



Book of the Month Newsletter – July

Welcome to our July Book of the Month Newsletter!

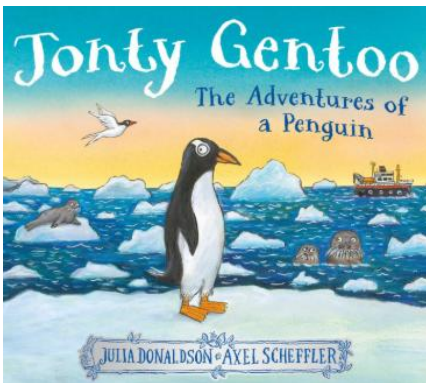
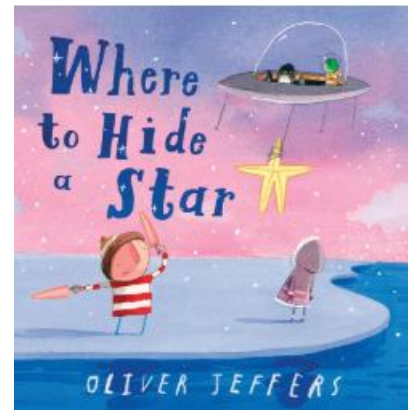
When the Book Bus visited school, each member of staff secretly selected a book to champion as their final ‘book of the month’ for the year. Every choice was made for a different reason and, as you’ll see below, each book has its own special story behind it.

It has been wonderful to see such a wide range of choices, inspired by everything from personal connections and childhood memories to favourite authors, previously enjoyed stories and important messages that books can teach us. Enjoy discovering the reasons behind each selection below!

Here are the books that the staff have bought for their classes this month:

Mrs Smith’s choice for Acorns

“The book I have chosen for Acorn class is ‘*Where to hide a star*’ by Oliver Jeffers. I chose it because of the beautiful illustrations and the lovely story about how you can achieve your dreams in unexpected ways. The class really love the ‘*Lost and Found*’ story so I thought they would love this one too.”

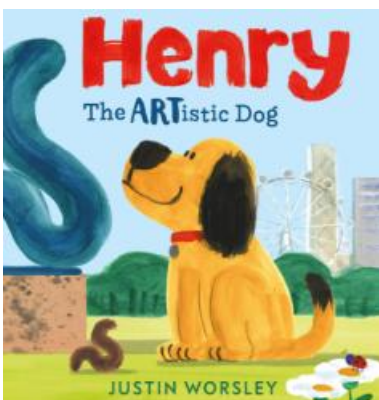
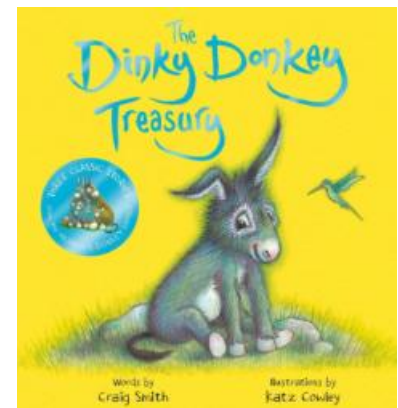


Mrs Marshall’s choices for Conkers

“Woo Hoo a new Julia Donaldson! I love the rhyming elements of Julia Donaldson books, they make reading aloud so much fun. The word choices are always challenging but appropriate.”

Mrs Boughton’s choices for Holly

“Holly class love funny books and love rhyming books. We have read *Wonky Donkey* before and enjoyed it so I thought a book with lots of funny Donkey stories in would be great!



Mrs Poole’s choice for Hazel

“For July, I have chosen ‘*Henry the Artistic Dog*’ as our Book of the Month. Our class loves stories about dogs—especially funny stories about dogs—and this one couldn’t be much funnier! I also love art and believe that anyone can create great artwork. Henry’s artistic creations might be a little different from what we usually see, but that’s all part of the fun! I can’t wait to share this hilarious story with the class.

Mrs Lovett's choice for Willow

"I have chosen 'The Day the Crayons Made Friends' as our Book of the Month. I know Willow class already have and love many of the other books in the Crayons series, so this seemed like the perfect addition to their collection. The stories are always full of humour, creativity and colourful characters, and this one reminds us all of something very important too—we all need a good friend!"



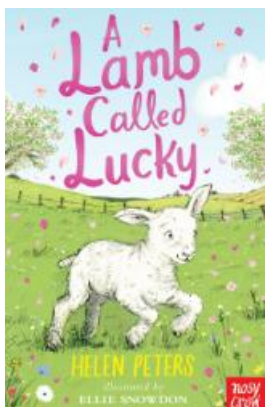
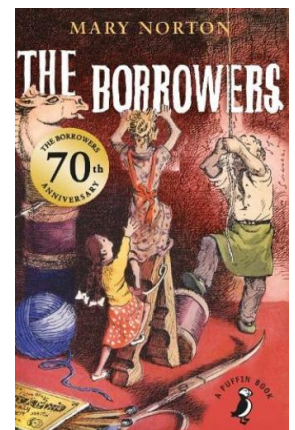
Mrs Shaw's choice for Cherry

"I have chosen 'Big Feelings' as our Book of the Month. We all have feelings, and that's part of what makes us so fabulous and unique. Sometimes, though, our feelings can seem very big and it can be tricky to know how to handle them. This book explores emotions in a warm, thoughtful and reassuring way, helping children to understand that every feeling is important. It's a lovely story that encourages self-awareness, empathy and confidence. I hope everyone likes it!"



Mr Marshall's choice for Rowan

"For our July class book, I have chosen 'The Borrowers' by Mary Norton. This is a story that has stayed with me since I was young, as I remember reading it together with my mum. It holds special memories for me, as it was one of those books that sparked my imagination and made reading feel magical. 'The Borrowers' is full of adventure and curiosity, as it explores the idea of tiny people living secretly in our homes and "borrowing" the things they need to survive. I chose it because it encourages us to look at the world in a different way and reminds us how exciting and creative stories can be."

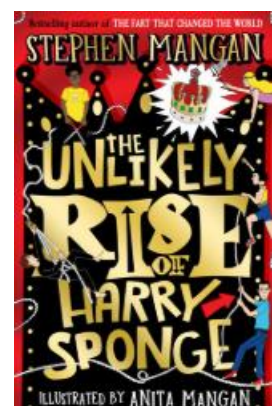


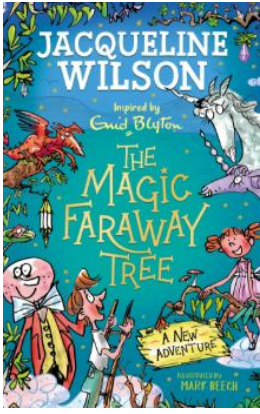
Mr Jones's choice for Birch

"I chose this book as it has a focus on the values of kindness and care, something we have spoken lots about recently in year 3. In Birch class, lots of our children enjoy reading stories with animals being a central part to the story and with the added 'terrifying race against time' that this book offers, I know it will capture the interest of those who enjoy a bit of thrill/suspense in the stories they read too!"

Mr Good's choice for Chestnut

"The Unlikely Rise of Harry Sponge is written by the British actor and author Stephen Mangan, with illustrations by his sister, Anita Mangan. I chose this book because most of the books we have enjoyed this year have been adventure and mystery books so I wanted something different. The first book we read in Autumn was Krindlekrax which we found very humorous at times - we loved the jokes and silly characters. For this reason, I knew my class would love another funny book. Another reason for choosing the book is because of the author who I really like. I think it's going to be a very popular choice!"



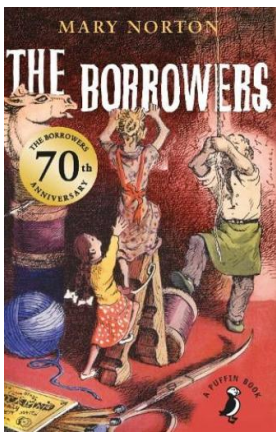


Mrs Johnson's choice for Maple

"I chose 'Magic Far Away Tree' by Jacqueline Wilson because it's a new take on an old classic inspired by Enid Blyton. Maple Class love anything magical and really enjoy using their imaginations to explore new places, as we have done in previous books, so I knew this story would grab their attention. Also, as our classes are now 'trees' I thought it was very fitting."

Mrs Phillips's choice for Lime

"I chose 'When the Sky Falls' by Phil Earle because I have several World War II enthusiasts in my class who I know will be engaged by the historical setting and events. I was also intrigued by the unique relationship between a young boy and a gorilla at the heart of the story, which I felt would capture the children's interest while exploring themes of friendship, courage, and empathy."

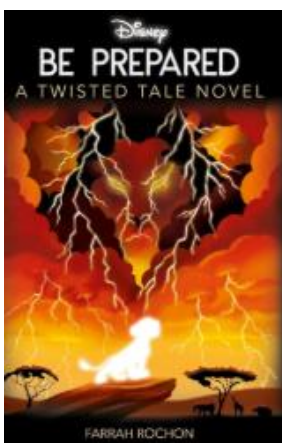
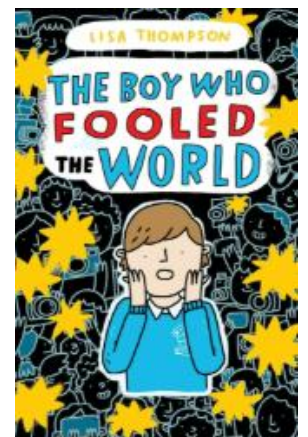


Miss Hughes's choice for Sycamore

"For July, I chose 'The Borrowers' because it was one of my favourite books as a child. I loved the idea that there could be tiny people living secret lives all around us without us ever knowing. It's a wonderfully imaginative story that encourages readers to look at the world in a different way and wonder what might be happening behind the scenes. I'm looking forward to sharing this much-loved with the class and hearing what they think about the Borrowers' adventures. I also have a personal connection to the book, as I grew up just five minutes from the author Mary Norton's childhood home in Leighton Buzzard, which is believed to have inspired the house in 'The Borrowers'."

Mrs Amin's choices for Elder

"I chose 'The Boy Who Fooled the World' as our Book of the Month because my class told me they would like to read more funny, light-hearted stories. Many of the children have already enjoyed reading 'The Goldfish Boy' by the same author, so this felt like a great opportunity to introduce them to another of her books. I hope this story will keep them laughing while showing them that books can be both entertaining and thought-provoking."



Mrs Turner's choice for Oak

"For July, I have chosen 'Be Prepared' from the Twisted Tales series. I think Walt Disney is one of the greatest storytellers of all time and The Lion King is my favourite animated film. I'm intrigued to see how this version of the story unfolds and what clever twists have been spun on the original tale. I noticed that several children in Oak Class chose 'Let It Go', another Twisted Tales book, whilst visiting the Book Bus, so I thought adding another title from the series to our collection would make it the perfect choice."