



# Lansdowne Primary School

## Reading Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of our reading newsletter. In this edition we will be celebrating the wonderful world of picture books.

As always, all members of the Lansdowne school community (parents, children and staff) are invited to recommend things they have read (books, poems or graphic novels) and think that others would enjoy.

Please email any book reviews and suggestions to Miss Devitt via the office.

### News:

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, Lansdowne celebrated **National Poetry Day**. This year's theme was the environment.

To mark the occasion the children explored a nature themed poetry hunt in the grounds of the school, read poetry and created their own.

It was a fantastic day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



### Why picture books are important:

Picture books are not just for young readers; older children and adults can find pleasure in reading them too.

The use of illustrations alongside the text can aid comprehension and lead to more complex inferences as often there is a gap or contradiction between the pictures and the words.

They can also spark rich conversations and cover a wide range of sensitive topics, such as grief, identity and conflict.

To celebrate the arrival of a new season, here is a poem about autumn leaves.

### Leaves

**How silently they tumble down  
And come to rest upon the ground  
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,  
Beneath the trees without a care,  
Content to sleep, their work well done,  
Colours gleaming in the sun.**

**At other times, they wildly fly  
Until they nearly reach the sky.  
Twisting, turning through the air  
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.  
Exhausted, drop to the earth below  
To wait, like children, for the snow.**

by Elsie N. Brady

### Events:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> December – Light Up The Page

Come and join us at Lansdowne for a very special event celebrating stories about darkness and light. Explore the school grounds which will be lit-up with magical lights, go on a book walk and enjoy hot chocolate and marshmallows with your little readers.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December – Half Price Book Fair

Pop into to our half price book fair which will be open between **3pm and 4pm** each afternoon.

Books make fantastic Christmas presents, especially when there is **50% off!**



# Recommendations:



## Henry Year 1

I recommend **Monkey Puzzle**. It is a story about a monkey who has lost his mum.

Henry says, "I like the pictures inside and I like the monkeys. It has lots of different animals in it and the pictures are bright and colourful."

Monkey Puzzle is a clever, funny and charming tale from Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

[Scan the QR code for an online copy.](#)



## Costin Year 3

I recommend **The Cave**. It is a story about a little creature that lives in a cave, but the little creature never comes out because there is a wolf.

Costin says, "The wolf thought the creature in the cave was little, but actually it was big. It is very funny."

Rob Hodgson's picture book is a laugh-out-loud story with a very BIG surprise!

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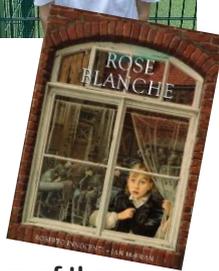
## Layla Year 6

I recommend **Rose Blanche**. It is set in Germany. It is a story about a little girl who discovers a concentration camp in the wood. She tries to help the people there by saving food for them.

Layla says, "I enjoy it because it teaches you about history and it is interesting to read."

Rose Blanche introduces the horrors of the Holocaust through the eyes of an innocent girl at an appropriate level for UKS2 children.

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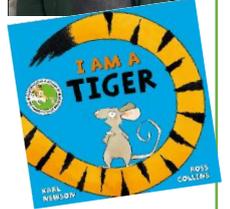
## Zara Year 1

I recommend **I Am A Tiger**. It is a story about a mouse that thinks he is a tiger. He manages to make the other animals believe him, but then a real tiger turns up.

Zara says, "It is very amusing."

With its simple text and bold illustrations, Karl Newson's book is a joy to read. It also subtly raises the concept of labels and how they are applied.

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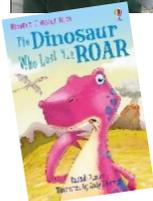
## Hayden Year 1

I recommend **The Dinosaur Who Lost His Roar**. It is a story about five dinosaurs. One finds it funny to scare the others with his loud roar but then he loses his voice.

Hayden says, "It's so good. I do the roar really loud and my mum does the croak."

A charming and comical story with delightful illustrations and rhyming text. One that children will definitely enjoy.

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## Picture Books For Older Readers:

**MirrorMask** tells the story of a girl from a family of circus performers who finds herself in a strange new world populated by mysterious creatures - a dreamworld in which she is about to embark on a most amazing journey.

When Peter and Judy find the ordinary-looking board game, **Jumanji**, little do they know that they are about to be launched into the most exciting and bizarre adventure of their lives...

As wordless picture book, **The Arrival** tells the story of one man and his family as they leave their home and travel to a new city.

