

# Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> October 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Open Afternoon this week - your children loved showing you the super work they have been doing so far this term. Teachers are very much looking forward to seeing you for Parents' Evenings on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

I hope that you will be able to make use of some of the eating out opportunities that are shared on this Newsletter.

A quick reminder that school is closed to pupils tomorrow.

The winner of the £50 Amazon Voucher, chosen at random from the hundreds of entries, was Mrs Charlton - thank you very much for all your responses. The English Team will share a summary of responses with you during the next few weeks.

Have a wonderful half term everyone.

Jane Sendall  
Headteacher



## CALENDAR

### October

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - PD Day (School closed to pupils)

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - First day of second half term

### November

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Children's Individual Photographs

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Flu Vaccine (Pick up for previously absent pupils session)

### December

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of autumn term

### January

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - PD Day (School closed to pupils)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - First day of spring term

## Sleep Workshop

November 25 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



Online Sleep Workshop for parents and carers of neurodiverse children

This workshop will cover:

- Why we need sleep,
- The different stages of sleep,
- The impact of not getting enough sleep,
- Why my child does not sleep,
- Strategies that may support getting your child to sleep

## **Top 10 tips to support your child's learning at home in Science**

1. Value your child's questions.

Enjoy discussing the questions your child asks. Encourage he/she to share their perspective and observations.

2. Explore and find the answers together.

Responding to curious scientific questions with "What do you think?" or "I don't know but we can find out together" can stimulate more thought and additional questions. Explore and find the answers together.

3. Give your child time and space to explore.

Children learn science through trial and error. They need time to experiment, try things out, and think on their own. Give your child the time and space to explore and discover on her own.

4. Accept that explorations and investigations are often messy.

Whether it's outdoor exploration with mud and sticks or indoors with water, children are likely to get dirty when they explore materials. Dress children in old clothing and tell them it's ok to get dirty.

5. Learn from mistakes together.

If an experiment goes wrong, take advantage and investigate with your child to see what went wrong. A mistake can lead to all kinds of possibilities and it provides opportunities for you and your child to refine your ideas, understanding, and hypotheses.

6. Invite curiosity.

Science learning begins with curiosity. Observations and questions can create a climate of discovery – key to scientific learning. Children can learn a lot about science even at bath time. Let your child ask her own questions but you can also stimulate curiosity. For instance, when seeing a rubber duck float in the water, invite him to think by saying, "I wonder if the soap will also float?" See what questions she asks and what experiments she tries.

7. Support further exploration.

Intentional adult interactions with children can extend their learning. When the moment is right – maybe when she's done exploring on her own, offer a suggestion to extend her exploration. Guide your child by asking questions like, "What might happen if we try this?"

8. Encourage children to record their observations.

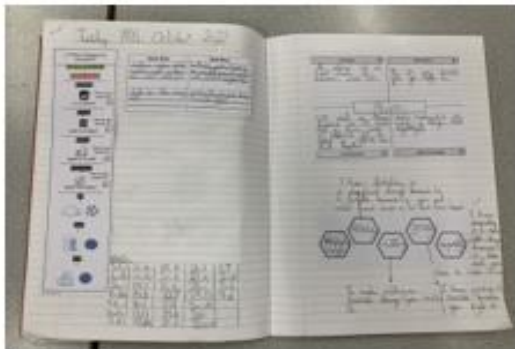
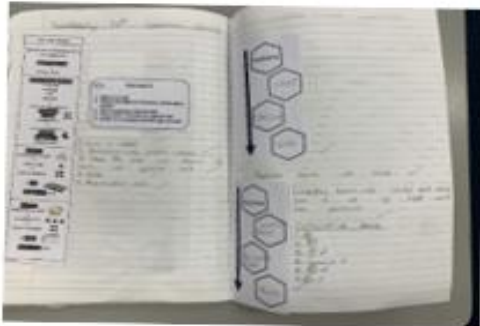
Writing, drawing, or taking photographs are all ways to record observations - an important scientific skill. Such records allow children to keep track of what they saw, heard, questioned, or discovered.

## Science Newsletter Piece Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

This term, across the school, the children have been learning about so many different elements and areas of science.

In Year One, pupils have been learning about Seasonal Changes and they have recently started learning about Plants. In Year Two, pupils have been learning about Living things and their Habitats. In Year Three, pupils have been learning about Rocks. In Year Four children have been learning about States of Matter. Year Five have been learning about Properties and Changes of Materials and Year Six have been learning about Living things and their Habitats.

Please see a selection of the children's work in Science from across the school over the last few weeks.





Thank you to everyone who donated for the food collection Harvest Festival.

The class who collected the most was 2AP who managed to bring in 63 items. That is more than 2 per person! Well Done for all their hard work.





## Information from the Trust

**Money Savings Tip:** With half term just a stone's throw away, I thought it would be appropriate to share with you something you can share with your families and local communities. So – a full list of those supermarkets and restaurants where Children's can eat for free or cheaply over half term:

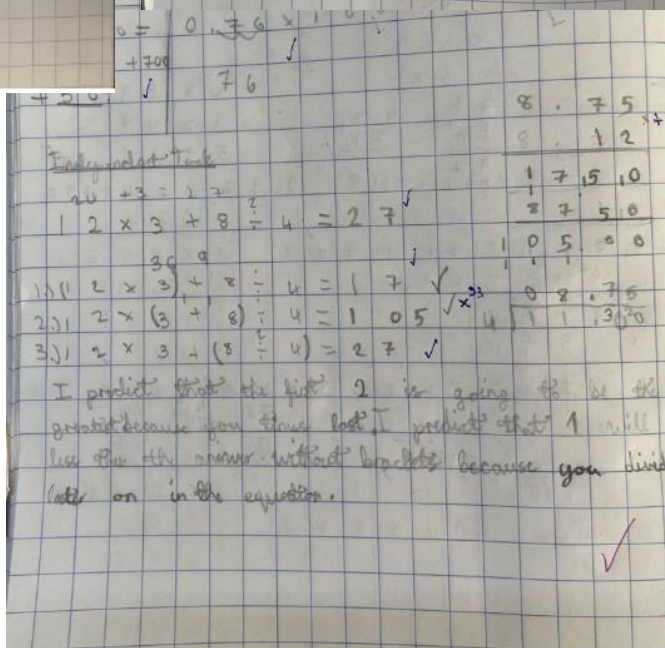
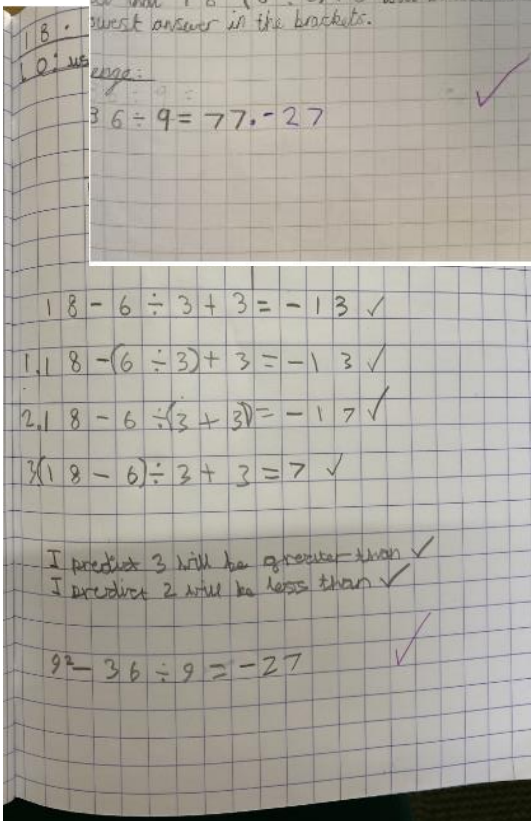
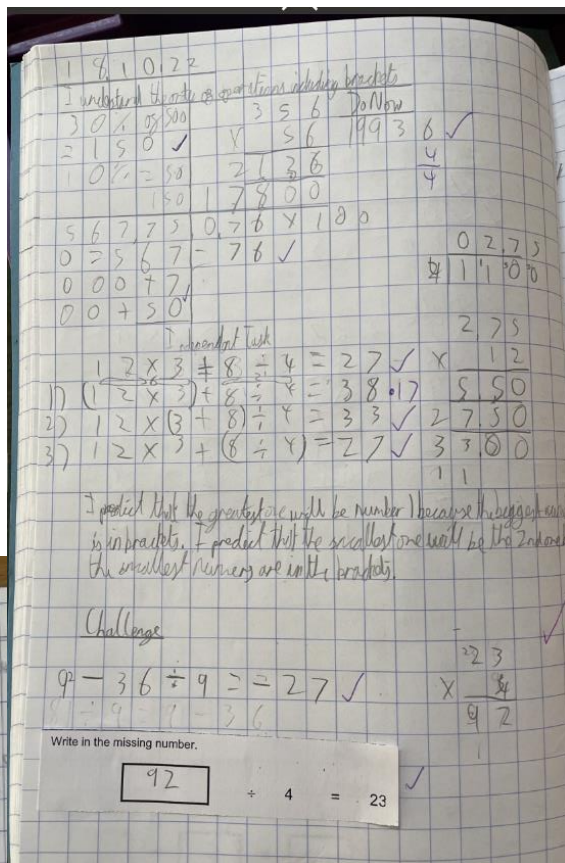
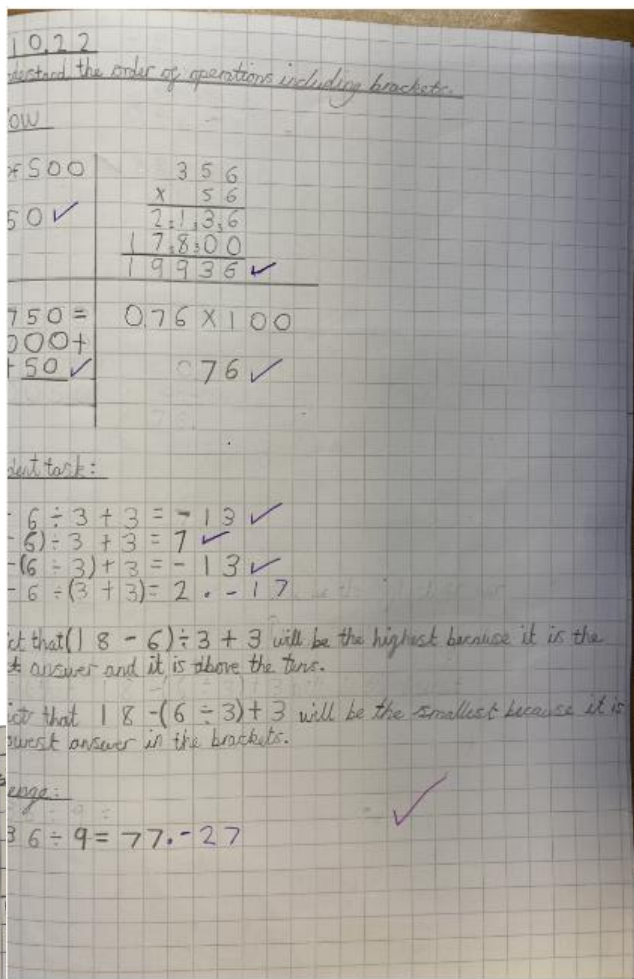
- Asda - Children's eat for £1 at any time of day in any Asda Café in England and Wales, seven days a week, with no minimum adult spend required. Next month Asda will launch its £1 'winter warmer' soup, roll and unlimited tea or coffee offer for the over 60's in its 205 cafes. The offer will run all day and every day throughout November and December
- Beefeater - Two children aged under 16 eat for free with every adult breakfast purchased. Breakfast is served from 6.30am until 10.30am on weekdays and 7am-11am at the weekend.
- Bella Italia - Children eat for £1 with the purchase of every adult main meal between 4pm and 6pm, Monday-Thursday. Children's can enjoy three courses and a Cawston Pressed Fruit Water for just £1. The restaurant says meals are suitable for 2-11 year olds.
- Bill's - From Monday, October 24, to Friday, October 28, Children's can eat for free at Bill's. Up to two children can eat a meal for free all day on weekdays during half term if one adult orders any main dish. The offer applies at breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Harvester - Harvester has an exclusive partnership with O2 during the October half term where Children's can eat for free between Monday, October 24, and Sunday, October 30. The offer is not dependent on the purchase of an adult meal, and can be accessed through the O2 Priority app.
- Hungry Horse - Free breakfasts are available for children aged 2-10 when accompanied by a paying adult. Any kid's breakfast from options including jammy toast, beans on toast or children's breakfast is available for free when an adult breakfast worth at least £3.49 is purchased in a Hungry Horse pub. There is a maximum of two Children's' breakfast per one adult breakfasts. The offer will be available every day between 7am and midday between October 21 and October 31.
- M&S - Over the next two weeks children's will be able to eat for free at M&S Cafés across the country. Children can enjoy a main, snack and drink from the Children's' Munch Menu for free - normally worth £3.95 - when £5 is spent on adult food or drink. The offer includes hot main meals as well as mini rolls and sandwiches in animal packaging from chillers. All cafe purchases are also eligible for a free piece of fruit for children. The offer runs from Monday October, 17, to Friday, October 28, in England and Monday, October 31 to Friday, November 4 in Wales.
- Morrisons - A free children's meal is available if an adult meal worth £4.99 or more is bought at one of the supermarket's cafes. The free Children's meal includes a piece of fruit and Tropicana Children's Orange or Apple drink or bottle of water. The child must be under 16 years of age and present at the time of purchase. The free meal must be a Children's meal purchased from the customer Café Children's menu or chilled Children's snack pack.
- Stonehouse Pizza - Children's eat for £1 at the pizza chain between Monday, October 24, and Friday, October 28 if the adult they are with has downloaded the app or signed up to the newsletter. The offer is also dependent on an adult meal being purchased. Each adult main qualifies for one £1 kid's meal. The offer includes breakfast, lunch and evening meals.
- Tesco Café - Spending 60p on a piece of fresh fruit will allow parents to claim a free child's meal worth up to £3.25 when they show their Clubcard at a Tesco Cafe checkout. The scheme runs on weekdays from October 17-28 in England and October 31-November 4 in Wales, and will be available in 311 cafes across the UK.
- Toby Carvery - Adults who download the Toby Carvery app or sign up to the newsletter can feed their Children's for £1 between Monday, October 24, and Friday, October 28. The offer is also dependent on an adult meal being purchased. Each adult main qualifies for one £1 kid's meal. The offer includes breakfast, lunch and evening meals. For Halloween the carvery chain is also doing a 'Go Green for Halloween' weekend where 10p from every children's breakfast sold over the weekend of October 29-30 will be donated to the NSPCC.
- Yo! Sushi - Kid's eat free all day, Monday-Thursday until Saturday, October 29. Children can receive a kiddo meal deal bento box for nothing when an accompanying adult spends £10 on food. A maximum of three children per booking can eat for free. and the offer is for dine-in only.

## Year Six

This week in Year Six, the children have been working really hard in all of their learning. Please see below for the highlights and some photos of their fantastic work 😊

### Maths

In Maths, the children have been solving equations following BIDMAS. They have had to decide which operations need to be solved first. They have demonstrated resilience with this as it has been challenging at times. Miss Jenkins and Miss Lister are both so impressed with the children's Arithmetic scores so far – keep it up! 😊





## Reading

This week, the children have started reading a new book – Skellig by David Almond. They created a floor-plan and had to retrieve information from an extract, which links to the book. As well as this, they have been practising the skill of summarising and test-style questions. We are really proud of how hard the children are working! Please encourage them to read as much as they can at home.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Week 1, Lesson 2: Retrieve**

**Explain:** Retrieve means...

**Example:**  
Write down two facts about the master bedroom which may attract potential buyers.

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2.

**Attempt:**  
Write down two features about the location of the property which would make it attractive to someone without a car.

3.  
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**Apply:**  
Using the information in the text, draw a plan of either the ground floor or the first floor showing a possible layout of the rooms. Label the key features.

**Challenge:**  
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**Challenge:**  
Crowded with people - near railway station.

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2. open fireplace ✓
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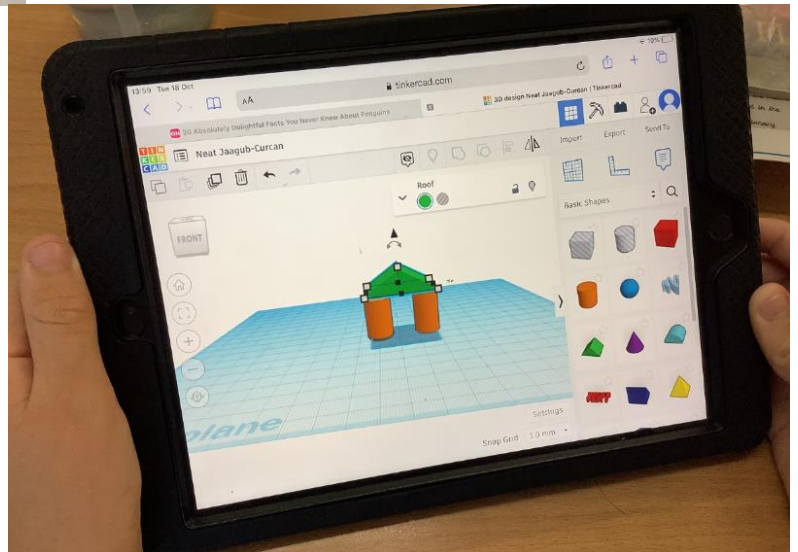
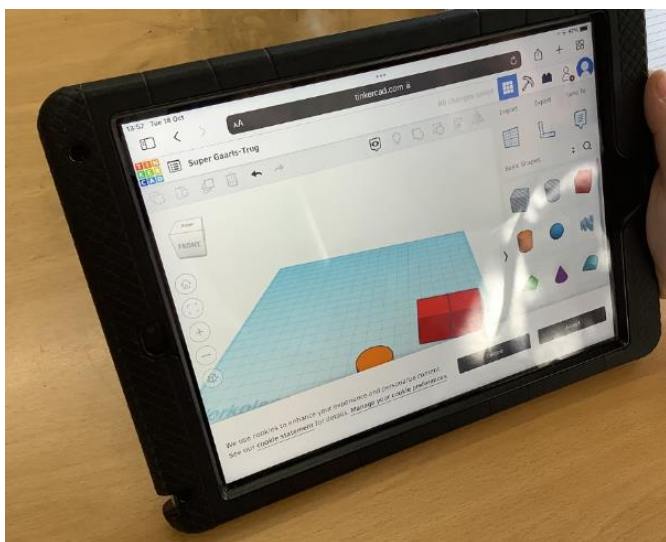
**Challenge:**  
Using the information from the text, list some possible disadvantages of the property.

1. A double-glazed window ✓
2. An open fireplace ✓
3. Street parking - bus
4. access to the railway station ✓

## Computing



This week, the children have started a new unit on Creative media – 3D. They started the week by looking at a website called Tinkercad. They each had their own individual login. They will be creating their own 3D objects, which they are really excited about.



## PE

In PE this half term, the children have been doing netball. They have learnt the rules of the game including the different passes they can do, the pivot, as well as shooting. They have developed their team work skills and enjoyed competing against each other. We have been so impressed with the children over the last few weeks.





IGNITING LEADERS CHANGING LIVES

**PiXL** Reading

# READING FOR PLEASURE



Welcome to the first PiXL Primary Reading Newsletter! We hope that your child has had a wonderful first half term back in school. Research is clear about the importance of reading for pleasure, not just for the academic progress of your child but also for their understanding of the world around them and their wellbeing. We are delighted to be able to share some fabulous books suitable for different age ranges and a variety of interests and topics.

We hope you enjoy the selection of books that we showcase in this newsletter. Don't forget that you can sign up to enjoy these, and a range of other exciting texts, at your local library.

In addition to exploring the books mentioned in this newsletter, you can encourage reading in other ways too.

For example:

- Find out what your child is curious about, or takes an interest in, and look at books around these topics.
- Encourage them to research into an area further through non-fiction texts such as online articles.
- If your child struggles with reading and this poses an obstacle to their enjoyment, explore the blurbs of books and select a couple to try on audiobook. You can often borrow these for free from your local library too.
- Support your child with reading for purpose. You could read recipes, newspaper articles, blog posts and other forms of texts.

Whatever you and your child choose to read, we hope you enjoy it!

Please note that the texts are suitable for the age group stated, but please do research the books before selecting them to ensure that they are appropriate for your child.

## KEY EVENTS: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

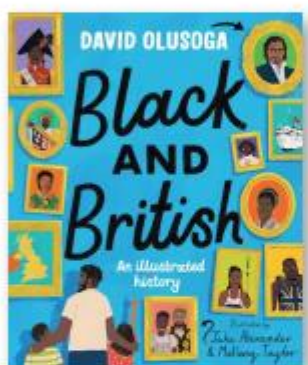
October is Black History Month. It is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate Black history including culture and legacy. Black History Month shines a light on the achievements of Black people in the UK and the rest of the world, from past to present.





**RECOMMENDED READ: AGES 7+**

This beautiful hardback gift book is a stunning visual journey through Black British history for younger readers by award-winning historian and broadcaster **David Olusoga** and illustrated by **Jake Alexander** and **Melleny Taylor**.



The essential starting place for anyone who wants to learn about Black British History, David Olusoga's thought provoking text charts the forgotten histories of Black people in Britain from Roman times right through to the present day. From Roman Africans guarding Hadrian's Wall, to an African trumpeter in the court of Henry the Eighth, Black Georgians fighting for the abolition of slavery, Black soldiers fighting for Britain in the First World War, Windrush and right up today. These are the stories that brought us all together in this country.

When did Africans first come to Britain?  
Who are the well-dressed black children in Georgian paintings?  
Why did the American Civil War disrupt the Industrial Revolution?

These and many other questions are answered in this essential introduction to 1800 years of the Black British history. This children's edition of *Black and British: A Forgotten History* is beautifully illustrated in full-colour with maps, portrait galleries, timelines, photos and portraits.

**RECOMMENDED READ: AGES 3-6**

A story about the triumph of hope, love and determination, *Coming to England* is the inspiring true story of **Baroness Floella Benjamin**: from Trinidad, to London as part of the Windrush generation, to the House of Lords.

Follow ten-year-old Floella as she and her family set sail from the Caribbean to a new life in London. Alone on a huge ship for two weeks, then tumbled into a cold and unfriendly London, coming to England wasn't at all what Floella had expected . . . What will her new school be like? Will she meet the Queen?

Filled with optimism and joy, yet deeply personal and relevant, young children will follow Floella's experiences of moving home and making friends. Alongside vibrant illustrations by **Diane Ewen**, this powerful story shows little people how courage and determination can always overcome adversity. For anyone looking to learn more, there are excellent resources celebrating inspirational and history-making figures from the past 200 years here.



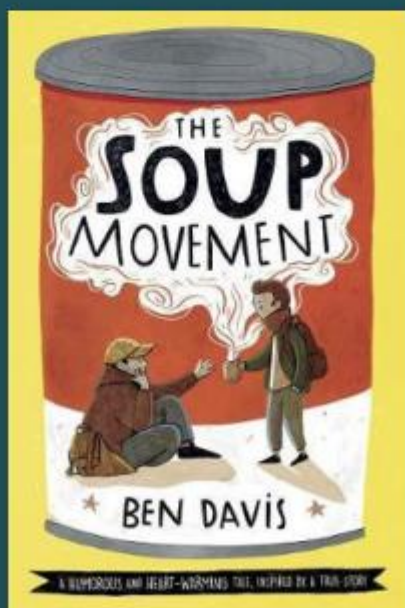
## WORLD KINDNESS DAY

World Kindness Day is on the 13th November and celebrates the importance of being kind and celebrating it, no matter what kindness looks like.

### RECOMMENDED READS: AGES 9+

#### *The Soup Movement*

When Jordan finally gets invited to go to the chippy with the cool kids, he feels stupid carrying around a flask of Mum's wholesome soup. He decides instead to give it to a homeless man called Harry. It's this one act of kindness that leads to a host of new friendships and a community movement.

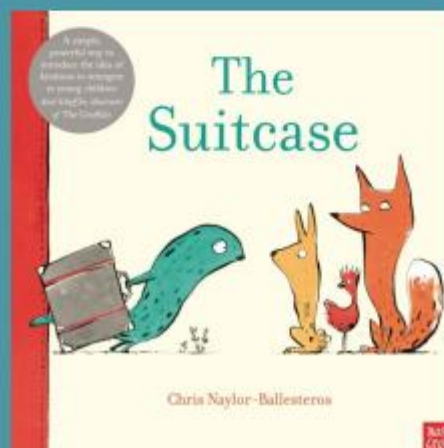


### RECOMMENDED READS: AGE 5+

#### *The Suitcase*

When a strange-looking animal arrives pulling a big suitcase, the other animals are curious. What on earth could be inside that suitcase? A teacup? Maybe.

A table and chair? Perhaps. A whole home and hillside with trees? This stranger must be fibbing! But when the animals break into the suitcase and discover a very special photograph, they begin to understand what the strange creature has been through, and together they create a very special welcome present...





## NON-FICTION NOVEMBER



**RECOMMENDED READS: AGE 8+**

*Heroes: Inspirational people and the amazing jobs they do*

Not all heroes wear capes...

...But some do have impressive costumes, amazing masks and astonishing super-human abilities.

This book showcases more than one hundred real-life superheroes, bona fide boffins, awe-inspiring athletes and sublime scientists and celebrates their astounding accomplishments. From the fearless firefighters who tackle blistering blazes to deft doctors that save lives on a daily basis, the world is crammed full of incredible people and the staggering things they've achieved can inspire us all.



**RECOMMENDED READS: AGE 4+**

*The Usborne Book of the Moon*

Welcome to the story of our Moon - a story of Moon dust and Moon rabbits, cheese and astronauts, deep thoughts and bold plans. Read, dream and wonder as you discover ancient legends about the Moon's creation, meet the very first astronomers and learn about the Space Race. Published to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing.



## WINTERY READS

Now that the nights are drawing in and the mornings are getting ever darker, maybe it's time to snuggle up under a blanket with a good book, and maybe even a hot chocolate!

## RECOMMENDED READS: AGE 8+

A beautiful and classic anthology of frosty, magical short stories from acclaimed children's writers.

*The Dreamsnatcher's* Abi Elphinstone heads up this gorgeous collection of wintery stories, featuring snow queens, frost fairs, snow dragons and pied pipers. . . from classic children's writers Michelle Magorian, Geraldine McCaughrean, Jamila Gavin, Berlie Doherty, Katherine Woodfine, Piers Torday, Lauren St John, Amy Alward, Michelle Harrison and Emma Carroll.



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## RECOMMENDED READS: AGE 4+

*The Snowflake Mistake*

Within a floating ice palace high above the clouds, the Snow Queen operates a snowflake machine, ensuring that it produces perfectly identical flakes. But one day when the Queen leaves her daughter Princess Ellie in charge, the machine breaks and Princess Ellie has to find a new way to make the snowflakes. Princess Ellie creates exquisite and unique snowflakes by hand, making the most beautiful snowfall ever.



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