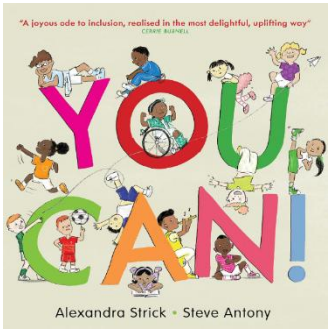
Book of the Month Newsletter – November

This month, we are celebrating Non-Fiction November — a chance to explore real stories, discover fascinating facts and learn something new! From inspiring biographies and gripping memoirs to thought-provoking history, science, nature and current affairs, there's a whole range of non-fiction books to dive into.

So, take a look at our selection, find a book that sparks your interest and celebrate the wonderful world of real-life reading this Non-Fiction November!

Here are the books that have been shared this month:



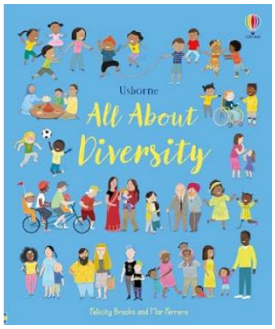
Acorns – You can!

YOU CAN…be brave, challenge yourself, overcome your fears, be kind, be brilliant…be YOU! Come on an amazing journey with 14 children as they grow from birth to 18 years old, learning new skills, exploring new worlds, standing up for their own and others' rights - and following their dreams. Created with real children, who sent messages of empathy, reassurance and hope, You Can! will inspire young people of all ages to be empowered and believe in themselves.



Conkers – One day on our blue planet

The first in the acclaimed series of children's books focused on the way our young animal friends spend a day. Minding his mother and playing with his father, this curious little lion cub can't help chasing trouble and fun as he explores his corner of that big blue planet he shares with us.

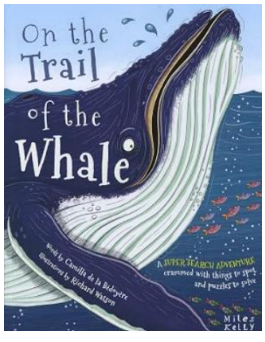


Holly – All about diversity

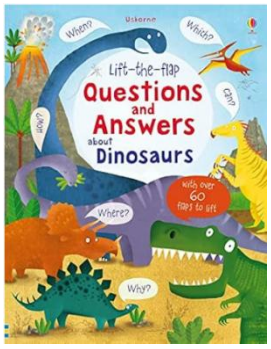
This dynamic and joyous exploration of difference helps young children learn to respond in a kind and equal way to everyone, regardless of shape, size, age, physical and mental ability, gender, ethnicity, beliefs, language, culture, background, and so on. With topics ranging from clothes and food to homes, festivals and families, there is plenty for children to talk about as they find out about what makes people different and what makes them unique.

Hazel – On the trail of the whale

Otto the octopus needs help - his best friend Hula the humpback whale is nowhere to be found. This brilliantly creative story takes children on an adventure through the oceans packed with intriguing information, memorable animal characters, rhyming riddles and fun activities. Richard Watson's beautiful, bright illustrations will keep children enthralled with inventive details to spot everywhere. An additional wow-factor is provided by the foldout cover flaps, which create a panoramic artwork scene and reveal clever spaces for readers to chart their progress through the story.

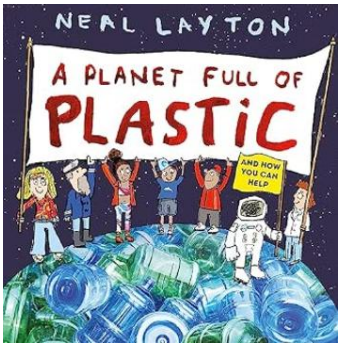


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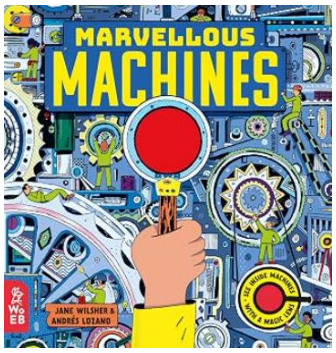
Willow – Questions and answers about dinosaurs

A colourful guide with over 60 flaps to lift to discover answers to questions young children might ask about dinosaurs. Provides simple, friendly and fascinating answers to questions such as "Why do dinosaurs have tricky names?", "Could dinosaurs swim?", "How big was the biggest dinosaur?" and lots more.



Cherry – A planet full of plastic

Our world is drowning in plastic, and it's a big problem. Neal Layton is here to explain where plastic comes from, why it doesn't biodegrade, and why that's dangerous for animals and humans alike. But he's also FULL of ideas for how you can help! From giving up straws in juice cartons to recycling all we can and taking part in a beach clean, *A Planet Full of Plastic* will get young readers excited about how they can make a difference to keep Planet Earth happy.



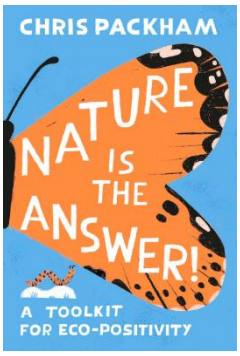
Birch and Rowan – Marvellous machines

Have you ever wondered what is going on inside some of the world's most incredible machines and inventions? Well now you can take a look inside a whole world of *Marvellous Machines*! Using the see-through magic lens, you can learn about mathematics, physics, chemistry and engineering by exploring the inner workings of machines. In your kitchen or bedroom, beneath city streets or far up in space, machines are at work day and night making, moving, building and even thinking for us. In this eye-catching book, you can explore the hidden inner workings of machines and inventions.

Chestnut – We travel so far

From the epic migration of the huge humpback whale to the unbelievable determination of the tiny hummingbird, come on a trip around the world and learn the story of each animal's migration and the reasons why they travel so very far. This vividly illustrated introduction to animal migration across land, sea, and air looks at the most astonishing journeys undertaken by animals around the world. From wildebeest to butterflies; polar bears to Leatherback turtles, each animal tells its own 'micro story' about its incredible journey across a variety of terrain at different times of the year. Perfect for young animal lovers!



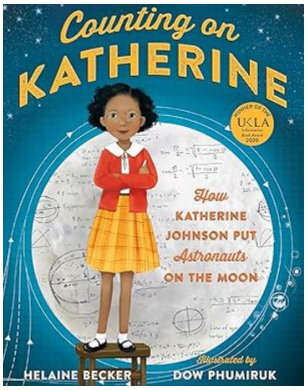


Maple – Nature is the answer!

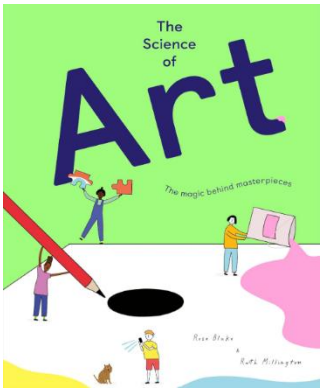
Understand eco-anxiety, build resilience, and make sure your demands for the future are heard with this kids' guide to facing green grief. Chris Packham experiences eco-anxiety often. The climate breakdown can feel overwhelming and cause many worries about the future. But that doesn't mean the wild world can't be an amazing place. In fact, if eco-anxiety is caused by the state of nature, then perhaps the state of nature has answers to our eco-anxiety. This nature book for kids confronts the climate breakdown, normalises eco-anxiety, and trumpets advocacy – while keeping the joy of nature at the forefront.

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Lime and Sycamore – Counting on Katherine



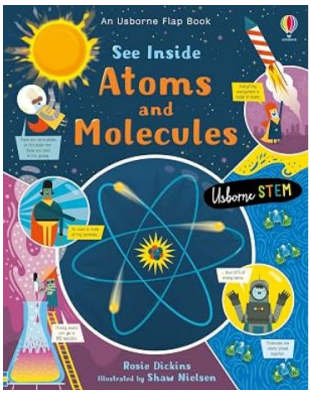
Meet Katherine Johnson, the mathematical genius who helped make the historic Apollo 11 moon landings possible. *Counting on Katherine* is a beautiful illustrated biography about a young girl who defied the odds, sure to inspire young readers. As a child, Katherine loved to count. She counted the steps on the road, the number of dishes and spoons she washed in the kitchen sink, everything! Boundless, curious, and excited by calculations, young Katherine longed to know as much as she could about maths, about the universe...
This is the true story of a groundbreaking African-American woman who went above and beyond what was expected of her in the 1960s, saving lives and making enormous contributions to history.



Oak – The science of art

Have you ever wondered about the thinking behind famous paintings, or the techniques used by renowned artists? Then dive into the world of art with this engaging and accessible guide. *The Science of Art* takes readers on a museum tour of art history's most important techniques and movements, with expert insight from art consultant Ruth Millington and joyful illustrations by Rose Blake. See art brought to life in a playful and engaging way as you discover popular art techniques, learn about the key elements of each movement, understand the artists' motivations, and appreciate the beauty and complexity of art through the ages.

Elder – See inside atoms and molecules



Marvel at the mind-boggling world of atoms and molecules - the building blocks of EVERYTHING everywhere (including you). Lift over 90 flaps to learn about atoms, molecules, compounds and electrons, and chemical reactions and explore the Periodic Table.

And finally, our Book of the Month initiative would not be possible without the continued support of our HSA. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity in funding this whole school initiative and ongoing commitment to fostering a love of books within our school community.

Thank you for helping us make initiatives like this possible!

Mrs Turner and the Reading Ambassadors

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