

You can find magic  
wherever you look. Sit  
back and relax, all you  
need is a book.



# Northmead's Reading Newsletter

## January 2020

Welcome to the first addition of our reading newsletter dedicated only to books and reading!

You can find out what we're doing to promote reading across the school and what you can do as parents and guardians to support your child with their reading.

### Having a clear out?

We would happily receive donations of good quality second hand children's books. There is a box in the library where you can leave any donations.

Thank you in advance for your support.

### Book Fair

Thank you to all parents who came and supported our Book Fair last term, we hope you are enjoying all the lovely books you bought! Thanks to you, we now have £587.36 to spend on books for children to enjoy across the school.

We would like to say a big thank you to the NST who provided a book for each child at Christmas. Owning books has impact on our children. Research has shown....

..that compared to children who don't have a book of their own, children who own books are:

- Six times more likely to read above the level expected for their age (22% vs 3.6%)
- Nearly three times more likely to enjoy reading (56.2% vs 18.4%)
- More than twice as likely to agree that reading is cool (42.5% vs 16.6%)



### Parent Volunteers

We are always looking for parents who can listen to children read in school on a regular basis. If you are interested please contact Miss Lewis

## Northmead Parent and Child Book Club

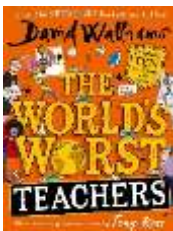
This term we are starting a parent and child book club. The club will meet monthly in the school library. Both the parent and child will attend the group. This will provide a time to discuss the latest children's literature which has been published, provide recommendations to other parents and share a love of books. Each month we will select a children's book which the parent can then read to their child at home, to be discussed in the following meeting.

Reading to your child is vital, even when children are perfectly capable of reading by themselves. When parents read books aloud to their children this offers notable advantages for children's vocabulary development. Children who are read to enjoy the same benefits as reading independently and much more besides. When reading to a child the implicit message is 'You matter enough for me to give you my time'. Children feel loved, secure and a deep sense of well-being.

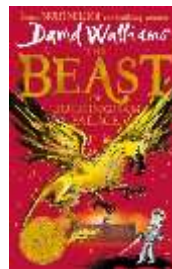
**First Meeting:- 3.30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.** Please email Miss Lewis on [denise.lewis@northmead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:denise.lewis@northmead.surrey.sch.uk) if you and your child would like to join this group.

## What are we reading?

Every class is read to by their teacher at Northmead.



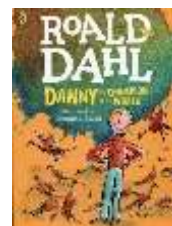
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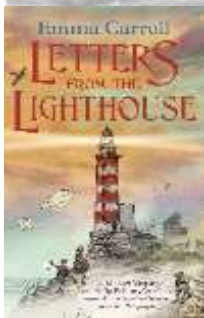
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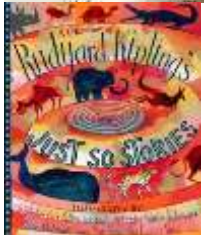
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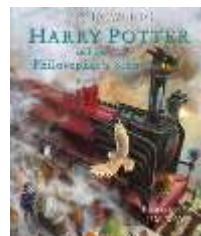
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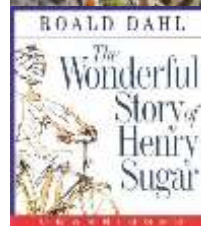
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## BOOK SWAP

We shall hold our first book swap in the outside classroom on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

There will be a children's section and an adults section. Please bring in a book which you no longer want. Place it on the table on your way to school in the morning. During the day the children will have an opportunity to visit and choose a book to take home.

Adults can do the same after school.

## BOOKSWAP



### Author Visit

We are lucky enough to have a return visit from Kerry Gibb author of the "It's a kid's life" series. This is planned for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February





Guildford Library  
77 North Street  
Guildford  
Surrey GU1 4AL

Day	Opening Times
Mon	9.30-5.30
Tues	9.30-7.00
Weds	9.30-5.30
Thurs	9.30-7.00
Fri	9.30-5.30
Sat	9.30-5.00
Sun	Closed

Northmead Library is open every morning before school from 8.30-8.50 and every lunchtime from 12.15-12.30. In addition, each class has a weekly library session.

Children are able to change their books during these times and spend time reading.

## Top tips to help children enjoy reading.

1. Make books part of your family life – Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.
2. Join your local library – Get your child a library card. Allow them to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
3. Match their interests – Help them find the right book - it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
4. All reading is good – Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good.
5. Get comfortable! – Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, either in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa, or make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.
6. Ask questions – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night? Can you remember what had happened already?'
7. Read whenever you get the chance – Bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.
8. Read again and again – Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
9. Bedtime stories – Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.

## Book shops in Guildford



**Waterstones**

Guildford

50-54 High Street, Guildford, GU1 3ES

**TheWorks.co.uk**

Unit 5  
White Lion  
Walk

**WHSmith**  
EST. 1792

56 High Street  
Guildford



**GROWS VEGETABLES  
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DRILLS WELLS  
EMPOWERS WOMEN  
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**OXFAM BOOKSHOP GUILDFORD**

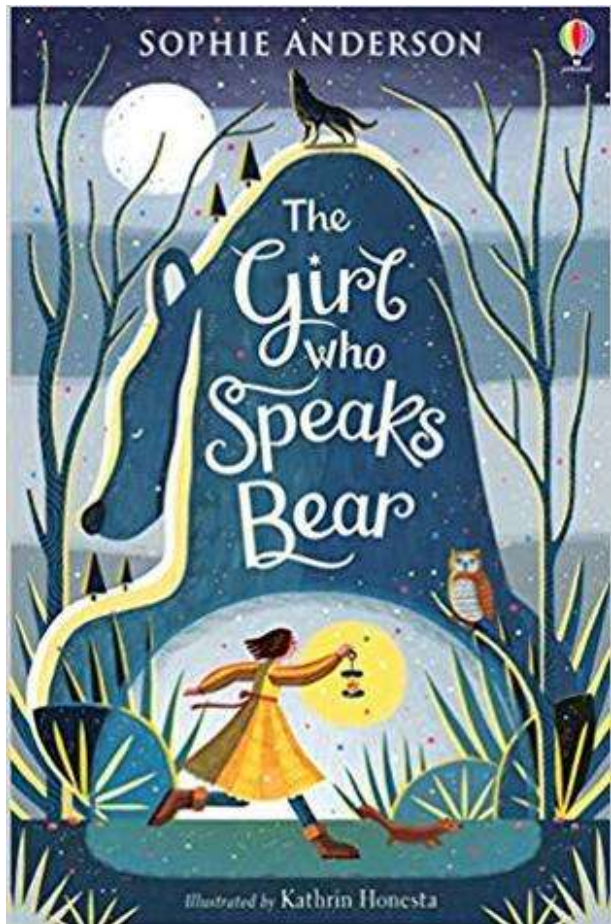
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# Book of the Month

## What is the story about?

Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered about where she is from. She tries to ignore the strange whispers and looks from the villagers, wishing she was as strong on the inside as she is on the outside. But, when she has to flee her house, looking for answers about who she really is, a journey far beyond one that she ever imagined begins: from icy rivers to smouldering mountains meeting an ever-growing herd of extraordinary friends along the way.



## Who is the author?

Sophie Anderson grew up in Swansea, studied at Liverpool University, and has worked as a geologist and science teacher. She wrote textbooks before writing fiction. She loves to write stories inspired by different folklores and cultures. Sophie lives in the Lake District with her husband, and enjoys home schooling her three children, fell walking, canoeing, and daydreaming.

### Accelerated reader information

#### Quiz number for this book

237282

#### Book Level

5.2

#### Color Band

Light Blue

## What other books has this author written?

Sophie is also the author of



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