

# Reading Rascals



Reading Newsletter  
**Spring Term 2023**

Meet William Stukeley's Team of Reading Ambassadors.



Welcome to the first edition of 'Reading Rascals', our new reading newsletter. Reading for pleasure is a very important part of school life, and our fabulous reading ambassadors have volunteered to help us promote a love of reading both in school and at home. They are full of great ideas and are eager to share them with the school community. So

read on  
and enjoy!  
Mrs Thorpe.

Find out more about our ambassadors and what they hope to achieve on the next page.

reading  
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We are William Stukeley's Reading Rascals and our goal is to promote and further improve a love of reading in school. We want to help children discover new worlds through books. Not everyone is aware of the magic of reading and we think it's really important that they know this secret.

Reading provides an escape; it gives us somewhere to go when the world around us is hard. Books can help us to connect to people.

We hope that you enjoy the newsletter and look forward to sharing our ideas.



*"Don't judge a book by its cover!"*

*Freddie*

*"The power of reading is the key to success!"*

*Lillie*



*"Come join the unique reading revolution!"*

*Chelsey*



*"Between the pages of a book lies a great story."*

*Emily*



*"Opening a book is like accessing a whole new world full of creativity!"*



*"Each book is like a bird with its own melody and rhythm"*

*Nikola.*

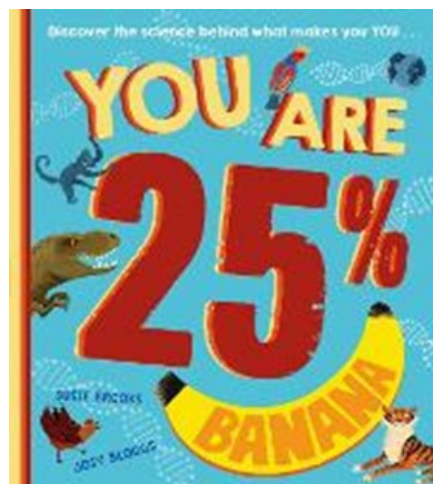




Love Reading 4 Kids is a fantastic website for finding new and popular books.

Here are some of their books of the year from 2022.

## One for EYFS and KS1

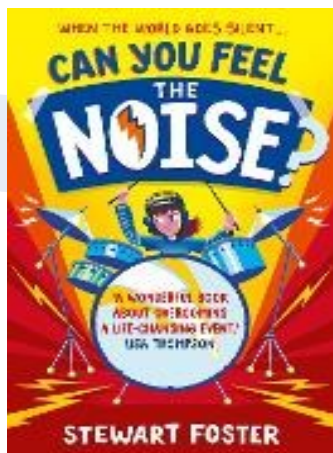


A brilliantly funny first guide to genetics that is perfect for children aged 5 years and over.

This stunningly illustrated book will boggle your brain with astonishing facts, as it shows how we're all related to every living thing on the planet. Did you know that a grain of rice has more genes than you? Or that you're related to dogs, dung beetles and even daffodils? Luckily, even though you're 99.9% like a chimpanzee, you're still 100% YOU!

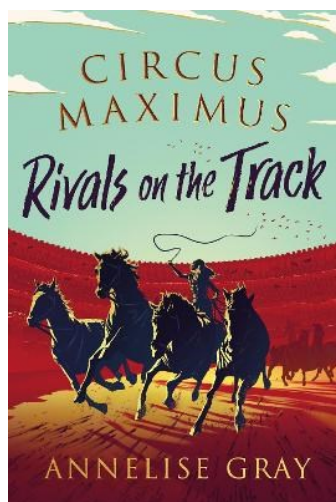
The extraordinary world of genetics has never been explained so simply. You'll be amazed at what makes you YOU!

## Years 3 and 4



*"A radiant, pitch-perfect story of perseverance and hope as a young musician learns to live with becoming deaf"*

A profound story about inner strength and perseverance in the face of a life-changing event, from the award-winning author of *The Bubble Boy*. Perfect for fans of R. J. Palacio's *Wonder* and Lisa Thompson's *The Goldfish Boy*.



*"Readers will race through this superb historical adventure"*

Dido is the only girl ever to have raced to victory at the Circus Maximus, Rome's greatest sporting arena. Now she and her beloved horse, Porcellus, are in hiding, and the Emperor Caligula has put a price on their heads.

Can she outwit the emperor and his bounty hunters? And will a shocking family secret stop her in her tracks, or spur her on to make a daring return, helped by a one-eyed mare with a heart as brave as her own?

Horses, history, mystery, thrilling entertainment and sensational storytelling race neck and neck through the second pulse-pounding adventure in Annelise Gray's series set in Ancient Rome.

## Years 5 and 6

# Reading Rascal Review

This issue's Reading Rascal review comes from Emily. This, and other books in the series, is suitable for children in Key Stage 2.

## Diary of a Wimpy Kid

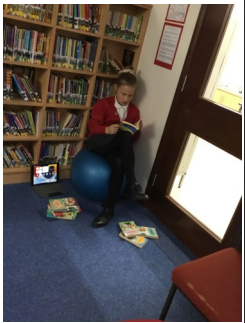
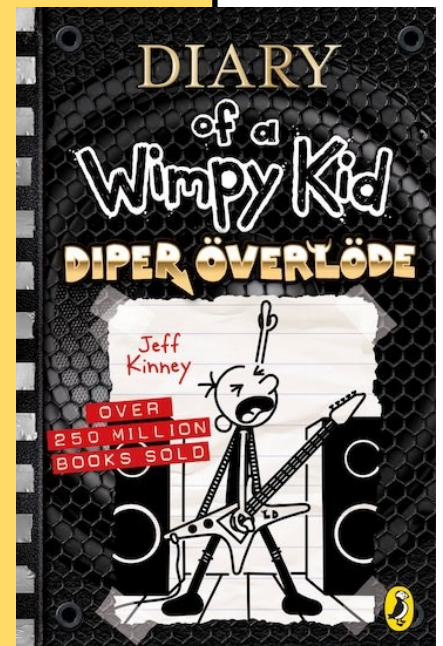
### Diper Overlode

In my opinion Diper Overlode is one of the best of Jeff Kinney's Diary of a Wimpy Kids. When Greg Heffley decides to join his brother's band, Loaded Diper, he finds being a rockstar isn't as glamorous as it seems. Join him on the adventure of rock star life and late nights.

Jeff Kinney has written these books as an easy to read and funny diary. I

prefer to read diaries as it's like reading a real-life scenario. There are pages in the book I can also relate to like when you keep trying something and it doesn't seem like it's going right then all of a sudden it just does!

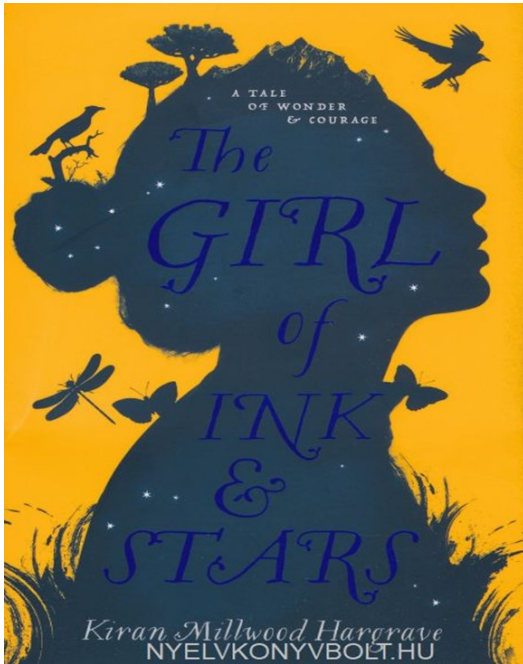
I hope you love these books as much as I did.





# Reading Rascal Review

Here are some more books we have enjoyed...



## 'The Girl of Ink and Stars'

By Kiran Millwood Hargrave

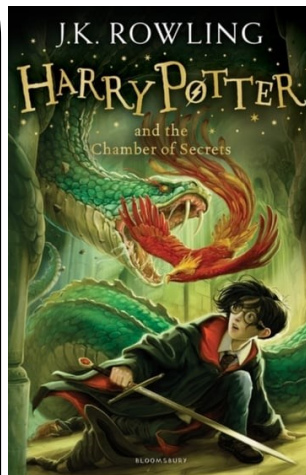
WOW!! THIS IS SUCH AN AMAZING BOOK!

I REALLY ENJOYED THIS BOOK AND I RECOMMEND IT FOR YEARS 5 AND 6. IT TELLS THE TALE OF ISABELLA AND HER BEST FRIEND LUPE WHO LIVE ON THE ISLAND OF JOYA WHEN THINGS TAKE A MYSTERIOUS TURN...

Reviewed by Layla

I enjoy reading the Harry Potter books and my favourite so far is 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.' It's exciting and I like the parts with the Hogwarts Express. I haven't read 'The Order of the Phoenix' yet but I loved the film and am looking forward to it.

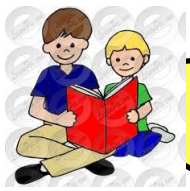
Reviewed by Rose.



In KS2, the questionnaire completed by students also highlighted a love of Dairy style books, David Walliams and funny books like 'Dogman'.

In KS1 we also like David Walliams, Oliver Jeffers and funny books.

If you have read a book that you loved and would like to share it, please review it for us and give it to one of the Reading Rascals.



# Book Buddies



*"I remember when the older children (years 5 and 6) had a chance to help key stage 1 to read and pronounce words that were hard for them to say. It was called Book Buddies! It was a good way to help key stage 1 learn to read and to help them enjoy reading."*  
Cole

*In addition to what Cole has already said, it also gave those children the opportunity to read every day, which is so important for the development of early decoding and fluency skills.*

*Furthermore, the children can enjoy being read to. This has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary and feeds imagination.*

*Re-establishing Book Buddies was one of the first things that the Reading Rascals were keen to do. They have already begun to assemble a group of volunteers. If you would like to know more and get involved, ask one of the team.*



## Coming up...

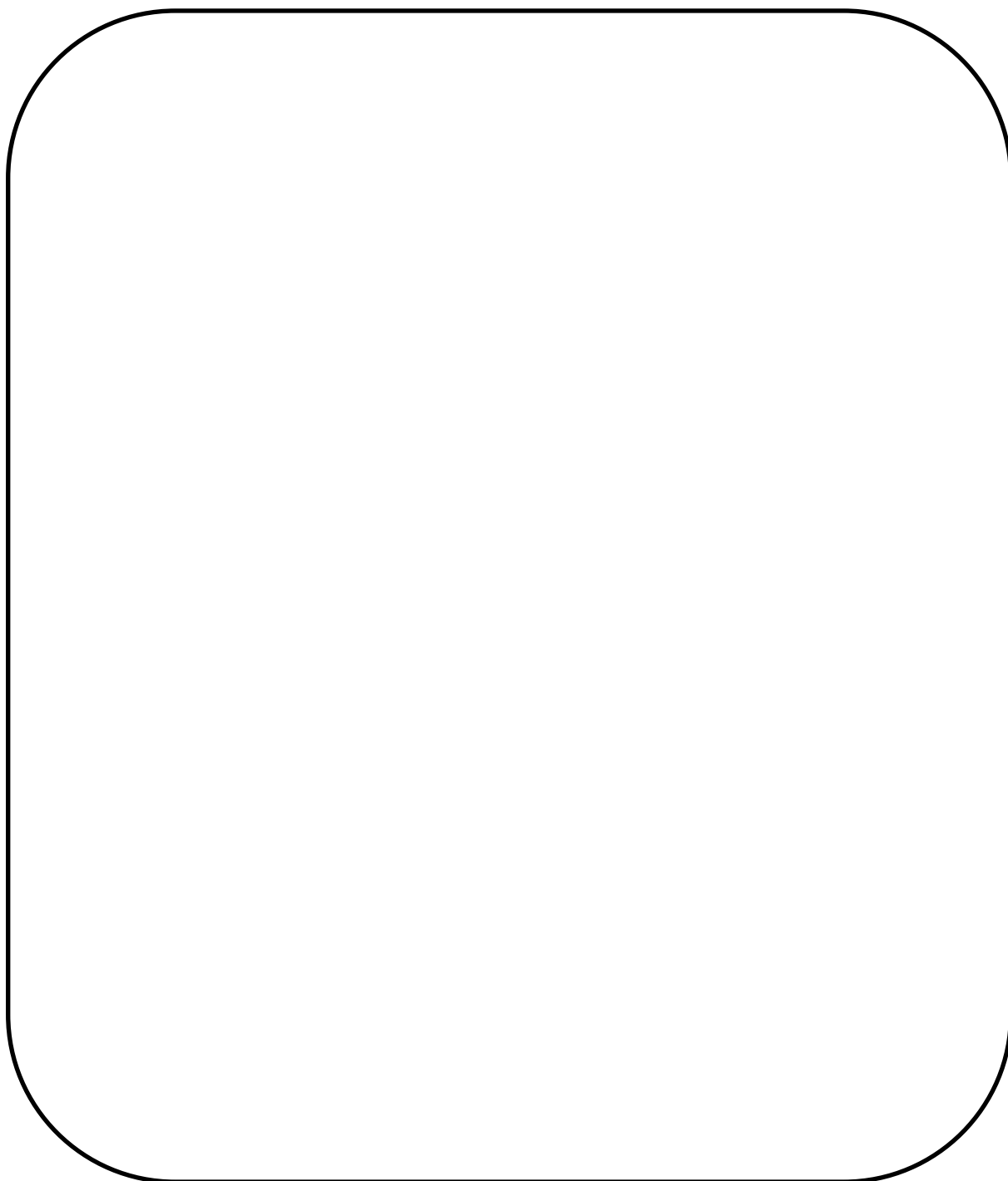


- World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March.
- A visit from Scholastic Bookfair.
- World Poetry Day on 21st March.
- Look out for more ideas from the Reading Rascals.

# Competition Time!

*Have a go at designing your own book cover.*

*This can be for a book you have read, or for an imaginary title chosen by you! You can print this page, or you can draw your design on a piece of paper. Please put your name, age and class on the back of your design. The Reading Rascals will then collect entries from your class teachers. PRIZE: A book of your choice from 'Love Reading 4 Kids'*



*The Reading Rascals will pick a winner from each Key Stage.*

*Entries to be handed in by 24th February. Winners will be announced on World Book Day.*