



# Spring Reading Newsletter 2025



Welcome to the Coppice Academy Spring Reading Newsletter. Since our return from a well-deserved Christmas break, we have again hit the ground running with lots of reading activities and challenges. As you know we are a reading school and this has been fully on display at every level across every year group! In this issue we are looking at looking after our planet and for you to send us book recommendations and reviews, tell us what books you've been reading, what you love and why. Roll on lazy summer days lying in the sun with a great new book! Enjoy!

This half term has seen everyone across the school taking part in the Literacy Trust's Challenge :

## “WE WONDER : Our Blue Planet”



This involved us reading a newspaper article, watching documentaries and researching in groups the effects of plastic and pollution on our oceans. It was a very eye-opening experience to read all about the micro-plastics and other sources of plastic pollution, especially just how much is even in the fish and shellfish that we eat on a daily basis.

It was fantastic to see how many of the children were deeply engaged in the reading and researching aspects of the challenge and how eager they were to try to help affect change in our precious world. I know that both Mrs Didcote (our school's Eco Lead) and myself were extremely impressed with enthusiasm and level of engagement all the children showed.

The challenge part of the week was to create a poster to promote taking care of our oceans, not only for the creatures who live in it but for us and all future generations. Once Mrs Didcote and I have collected all the finished posters in we will be selecting the top 5 and submitting them as our entry into The Literacy Trust's competition! Keep your fingers crossed that someone from Coppice wins a prize!



# Library Updates...

Our new display bookshelves, just outside the door of the Library have been installed and filled to showcase some of the new, and existing, exciting reads that we have ready to be borrowed and enjoyed! Check out what is on display this half term below...

We are continuing to explore and expand the different ways in which our children can dive into a great story, through audiobooks, to loan through our Reading Cloud Library system and expanding our graphic novels section to encourage the many Manga and comic fans to boost their reading too!



## More about Graphic Novels...

Graphic novels are similar to comic books because they use sequential art to tell a story. Unlike comic books, graphic novels are generally stand-alone stories with more complex plots. Some of the most popular graphic novels with our pupils are written by Dav Pilkey. His Captain Underpants and Dog Man series are always a hit!



# LoveReading

4 KIDS BUY BOOKS CHANGE LIVES

A reminder that as part of ensuring our school remains up to date with best of children's literature, we have a book club through Love Reading.

If you would like to buy books for your child and support us here at Coppice Academy, while doing so, we would greatly appreciate your contribution.

When you make your purchase on the site, please select Coppice Academy as your chosen school.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

# Little Wandle

Little Wandle is the scheme that we use to help our younger pupils to become confident and fluent readers possible. If your child takes part in daily phonics sessions it is especially important that you, as parents and your child's most important teacher, are encouraging them to read but also that they see you reading too!



## Top 3 Reading Classes in Spring 1 are:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 5F,

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 6D and

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 5W



In collaboration with Sky Arts : Access All Arts Week we are asking you to design and create your own Superhero with artistic powers.



The challenge is simple collect a competition entry form from your class teacher, follow the instructions and get creative. Your imagination can go wild thinking about your hero's super-power, costume and special artistic skill!

Access all Arts

Once you have completed your entry send it in to the e-mail address below by the Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.



So now onto the important part –the prizes! Sky Arts is giving primary school pupils across the UK and Ireland the chance **to win an exclusive masterclass with legendary Marvel artist, Will Sliney**. The winning class can look forward to a visit from Will for an epic draw-along lesson during Access All Arts week this summer (16-20 June).

Share your designs with us in school, on social media using the hashtags #AccessAllArts and #SkyArts and email them to : [accessallarts@nationalschoolpartnership.com](mailto:accessallarts@nationalschoolpartnership.com)

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**As a Bonus...**

Not only could you character be in with the chance to win us a visit from a Marvel artist, but as part of our World Book Day celebrations we will be using your characters to create our own Graphic Novels!

**1 Choose an artform for your superhero**

Tip: these are just a few. How many other artforms can you think of?



Music



Photography



Dance

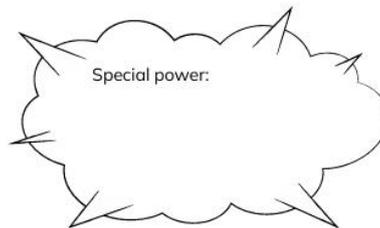


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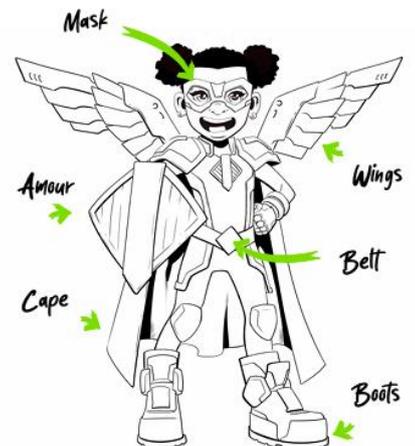
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**2 Create a special artistic power**



Special power:

**3 Pick your hero's gear**



**4 Bring your hero to life**

Draw your superhero on the next page. Give them a legendary name and a costume that shows off their special power.



Need some ideas? Maybe your superhero can freeze time with a camera, or even put villains to sleep with music...

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

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Coming Soon!  
18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> March

# What Should I Read Next?



## Reading Genre Focus



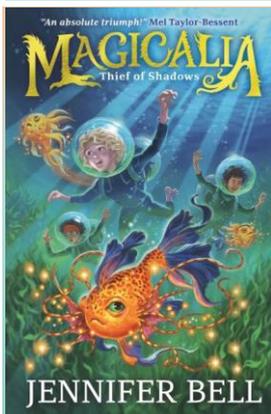
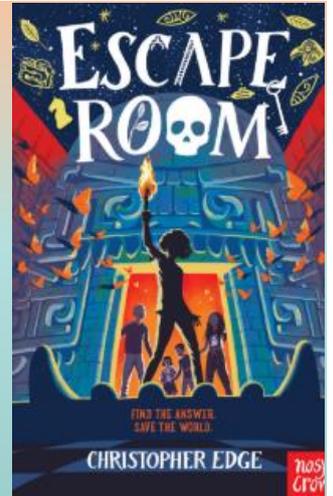
Fantasy

This reading newsletter we are focusing on the fantasy genre. Who doesn't love a good trip into a fantasy world, especially when the weather is still so cold and wet! Grab a hot drink and curl up with characters that do the hard work for you! Enjoy!

When twelve-year-old Ami arrives at The Escape, she thinks it's just a game – the ultimate escape room with puzzles and challenges to beat before time runs out. Meeting her teammates, Adjoa, Ibrahim, Oscar and Min, Ami learns from the Host that they have been chosen to save the world and they must work together to find the Answer. But as he locks them inside the first room, they quickly realise this is no ordinary game.

From a cavernous library of dust to an ancient Mayan tomb, a deserted shopping mall stalked by extinct animals to the command module of a spaceship heading to Mars, the perils of The Escape seem endless. Can Ami and her friends find the Answer before it's too late?

The latest mind-blowing novel from award-winning author Christopher Edge, Escape Room is a thrilling adventure that challenges readers to think about what they've done to save the world today.



Fresh from their riddle-packed quest to save her dad, Bitsy (a wonderful heroine who possesses the remarkable power to conjure weird creatures known as magicores) and her best friend Kosh find themselves embroiled in fresh trouble when Kosh is wrongly accused of stealing magical shards from their secret academy..

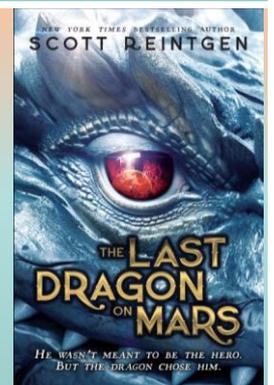
Compelled to go on the run to prevent Kosh from being arrested, they're also under threat from the sinister Shadowsmith. And so, an exhilarating race against time unfolds at breakneck speed, with multiple twists and revelations readers won't see coming..

Will be very appealing for fans of the Skandar series, this series is full of relatable relationship between characters, an infectious sense of working together to solve big problems, and creatures that defy fantasy conventions.

HE WASN'T MEANT TO BE THE HERO. BUT HE WAS CHOSEN BY THE DRAGON.

Lunar and his misfit crew of fellow orphans live on Mars, scavenging for scraps in a wasteland ravaged by wars and storms. Lunar knows all the legends about dragons, but survival is his only priority. Until one day, a salvaging mission goes dangerously wrong.

As he takes shelter underground, he uncovers the only hope left for a dying planet: the last dragon. And when the dragon won't let him go, it becomes alarmingly clear: Lunar Jones has been chosen to save Mars.



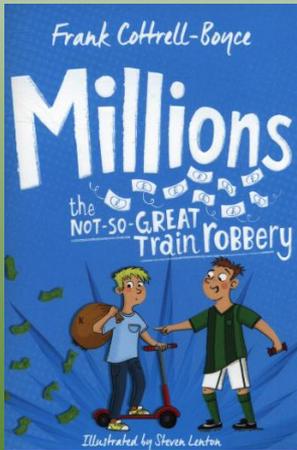
Fast-paced and outrageously funny, James Davis' Scarlet debut sees its heroine embark on a madcap intergalactic adventure that fizzles with energy.

Nine-year-old Scarlet's story kicks off with a tap-tap-tap at her window. When she goes to investigate, she's met by the strange sight of a floating boy. And all this the day after she'd responded to an ad in the Beano for a Defender of the Universe.

Turns out, the floating figure is a boy by the name of Jasper, who's the current Defender of the Universe, no less. As his co-Defender of the Universe has turned twelve, she'd had to relinquish the role, hence Jasper's ad for a new comrade. Cue Scarlet stepping into the role and embracing a wacky adventure across the cosmos with Jasper, Pop-Pom the alien, and a super-smart AI robot.

## Our recommendation comes from Mr Smith.

This brilliantly clever, award-winning book tells the story of brothers Anthony and Damien - who find a bag of £230,000 and try to hide the fact that they want to keep and spend it all! With only 2 weeks to go until the UK switches from Pounds to Euros, the boys face a race against time to spend, spend, spend!



This book really emphasised to me the importance of family, knowing what the right thing to do is and the fact that money doesn't buy you happiness.

I'd give it a solid 4 out of 5 stars.



## Celebrating Reading and Books?

**Bring it on!** This year we are inviting everyone to **Read Your Way**. The researchers at World Book Day HQ have been investigating and discovered that children feel reading is something they have to do, rather than something they choose to do.

**Read Your Way** encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, and empowers children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms. Which is something we definitely want to promote at Coppice Academy.

As always, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, we will be expecting to see everyone dressed as their favourite book character (hopefully with a copy of the book they're from, so that we can get some fantastic pictures for display in the Library). Who will you come as?

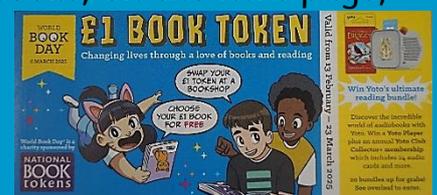
# READ YOUR WAY

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The day will be jam packed with activities : Graphic Novel workshop, Story Swap and much, much more.

Don't forget to check out the available books, on the next page, that you can use your complimentary World Book Day token to take home.



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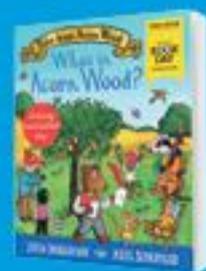
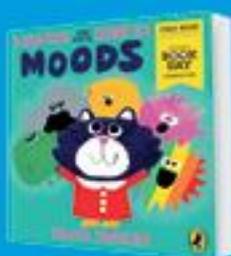
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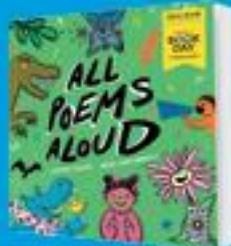
#### BEGINNING READERS



Bluey's Little Book is available in paperback for £4.99 (ISBN 9781781141111) or £6.99 (ISBN 9781781141128).

Ag Buzzaíl sa Ghairín is available in paperback for £4.99 (ISBN 9781781141135).

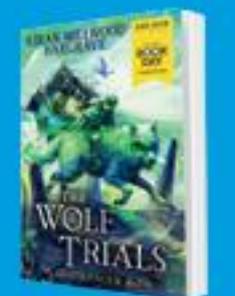
#### EARLY READERS



The Adventures of Paddington Farm Escape! is available in paperback for £4.99 (ISBN 9781781141142) or £6.99 (ISBN 9781781141159).

Pokémon THE EPIC POCKET GUIDE is available in paperback for £4.99 (ISBN 9781781141166).

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