

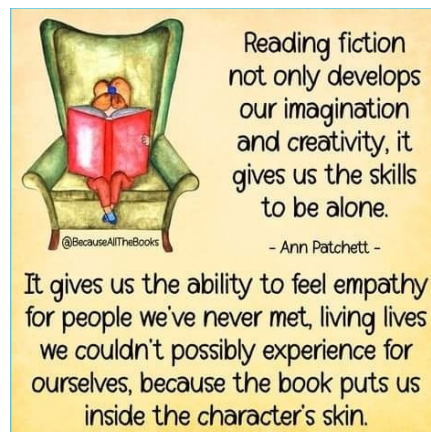
# Three Bridges Primary School

## Reading Newsletter

### Spring 1



Welcome to our reading newsletter. Each term, we will be sharing reading tips, introducing an author, important reading diary dates, sharing book recommendations and safe online reading websites.

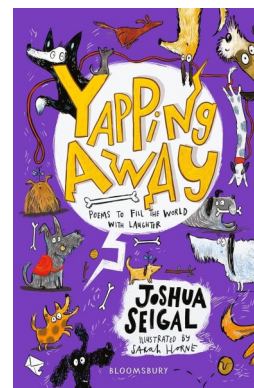
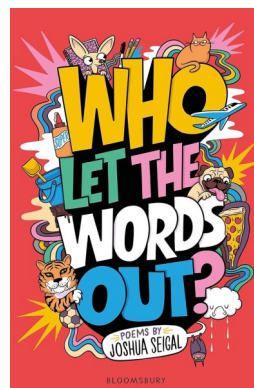
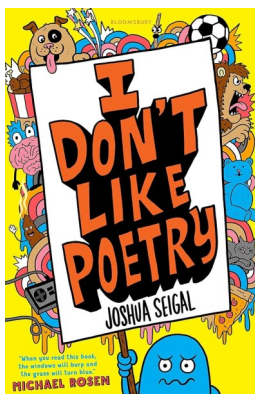


## How do you do?

This half term, meet Joshua Seigal



Joshua visits schools to inspire children to read and write for pleasure. His diary is jam packed but we have been lucky enough to secure a date for him to visit Three Bridges next year.



Joshua Seigal, a highly acclaimed, award-winning professional poet, performer and educator who uses poetry to develop literacy skills and inspire confidence and creativity in communication.

He has worked in hundreds of schools, libraries, theatres and festivals around the world, had books published by Bloomsbury, HarperCollins and other major publishers, and has written and performed for BBC television.

This is one of my favourites:

## **I Don't Like Poetry**

I don't like similes.

Every time I try to think of one  
my brain feels like a vast, empty desert;  
my eyes feel like raisins floating in an ocean;  
my fingers feel like sweaty sausages.

I don't like metaphors.

Whenever I attempt them  
a hammer starts beating in my chest;  
lava starts bubbling in my veins;  
zombies have a fight in my stomach.

I don't like alliteration.

We learnt about it in school  
but it's seriously, stupendously silly;  
definitely drastically difficult;  
terribly, troublingly tricky.

I don't like onomatopoeia.

I wish I could blow it up  
with a ZAP! and a BANG! and a CRASH!;  
a BOOM! and a CLANG! and a POW!;  
a CLASH! and a BAM! and a THUD!

And I don't like repetition

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# The benefits of reading with your child

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While reading to our children is fun and a chance to spend some quality time together, what many parents don't realise is that this activity is providing far more benefits to their children than they could ever imagine. The benefits of reading to your child are limitless, here are the ones that we think are most important.

### **1. It nurtures the parent and child bond**

As your children grow, they spend their days exploring and discovering non-stop until it's time to wind down for bed with a story. Many children look forward to storytime as it's their special time with you where they have your attention and they feel close to you.

### **2. It provides routine and stability to your child**

One of the big benefits of reading, especially if it's at a set time in the day such as cuddling up with a book at bedtime, is that it provides routine and stability for your child.

### **3. It sparks their imagination**

As we read, our brains translate the descriptions that we read of people and places and things into pictures. For young children, not only does this allow them to engage in the story but it also fuels their creativity when they bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

### **4. It forms strong foundations for their learning abilities**

If you read to your children often, you are exposing them to a wide range of language and vocabulary as well as multiple environments and experiences that they will learn to relate to. The benefits of this is that it leads to children developing skills a lot earlier than children who don't read, skills that are essential to learning and life such as:

- Communication and listening skills
- Basic speech skills
- Thinking skills and logic
- Literacy and numeracy skills

### **5. It helps them perform better in school**

It's probably no surprise that one of the biggest benefits of reading is that children who read more tend to have a higher academic performance.

### **6. It helps them to become more accepting**

Helping our children be more open-minded is something that will set them up for life. Reading does just that as it teaches children about empathy and about different cultures.

**7. It helps them to conquer the fear of a classroom and become less anxious in general**

Have you noticed that reading calms your children, especially when they are distressed or restless? Many children, as they grow, become nervous about new experiences or situations especially if it's something that they find scary such as the first day of school. By reading books that are relevant to them, this can help relieve their anxiety considerably as they now know what to expect. Over time, you'll soon find that they learn to cope better with these negative emotions too.

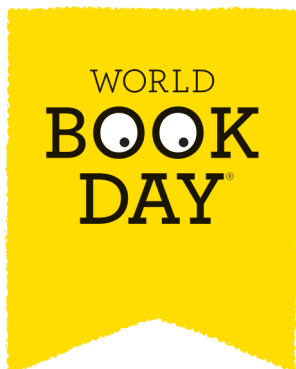
**8. It makes them want to keep on learning**

One of the best benefits of reading is that the learning never stops, no matter how old you are!

**9. It helps build confidence as well as positive life habits**

Reading at home every day teaches your children that this activity is fun and not a chore. It also gives your children the confidence to be able to read out loud in a classroom full of people.

# World Book Day



# 7th March 2024

It is a day where we would like to invite every child to dress up as their favourite character and to bring to school their favourite book to share with others.

Each child will also receive a £1.00 book token to exchange for a book at local booksellers including supermarkets.

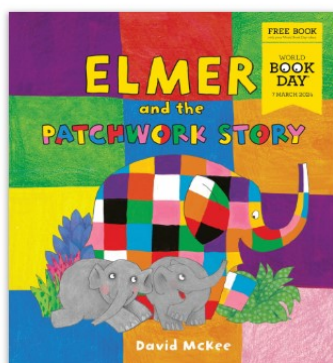
This year, the children will have the chance to spend their voucher at Waterstones Book Shop.

Year 6 will be walking in to town on Thursday 7th March 2024 and Year 5 will walk in to town on Friday 8th March 2024.



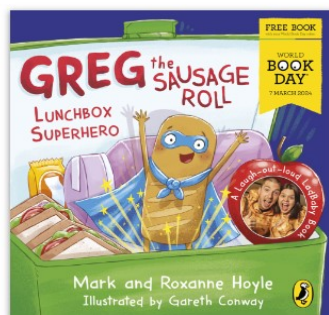
These are the books children can buy with their voucher

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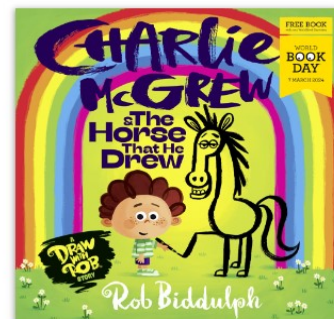
**Elmer and the Patchwork Story**  
Andersen Press

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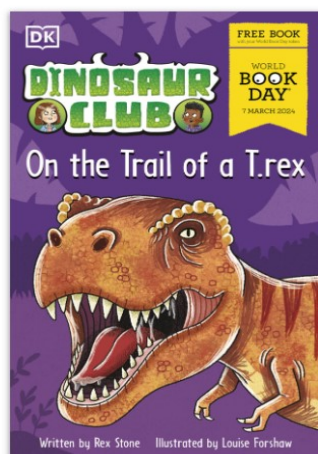
**Greg the Sausage Roll: Lunchbox Superhero**  
Puffin

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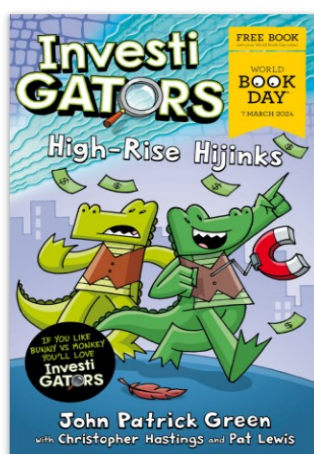
**Charlie McGrew & The Horse That He Drew**  
HarperCollins Children's Books

Early



**Dinosaur Club: On the Trail of a T. rex**  
DK

Early



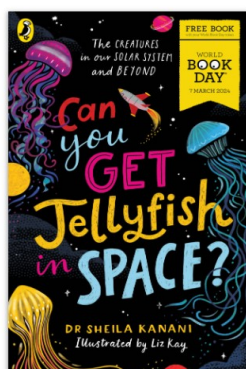
**InvestiGATORS: Hi-Rise Hijinks**  
Macmillan Children's Books

Early



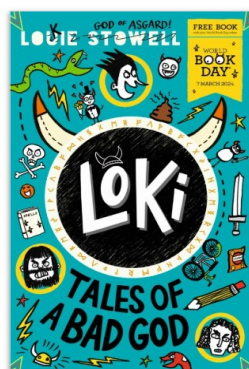
**Marv and the Ultimate Superpower**  
Oxford University Press

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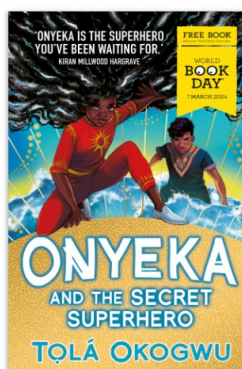
**Can You Get Jellyfish in Space?**  
Puffin

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**Loki: Tales of a Bad God**  
Walker Books

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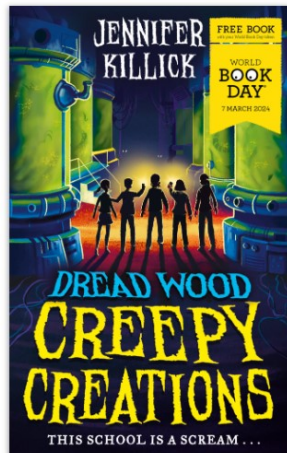
**Onyeka and the Secret Superhero**  
Simon & Schuster Children's Books

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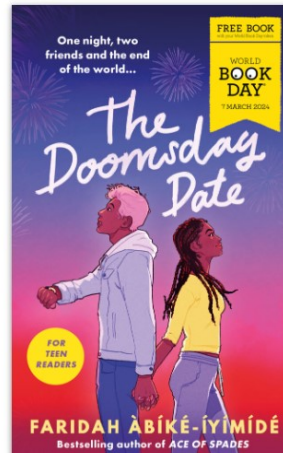
**The Amazing Edie Eckhart: The Friend Mission**  
Hachette Children's Group

Independent



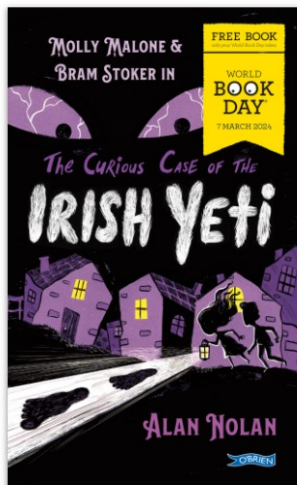
Dread Wood: Creepy Creations  
Farshore

Independent



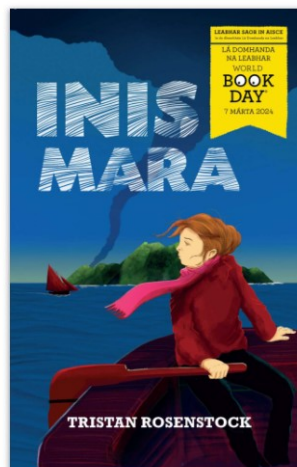
The Doomsday Date  
Usborne

Éire amháin –  
Léitheoir líofa



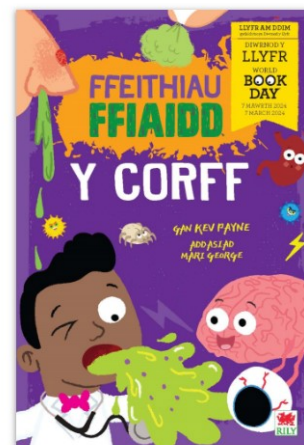
The Curious Case of the Irish Yeti:  
Molly Malone and Bram Stoker  
The O'Brien Press

Éire amháin –  
Léitheoir líofa



Inis Mara  
LeabhairCOMHAR

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