



Spring Reading Newsletter 2025



Happy Easter and welcome to the Coppice Academy Easter Reading Newsletter. Isn't it amazing to finally start seeing more of the sun and all the spring flowers bursting into bloom! Bring on the days when we can lounge outside with a great book. This half term Coppice has yet again been busy celebrating all things reading and books. In this issue, we highlight the brilliant time we had celebrating World Book Day, the fantastic new books that we have added to our library collection and recommendations for great non-fiction reads. We also give you the chance to work towards becoming an author of the future.

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Another exciting event we are inviting everyone to take part in is "World Book Night".

Let's all curl up together with a good book!

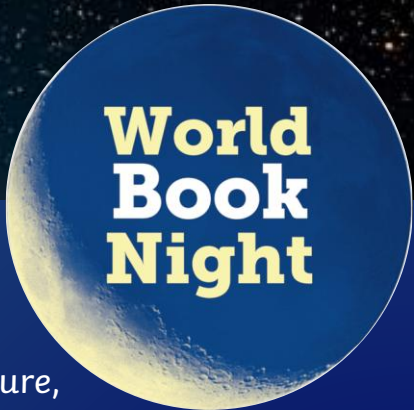
From 7-8pm on 23rd April every year, the Reading Agency encourages everyone to curl with book so that wherever we are, we are all reading together. Anyone can take part, any age and reading any kind of book – fiction, non-fiction, graphic novel or audiobook.

A little reading can go a long way. It can connect us to others, spark curiosity, boost our self-esteem and support our mental health. That's why, this World Book Night, we are inviting everyone to join the Road to Reading. Change your life, 30 minutes at a time!

Reading Statistics...

1 in 3 (31%) adults in England don't regularly read for pleasure, rising to 1 in 2 (46%) of young people. The Reading Agency's annual World Book Night celebrates reading for pleasure, encouraging conversation about books and for everyone to spend time reading. World Book Night covers the whole reading journey and is accessible for everyone, from less-confident readers to those who read regularly. World Book Night is a community celebration, bringing people together to share the joy of reading.

Reading extensively and for pleasure can foster the development of stronger reading habits and increase literacy skills at a greater rate than through formal literacy lessons.



**World
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Library Updates...

Firstly, we need to say a massive thank you to all of those pupils and parents that supported our recent Scholastic Book Fair. We raised over £300 in rewards and spend just over £200 of them on new

books for the Library. The rest we will hold onto until the next book fair, when we hope to be able to purchase some new books for the classroom book corners.

We also have a cost free way for you to be able to help us with keeping our libraries across the school well stocked with books. When you are having a clear out of books that your children may have outgrown or are simply making room for new favourites, we would be very appreciative of any, pre-loved but still in good condition, books that you would be willing to donate to us. Both fiction and non-fiction would be very much appreciated.



LoveReading
4 KIDS BUY BOOKS CHANGE LIVES

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

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, especially as every purchase of a book gives us 25% of the price and 15% of the price of any e-books.

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



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 2 are:

1st Place – **5W**,
2nd Place – **6D** and
3rd Place – **5F**





WORLD BOOK DAY

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World Book Day is a favourite at Coppice Academy and this year was no exception!

Dressing to Impress

Everyone looked amazing in their book character costumes with winners from each year group being chosen by the pupils and receiving a book from our fantastic vending machine as well as other yummy goodies. There was even a prize for best teacher costumes which Thing 1 and Thing 2 won, with runners up of Mrs Edwards as Dogman and Mrs Abbott as a Gryffindor pupil from the Harry Potter books each receiving book themed notebooks.





Breaking Down Barriers

Our first activity was to discuss ways we could support others that find reading challenging. As always with pupils at Coppice, all the teachers were so impressed with the wealth of ideas and solutions that they came up with and each class created a poster to be displayed on their Reading display for everyone to use as and when needed.



Reading for Pleasure is..
Feeling sense of satisfaction or pleasure by engaging with chosen reading material in free time.

This year World Book Day asked us to think about Reading our Way – so we thought about, discussed and designed places that helped us to find reading a fun hobby.

Virtual Author Event

We then got to spend time watching the Penguin World Book Day Virtual Authors Event. This had a particular focus on Graphic novels which we enjoyed, especially when we found out it linked to our afternoon challenge!



There was also a quiz to see if we could identify teachers favourite types of places to read.

What about our Coppice Academy teachers – where might they enjoy reading? Let's find out!



Our top tip: when you're reading in your spare time it doesn't matter where you are – just make sure it's a place that makes you feel ready to read.

As always, at the end of the day the children received their World Book Day Book Token that could be swapped for any of the Books below. It has been great to hear how many of the children loved the book they got to choose.

In addition, this year, all the children received a book mark and book themed key ring to keep as a well done for all their enthusiasm for the activities they completed!

PUFFIN STORY MAKERS SHOW

World Book Day

Produced and Presented by Rosie Teils Tales



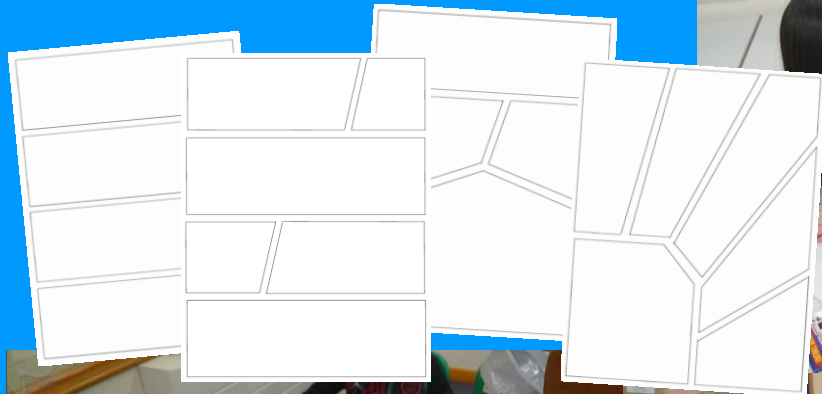
2025 £1/€1.50 books!

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Graphic Novel Challenge

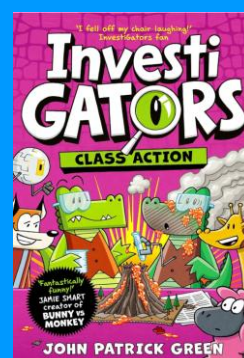
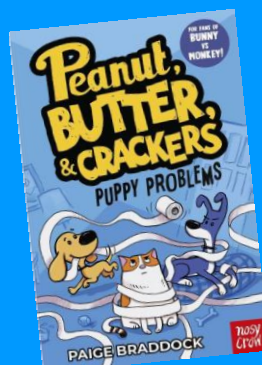
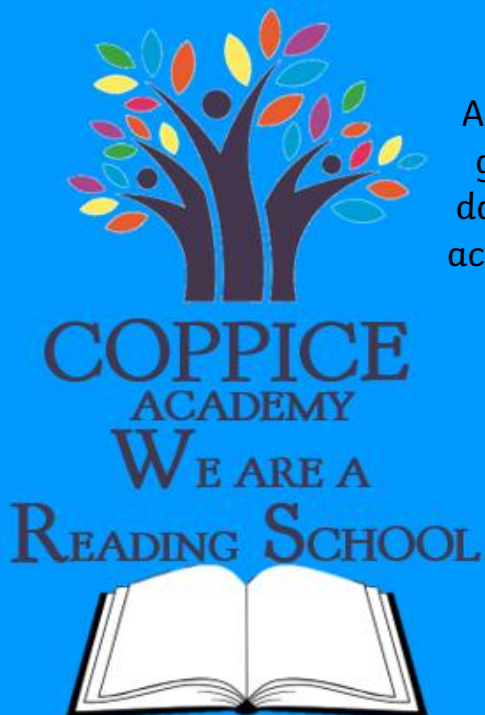
Throughout the afternoon, everyone got to work in groups to produce their own graphic novels. Each person within the group had a specific role to ensure that we all worked effectively as a team.

Each class then voted for their favourite graphic novel. They were sent to Miss Wright and they will go on display in the Library, as well as each person in the team getting a colour copy to take home.



Prize Graphic Novels...

As a final reward for a job well done, each class teacher got to choose one pupil that had worked brilliantly all day and shown enthusiasm and positivity towards every activity to be awarded the brand new graphic novel, each of the classes had been given, as examples to look at when starting to design their own stories.



What Should I Read Next?



Reading Genre Focus



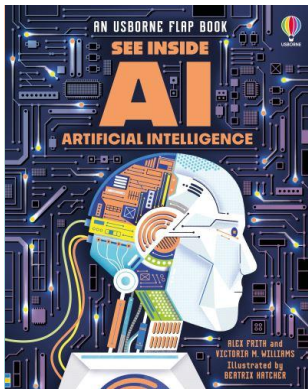
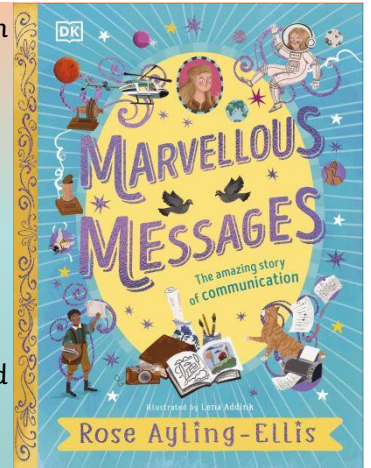
Non-Fiction

This reading newsletter we are focusing on the non-fiction genre. Open up a factual book, explore the wonders of the world around us and learn millions of fascinating facts. Our featured reads are sure to have something to pique your interest. Enjoy!

Join Rose Ayling-Ellis, her cool cat Halo, and their magical tour guide, Perky the Pigeon on a time-travelling, globetrotting adventure to explore the story of communication as never before.

Discover ancient language and decipher secret codes on a journey through time in this book for children aged 7-9. Marvellous Messages will teach you about all the different ways we can send, or receive, a message. With Perky, the expert tour guide, explore the beginnings of language, the first hieroglyphic 'emojis' and even communication in the animal kingdom!

Cross continents, traverse time and discover the very special gift of communication. Interwoven throughout the journey are fascinating timelines of inventions that changed the world, from how sign language began in the 1500s to how bees communicate. This is the ideal book for children curious about how language and communication work.



Plug in to the often mind-blowing world of artificial intelligence.

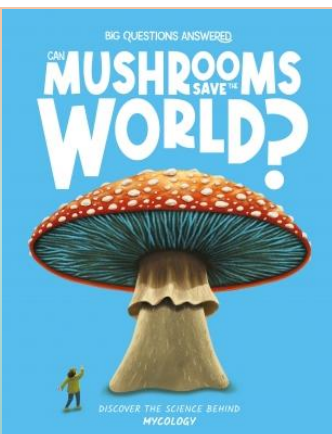
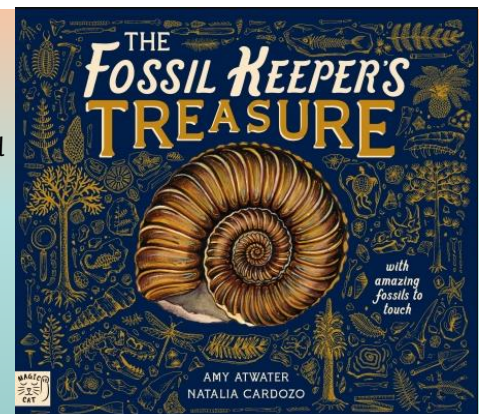
How can a machine write a story? Are computers now cleverer than people? Could a robot do your shopping? Discover all the things that artificial intelligence can already do (and the things it can't).

- Packed full of flaps to lift
- Explores the opportunities - and risks - that AI could bring
- Written in consultation with Professor Michael Wooldridge, from Oxford University's Department of Computer Science

From the first fish to grow legs and walk on land, to our early human ancestors, *The Fossil Keeper's Treasure* is rich in tales of prehistory, all brought to life by the fascinating fossils left behind.

We journey back to prehistoric ages, discovering many different types of fossils and learning how they were formed. Fascinating facts and illustrations bring the creatures to life, telling us when, where and how they lived. Whilst inspiring accounts of the people who first discovered different types of fossils will encourage readers to get outside and find their own amazing pieces of prehistory.

A must read for Natural History and dinosaur enthusiasts. Any child who has ever combed a beach, hopefully searching for a piece of the past, will return to this beautiful book for years to come.



It's a big question - can mushrooms save the world? Mushrooms and fungi are incredible, as are the mycologists who study them! Mushrooms may be small, but they are pretty big hitters when it comes to keeping our planet healthy. Mycology could be the key to some of the bigger problems we face, like reducing harmful plastics.

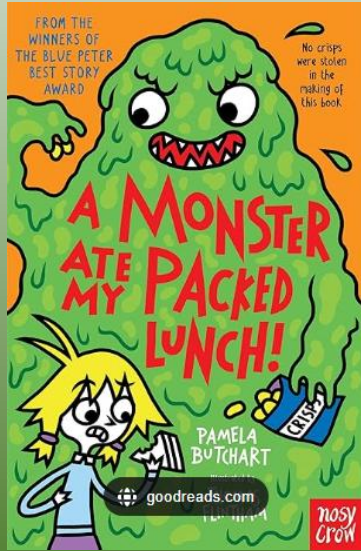
Check out...

- Giant fungi that used to rule the earth
- Mushrooms that can clean up our oceans
- Fungi that turn ants into zombies! ...and so much more!

Beautifully bound with stunning illustrations, *The Big Questions Answered* is more than just a series of books - it's a complete resource for kids, teachers and parents to collect! Start a lifelong interest in science - it can change the world!

Our recommendation comes from Mr Fowler.

Get ready for laughs and chaos in this hilarious school-based adventure! When Izzy and her friends go on a school trip, things start to get seriously weird. There are strange noises, spooky shadows... and someone's packed lunch goes missing. Could it really be a monster?



Packed with fun, mystery and giggles, this book is perfect for KS2 children who love a good laugh!

A 5 star read! A range of Pamela Butchart books are available to borrow from Mr. Fowler's office.

Pop in and find your next great read!



2025

SUBMISSIONS OPEN 1ST MARCH!

AUTHOR OF TOMORROW AWARD
WRITE YOUR OWN FUTURE

Are you an aspiring writer?

The Author of Tomorrow award is an annual competition open to young people across the world who have completed a short piece of adventure writing in English.

Prizes are awarded in three categories:

- 11 and Under | Up to 500 words | Prize: £100, plus £150 book tokens for your school
- 12-15 years | 1,000 - 2,000 words | Prize: £250, plus £150 book tokens for your school
- 16-21 years | 1,500 - 3,000 words | Prize: £1,000

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

WILBUR & NISO SMITH FOUNDATION

Be the Author of your own story...

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be an author? Then this competition may be just what you're looking for...

You have until the 30th April to submit your adventure story. You have 500 words to draw in and take your reader on a thrill seeking adventure that is full of twists and turns.

There is more information available via the competition website, at:

www.wilbur-niso-smithfoundation.org

Who knows, maybe in the future we could be stacking our library shelves with books written by you!



Good Luck!



This competition by Reading Solutions UK gives children the chance to complete a book review and potentially win some great prizes, with everyone who enters getting a participation certificate.

To enter pupils simply need to review a book of their choice using the specially crafted Book Review template (which will be sent home with your child on Friday 11th April, with a digital copy also being available via School Story on Dojo).



The reviews will need to be completed and sent in to Miss Wright by 30th April, ready to be scanned and/or submitted online.

Three lucky winners will be selected:

- Prize 1 – Win a £200 Amazon voucher.
- Prize 2 – Win a £100 Amazon voucher.
- Prize 3 – Win a £50 Amazon voucher.



Winners will be announced on Friday, 9th May 2025 via Reading Solutions UK's social media channels. So we will all need to keep our fingers crossed and be sure to keep an eye out!

Let's spring into reading together!

Home Reading Reminder...

Just a quick reminder that in order to maximise the impact our reading curriculum has on your child's progress. **We ask that:**

- **you listen to your child read each evening and sign their planner.** Each day in school your child will get up to 2 ticks – one for having their planner and the other for it being signed to prove they have read. If they manage this at least 3 times a week, they are in with a chance of winning Reading Champion of the Week – where they are gifted a book, to keep and enjoy, from our vending machine!
- **You ensure your child has their home reading book in school every day,** along with their planner, to enable us to ensure that they are being suitably challenged and supported in their reading progress.



***Note :** If your child has finished their Home Reading Book or has accidentally left it at school, please do still hear them read a book of their, or your, choice and still note it in their planner so that teachers can gain an insight into book tastes and interests across the class and school.*



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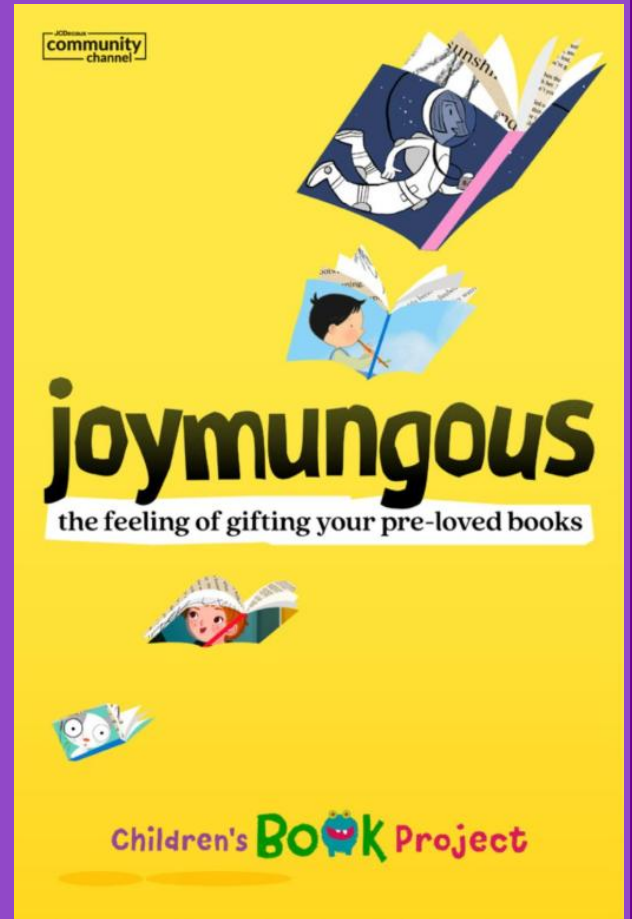
Back in the Autumn Term we held a very successful book swap, supported by the Children's Book Project.

Their aim is to ensure that all children, regardless of circumstance, are able to have access to fantastic books to read and get lost in between the pages of. We were extremely grateful for their donation of 2 pre-loved books per child, which not only enabled us to hold the Christmas Book Swap, but to ensure that we have a plentiful supply of books for our Reading Champions Book Vending Machine, where weekly winners get to choose a book to keep and enjoy.

Whilst some of the books do come from publisher overstock the vast majority of the books come from charitable donations by members of the public, as you can see from their brand new advertising campaign poster.

'The Children's Book Project gift books that children have grown out of to families with very few books of their own. Find your nearest drop off point on their website' #insperrific #joymungous #spectaculorious

As much as we love receiving your pre-loved book donations (and we don't want them to stop!) We also hope that you will consider donating some books to the Children's Book Project, to enable other schools to be as lucky as we have been! Books from birth to school age all gratefully accepted.



Coming in Summer...

We are very excited to announce our partnership with Usborne Books for our Read, Steady... Read! Sponsored reading challenge to help us to add more exciting books to our class book corners and main school library, whilst also helping us all to improve our reading stamina and fluency. What will you be able to achieve?



In the Summer Term we will also be creating some new artwork for the school Library.

Every pupil will be given a strip of paper and asked to recreate the spine of their favourite book so that we can create some "class bookshelves" to give others recommendations of books to try.

So have a think over the Easter holiday and decide which book spine you want to have a go at recreating!

