



Book of the Month Newsletter – September

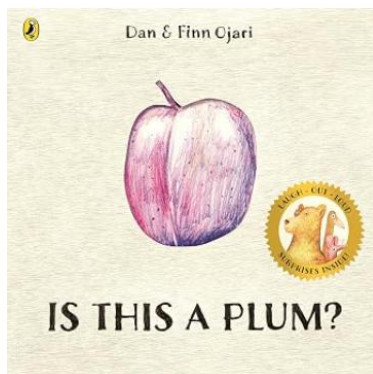
Welcome to our very first 'Book of the Month' newsletter for this academic year!

Each month, your child's class will be given a gift-wrapped 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 want every child to discover the joy of reading and develop a love of books that lasts a lifetime. To support this, each class will receive a new, carefully chosen book every month. These books have been selected to be engaging, current and relevant, helping to spark children's curiosity and encourage reading for pleasure.

We hope your child enjoys discovering each month's new book, whether reading it together in class with their teacher and peers or borrowing it and sharing it at home. We look forward to seeing children enjoying new stories, sharing recommendations and having lots of exciting conversations about books across our school!

Here are the books that have been shared this month:

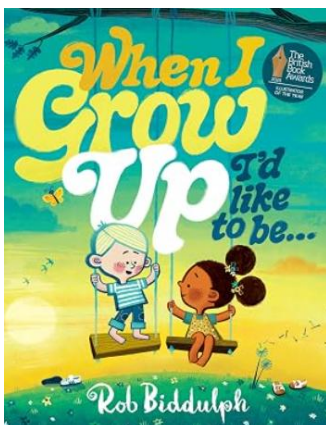
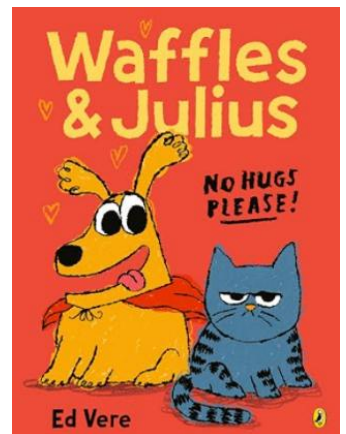


Acorns – Is this a plum?

Through the hole in the page, you might see a plum . . . or a spider . . . or a spoon. But turn the page to see the full picture and – SURPRISE! – it's something unexpected: the moon, a tiger, even a hippo's bum! A delightfully clever picture book full of visual tricks and rhyming reveals to inspire wonder while making you chuckle.

Conkers – Waffles & Julius (No hugs please!)

Meet Waffles and Julius. Waffles loves hugs. Julius does not. Waffles would very much like to hug his friend Julius. Julius, however, prefers other things: most notably, cat-naps. But definitely not hugs. Waffles will wait until Julius is ready. It won't be so hard...will it? (Yes...it will.) Will Waffles get a hug?

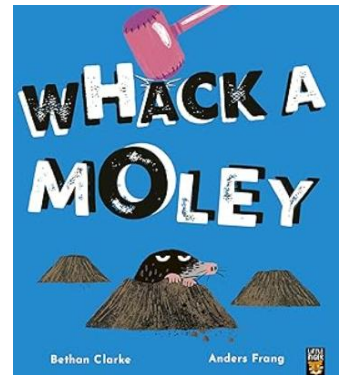


Holly – When I grow up, I'd like to be...

Dream big with bestselling author Rob Biddulph in this wonderful exploration of jobs and the world of work. Sailor, dancer, teacher, vet – explore all the many things you can be when you're older in this beautiful and heartfelt text from bestselling author Rob Biddulph. Full of hope and childhood ambition, and with glorious illustrations throughout, be introduced to the world of work in this inspiring picture book, perfect for little dreamers.

Hazel – Whack a Moley!

Gus the Goat is bursting with energy. Mavis Mole? Not so much. So when Mavis suggests a calm game of tiddlywinks, Gus has other ideas. Bigger ideas. Bolder ideas . . . **WHACK A MOLEY!** This brilliantly bonkers picture book is packed with comedy that bounces effortlessly between dry and slapstick - perfect for making everyone in the room laugh!



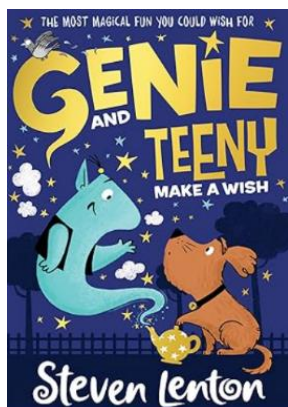
Willow – Hanna asks for help

Hanna LOVES playing sports. But she finds maths a real puzzle! Nothing she tries works. . . until she finds the courage to ask for a little bit of help. Soon, Help arrives - and nothing will ever be the same again! Tom Percival's bestselling Big Bright Feelings series is the ideal starting point for discussions about mental and emotional health, positive self-image, building self-confidence and managing feelings.



Cherry – Everybody's Welcome

Wouldn't it be great if you could build a home that opened its doors to everyone – tall or short, fat or thin, rich or poor... Well, perhaps if everybody pitches in to help, one little mouse can achieve that dream. This heart-warming story is brought to life with clever die-cuts and playful illustrations. An easy-to-read story book that is filled with beautiful illustrations of a mouse and other woodland friends embarking on a journey to build a home together. With simply written rhymes, this picture book teaches friendship, acceptance and the importance of diversity.

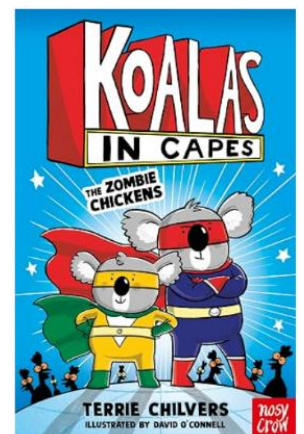


Birch – Genie and Teeny make a wish

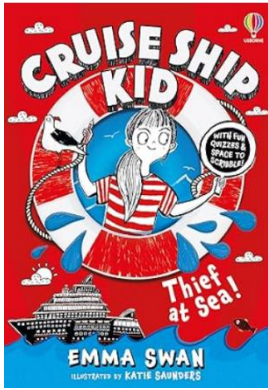
When Grant the Genie is cast out of Genie World, he lands on Earth with a big, fat bump! Without a lamp to call home, he has to settle for an old, cracked teapot instead. Grant is very lonely until he meets the puppy, Teeny. Then Genie and Teeny are kidnapped by the evil purple-loving Lavinia Lavender, and find themselves on-course for a rollercoaster of an adventure – when all they really want is a place to call home...

Rowan – Koalas in capes

Put on your super-suit and prepare for comic-book capers in Pawtonia, where the animals wear clothes, hot chocolate flows and evil is just an ostrich feather away. Meet Bob and Archie: two hapless, but enthusiastic, koalas who are just getting to grips with their superpowers when faced with their archenemy. Enter Dr Colossus, an evil giant ostrich, who has grand plans to take over Pawtonia by releasing a hoard of zombie chickens loose in the city! Our fluffy duo needs everything it takes to stop Dr Colossus and his robber duck minions. Can the Koalas in Capes master their powers in time to save the fate of Pawtonia? This side-splitting, highly-illustrated superhero series is where chapter books meet graphic novels - ideal for newly-independent readers.



Chestnut – Cruise Ship Kid (Thief at Sea!)



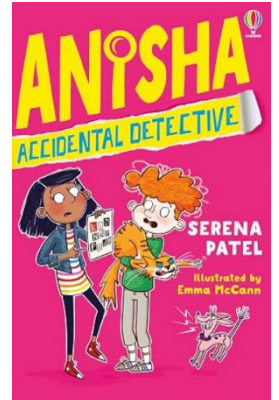
There's **4** things you should know about me:

1. I live on a **cruise ship**
2. My name is **Silver**. Yes, really
3. I've never had a **best friend** my own age :(
4. I'm **definitely not a detective**

Somehow, though, I'm now investigating the CASE OF THE MISSING MEGA-EXPENSIVE WATCHES. But, I've got a plan. If I can solve the crime, then surely the kids on board will want to be friends with me. Right? I've had lots of help (interference) from the Gang, but I won't tell you about them because they are all over 80 and prefer playing bingo to solving crimes. So, do you want to be definitely-not-a-detective too and help me **catch the thief at sea?**

Maple – Anisha Accidental Detective

HELP! My super-dramatic Auntie Bindi is getting married tomorrow and she's having a mega meltdown. But sssh! I've just found a ransom note, pushed through the letter box, saying Uncle Tony, Bindi's husband-to-be, has been kidnapped, and will only be freed if the wedding is cancelled! I have to keep this a secret otherwise it'll be panic-central... I guess it's up to me - Anisha, ACCIDENTAL DETECTIVE, to save the day.



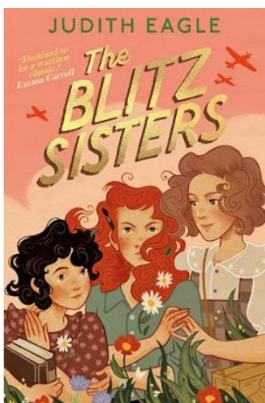
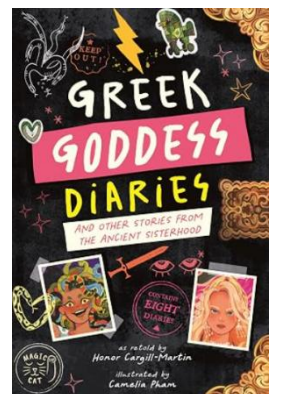
Lime – Maisie VS Antarctica



Maisie thinks her dad is the most boring person in the world. For fun he likes to do origami (but only basic triangles) or jigsaw puzzles of a cloudless sky (yep, every piece is blue). He writes cool-sounding books like *How To Wrestle A Crocodile* and *How To Defuse A Bomb*, but he's never actually done any of the awesome things he writes about. But Maisie has to admit weird things happen around Dad. Unexplainable things...When childcare falls through and Dad has to take Maisie to Antarctica to research his next book, *How To Survive In Antarctica*, Maisie realises there is definitely something unusual about Dad... Maisie is determined to find out the truth about her dad. What she doesn't realise is that she'll discover some things about herself and what it really means to be a hero along the way. One thing is for sure - it's going to be the adventure of a lifetime!

Sycamore – Greek Goddess Diaries

Dork Diaries meets Greek myths in these fresh, funny retellings from passionate classicist Honor Cargill-Martin. Welcome to the *Greek Goddess Diaries* - where ancient myths get a modern, sassy twist. Meet Pandora, Medusa, Circe and more as they spill their secrets, confess their crushes and get the chance to tell their own story.



Elder – The Blitz Sisters

War has been declared and the lives of three sisters, Lydia, Peggy and Teddy, are about to be turned upside down. As bombs rain down on London, the girls will lose their homes, their things, their loved ones . . . But they will find lost kittens, friendships with fellow rebels, the need for art, the strength and love to carry on, and a greater sense of family than ever. And with each other's help and with the radical changes to society that war brings, the three sisters will discover the essence of who they truly are.

Oak – And now we run

We're running now, along the spine of the world, and behind us, just below, half the land is sliding away to nowhere. Jelly is NOT looking forward to the first school trip at her new school, since her best friend ditched her and is determined to make Jelly miserable. Lincoln however can't wait - he used to visit the hills with his brothers and he's excited to be back. But what neither of them expected was for the extreme weather to cause the reservoirs to burst, and for the area to be flooded. Or to be left behind when the rest of their group is evacuated. As rain pours down and the water rises, Jelly and Lincoln have to put aside their fears to outrun the storm.



***We look forward to appointing our new team of
Reading Ambassadors for this academic year very soon.
Happy reading!***