacher) is looming. Can Hari keep things together and pull off an epic comeback, or will his film-making debut be cancelled before it's even released...?



### **Birch – Magpie Girl**

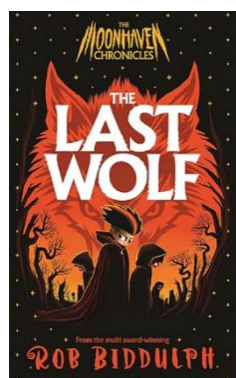
*Beware the firebird who grants wishes...they come at a terrible price.*

Lavender Wild is a magpie girl - she grows feathers, talks to birds and has a talent for finding lost things. But stuck in her tiny village, she wishes for freedom. So when her ex-friend Kit realizes his dad has gone missing on the deadly firebird's mountain, Lavender seizes the chance to set out with him on a rescue mission. Faced with earthquakes, daemons and witches, Lavender and Kit must rebuild their friendship to survive. Because the firebird is rising, and only they can save everyone from its flames.

### **Chestnut – Tidemagic**

Meet Ista Flit. Daughter. Face-changer. Thief . . .

Amongst the cobbled streets and misty alleyways of Shelwich, magic rises and falls with the Tide. When the Tide is out, the magic ebbs to a low murmur. When the Tide is in, the magic is high - and Tide-blessings are at their strongest. For most people, the Tide-blessing they are born with is nothing more than a simple party trick: eyes that change colour, or the ability to recite a poem backwards. Some, though, are blessed with more powerful gifts. Telepathy. Flight. Or, in the case of Ista Flit, being able to transform to look like someone else. *Anyone else...*

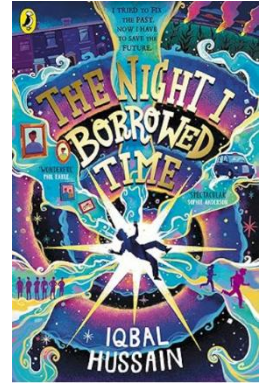


### **Maple – The Last Wolf**

Jax, Jovi, Esau and Fourth live for full-moon adventures – sneaking out after curfew, dodging the Nighthawks and roaming the empty streets of Moonhaven. But when a rare werewolf attack rocks the town, the friends become prime suspects. With the Nighthawks closing in on anyone who was out after dark, they're forced to run – setting off a chain of rumours, secrets and betrayals. As suspicion spreads, friendships are tested and the truth may be more dangerous than any of them imagined . . .

### **Lime – The night I borrowed time**

Eleven-year-old Zubair is a seventh son. This means a LOT of big brothers. But when Zubair's granny arrives from Pakistan and gives him a mysterious amulet, he discovers it means something else, too: he has inherited a gift. The seventh sons in his family have the ability to time-travel. With his dad a shadow of his former self since his car accident, and his mum always tired and angry, Zubair has a genius idea. He'll use time-travel to fix things between them. *But each trip comes at a cost. If he changes something small in the past, it can have a huge effect on his future. And if he gets it wrong, the results could be devastating . . .*

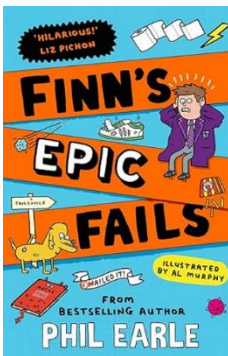
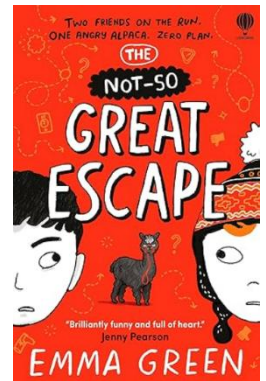


### **Sycamore – The Last Bard**

Will Davenant has known more tragedy than laughter. But in an unexpected twist, he inherits his grandfather's copy of *The Complete Works of Shakespeare* – and makes a surprising discovery. As the last living relative of William Shakespeare himself, Will can summon the Bard's heroes from the pages . . . and now he has some extraordinary new friends to help turn things in his life around.

### **Elder – The not-so-great escape**

Hedley has always played it safe, especially since the night that changed his life for ever. But when his friend Aiden steals an alpaca, Hedley is dragged on a runaway road trip that he did NOT sign up for: An accidental robbery. A night in a haunted wood. And becoming internet famous #AlpacaBandit. As the chaos builds, Hedley finds he isn't just running from the police, he's also running from the truth. And as his world comes crashing down, will Hedley play it safe, or take his biggest risk yet? #WoollyHeist #FurryFelon #Alpacalypse



### **Oak – Finn's Epic Fails**

Finn just wants to survive Year 7, but his life is destined to be a series of epic fails. It's only Tuesday and his scheming, unicorn-obsessed little sister has already stuck a horn to his head (with superglue) and his *properly evil* older brother has wedged him 278 times. And don't even ask what happened at swimming, in front of the WHOLE CLASS. At least he has best friends Laszlo (a hopeless romantic) and Google (ask her anything) by his side as he attempts to turn failure into victory in his very own book *that is definitely not a diary*.

**Happy reading!**