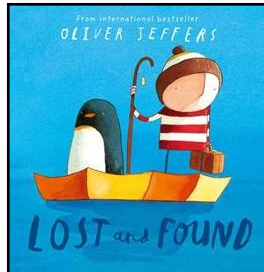


# Highwood Primary School Library Newsletter Spring 2025

## Fiction

2-5 years

*Lost and Found* by  
*Oliver Jeffers.*



There once was a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole.

## Picture Book

4 –7 years

*Sulwe* by *Lupita Nyong'o*



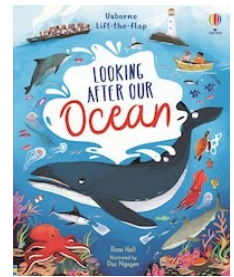
Sulwe's skin is the colour of midnight. She's darker than everyone in her family, and everyone at school. All she wants is to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey through the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything.

## EYFS and Key Stage 1

### Non-Fiction

6-8 years

*Lift-the-flap Looking After Our Ocean Hardcover* by *Rose Hall.*



Once teeming with plants and animals, our ocean is no longer in good shape. It's warming up and becoming a dumping ground for plastic rubbish. But it doesn't have to be that way! There are all sorts of clever things that we can do to make life in the ocean

### Storytime

These interactive story sessions are perfect for pre-school children to enjoy with their parent/carer

Join in with a mix of picture book stories & rhymes

Discover lots of new stories as well as old favourites like The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Gruffalo. Then choose your own books to borrow and share at home

Sessions are free (donations welcomed) and you don't have to book in advance

#### Type of event

Children's stories and rhymes

#### When

Every Tuesday at 11:00 - 11:30

#### Venue

North Watford Library

St Albans Road

Watford

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## Key Stage 2

### Fiction 7-9 years

*DogMan Big Jim Begins*  
by Dav Pilkey.



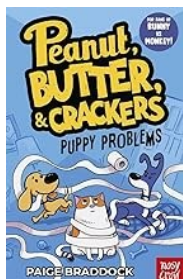
In DOG MAN: BIG JIM BEGINS, discover the origin of our beloved characters from the Dog Man series as they join forces to stop the Space Cuties from destroying the city. Will the past predict the future for Dog Man and his friends?

### Graphic Novels

Butter and Crackers are rescue pets living their best (and quiet) lives. Butter, a laid-back cat, has access to all the butter he can lick and Crackers, a slightly nervous dog, is free to bark at squirrels to his heart's content. With an owner who goes to work every day, they spend their days doing whatever they want.

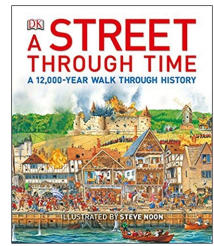
But when Peanut, a brand-new puppy with big floppy ears, arrives, everything changes. He has no appreciation of the quiet life, no idea how stairs work and he's even afraid of the dark!

Butter and Crackers have had enough - this puppy needs to go! But when Peanut escapes and gets lost, it turns out that home isn't home without the noisy little puppy after all.



### Non-Fiction

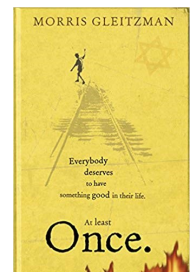
*A Street Through Time*  
by DK and Steve Noon.



Think of the street you live on. Now think of how it may have looked in the Stone Age in 10,000 BCE, or in Victorian times during the Industrial Revolution, or how it may look 50 years from now. A Street Through Time takes you on a time-travelling journey that you won't forget. Highly detailed illustrations bring 15 key periods in time to life. You will see magnificent buildings go up and come down, new churches built on the site of ancient temples, wooden bridges destroyed and then remade in stone, and statues demolished then unearthed many years later. You'll find out how people lived long ago - the tools they used, what they wore and what they did all day.

### Fiction 9-11 years

*Once* by Morris Gleitzman



Felix has been living in an orphanage for three years and eight months when the men in armbands arrive to burn the books.

Going on the run in search of his parents, Felix soon learns that Poland in 1942 is not a safe place for Jewish boys. But can his gift for storytelling keep him one step ahead of the Nazis and help him find his parents?

After all, everybody deserves to have something good in their life at least once.

## Author



### Michael Morpurgo

Michael Morpurgo is an English children's writer. He has written more than 120 books. Morpurgo and Ted Hughes, a popular English poet, helped to establish the post of children's laureate in the United Kingdom. They wanted to highlight the importance of children's literature. Morpurgo served as the children's laureate from 2003 to 2005. Morpurgo was born on October 5, 1943, in Saint Albans, Hertfordshire, England. Morpurgo taught children for many years. In 1976 he and his wife started a charity called Farms for City Children. The farms offered city children the opportunity to live and work on a farm for a week.

Morpurgo began writing children's books while he was a teacher. Morpurgo's books teach values such as trust and courage. Many of his books feature animals as important characters. *War Horse* (1982) is about Joey, a farm horse who is sold to the army during World War I. It was adapted for the stage and was made into a film. *The Butterfly Lion* (1996) is about a young boy in Africa and his friendship with a white lion. A bear cub is adopted by an orphan girl in *The Dancing Bear* (1994).

Information and images taken from Amazon, The Book Trust, Britannica Kids, Poetry4Kids and Google search.

**We hope you find the Newsletter informative.**

**Keep Reading and sharing brilliant literature.**

**Mrs Keith, Reading Subject Lead.**

## Hertfordshire Libraries

Remember to sign up to your local library in North Watford, Watford or Bushey. It is free to join and to can enjoy new books, e-books and audiobooks as well as some great reading events.

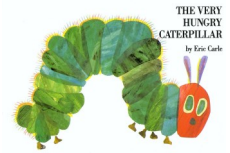
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## Illustrator

### Eric Carle

The American author and illustrator Eric Carle was known for his [picture books](#) for young children. His illustrations are famous for their brilliant colours and simple designs. He illustrated more than 70 books, many of which he also wrote. One of his best-known books is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (1969).



## Poet

### Robert Carroll

### Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll



One of the most celebrated and best-loved nonsense poems in the English language, "Jabberwocky" first appeared in Lewis Carroll's classic *Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There*. Joel Stewart reveals a natural affinity with Carroll's vision, capturing with great wit and imagination the extraordinary world of the poem and its memorable creatures, such as the Jubjub bird, the frumious Bandersnatch and the manxome Jabberwock.