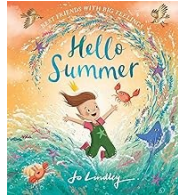


Highwood Primary School Library Newsletter Easter 2025

Fiction

3 -5 years

Hello Summer—Jo Lindley



The sun is shining and the Little Seasons are on their way to the beach. But Summer is feeling hot and bothered . . . First their picnic is overrun by hungry creatures. Next their game of catch is ruined when their ball goes POP.

Luckily his friends know the perfect way to relax: building a giant sandcastle. Finally Summer is starting to have fun!

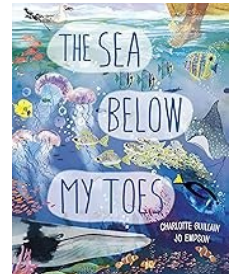
But no one has noticed the great big wave that's rolling in . . .

EYFS and Key Stage 1

Non-Fiction

6-8 years

*The Sea Below My Toes—
Charlotte Guillain and Jo Empson*



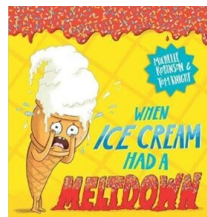
This richly illustrated concertina book takes you on a journey through the deep dark waters, all the way down to the seabed, before floating back up to the surface.

Through the waves and into the deep, you'll spot all kinds of weird and wonderful marine creatures, explore the seabed and discover the impact humans have had on the underwater world.

Picture Book

4 –7 years

*When Ice Cream Had
A MeltDown -*



Michelle Robinson and Tom Knight

A super story book about an ice cream (Mr Whippy style, complete with cone and flake) who feels saddened that none of the customers ever chooses his plain flavour over the more exciting lollies on offer from the ice cream van. Ice cream struggles to control his emotions as the tension builds towards a full on meltdown!

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

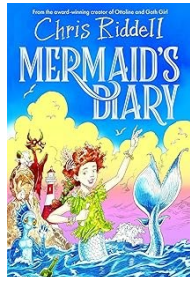
Fiction 7-9 years

Mermaid's Diary —

Chris Riddell

Meet shy mermaid Atalanta Scrimshaw.

She lives in the quiet backwater of Sleepy Cove, collects messages in bottles, rides seahorses and enjoys the hobby of 'walking' on the beach and visiting friends.



Life is perfect until Atalanta learns of plans by developers Bristle & Splinter to transform Sleepy Cove into a luxury seaside golf resort. Realizing that this plan will destroy her home, she enlists the help of her friends, old and new, to try to stop it...

Graphic Novels

Summer Vamp—Violet Chan Karim

What happens when a very human kid ends up at the wrong summer camp--FOR VAMPIRES?! This quirky and heart warming graphic novel about making friends and getting in trouble is perfect for fans of Witches of Brooklyn.

After a lackluster school year, Maya anticipates an even more disappointing summer. The only thing she's looking forward to is cooking and mixing ingredients in the kitchen, which these days brings her more joy than mingling with her peers . . . that is until her dad's girlfriend registers her for culinary summer camp! Maya's summer is saved! . . . or not.

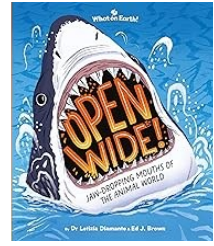


Non-Fiction

Open Wide!: Jaw-dropping mouths of the animal world—

Letizia Diamante

Explore the most marvellous mouths of the animal kingdom, from the awesome jaws of the great white shark to the tiny teeth of the garden snail. Some animals sport tongues that are longer than their bodies, others have super-sticky spit that can speedily snare an insect snack. And animals use their mouths for lots of things other than just eating - to carry their food or their babies, to build their homes or even to climb waterfalls!



Fiction 9-11 years

Summer School Scare—

Emery Trax

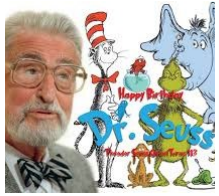
Wesley Pickles barely survived sixth grade... and now he's pretty sure summer school is coming to finish the job.

After a year full of disasters—including a ferret incident, 37 detentions, and a suspiciously sticky math test—Wesley is convinced the school made a mistake by letting him pass. So instead of enjoying his summer break, he launches *Operation Stay Off the Grid*, complete with a treehouse command center, a snack-powered defense plan, and a squirrel named *General Nibbles*.

But when a creepy letter from his math teacher arrives, Wesley's worst fears return—just in time for a secret neighborhood survival club, a fake ghost haunting, and a truly tragic incident involving a towel, a snorkel, and the parent group chat.



Author

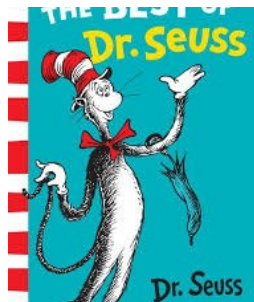


Dr Seuss

Theodor Seuss Geisel (born March 2, 1904 – died September 24, 1991) was an American children's author and cartoonist. He is much better known by his pen name, Dr. Seuss. He wrote and illustrated over 60 books, which are some of the most popular children's books ever. By the time he passed away, his books had sold over 600 million copies and were translated into more than 20 languages!

In the 1950s, a report said that children weren't learning to read well because their books were boring. A publisher challenged Geisel to write a book using only a small list of simple words. He wanted a book that children couldn't put down!

Nine months later, Geisel finished *The Cat in the Hat*. He used 236 of the words he was given. The book had his fun drawing style and rhyming words. But because it used simple words, new readers could enjoy it easily. The *Cat in the Hat* and other books he wrote for young children became hugely popular around the world.



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

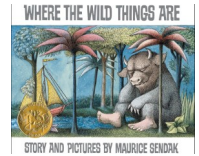
We hope you find the Newsletter informative. Keep Reading and sharing brilliant literature.

Mrs Keith, Reading Subject Lead.

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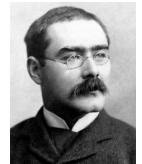
Maurice Bernard Sendak (born June 10, 1928 – died May 8, 2012) was a famous American artist, writer, and illustrator of children's books. He is best known for his classic book *Where the Wild Things Are*, which was first published in 1963.



Maurice Sendak's parents were Jewish immigrants from Poland. Besides *Where the Wild Things Are*, Sendak also wrote and illustrated other popular books like *In the Night Kitchen* and *Outside Over There*.

Poet—Rudyard Kipling

Kipling had a special gift for storytelling. His most famous work for children is *The Jungle Book*, a collection of stories set in the Indian jungle. These stories are full of talking animals, like the brave panther Bagheera, the wise bear Baloo, and the fierce tiger Shere Khan. The main character, Mowgli, is a boy raised by wolves, and his adventures have captured the hearts of readers for generations. *The Jungle Book* wasn't just a collection of fun animal stories. Through characters like Mowgli, Kipling explored ideas about nature, adventure, and finding your place in the world. These stories have been turned into movies and cartoons, which means you might have seen Mowgli and his friends even if you haven't read the book!



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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