

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.

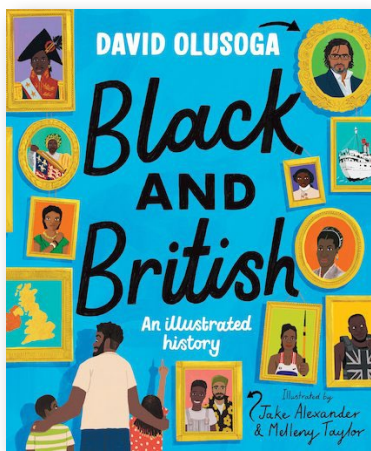
KEY EVENTS: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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.



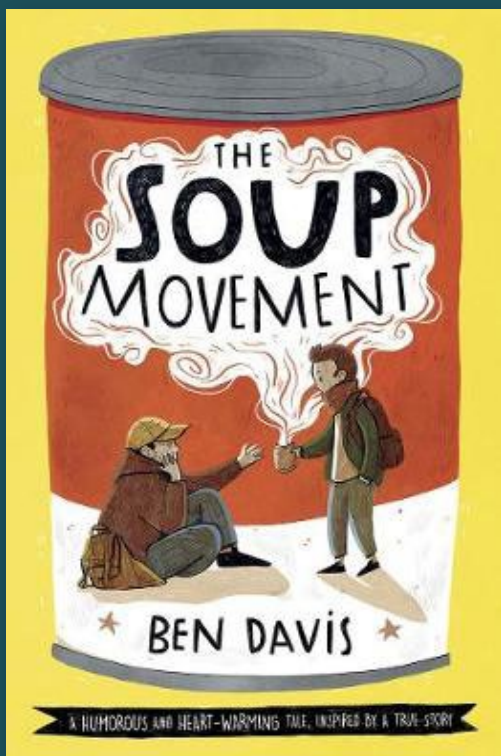
WORLD KINDNESS DAY

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.

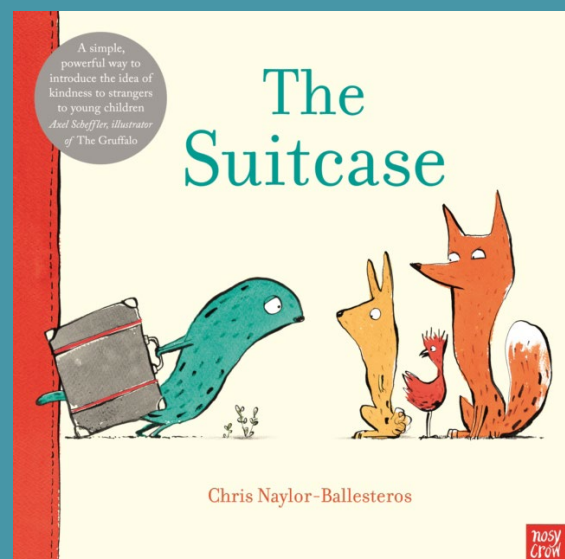


RECOMMENDED READS: AGE 5+

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



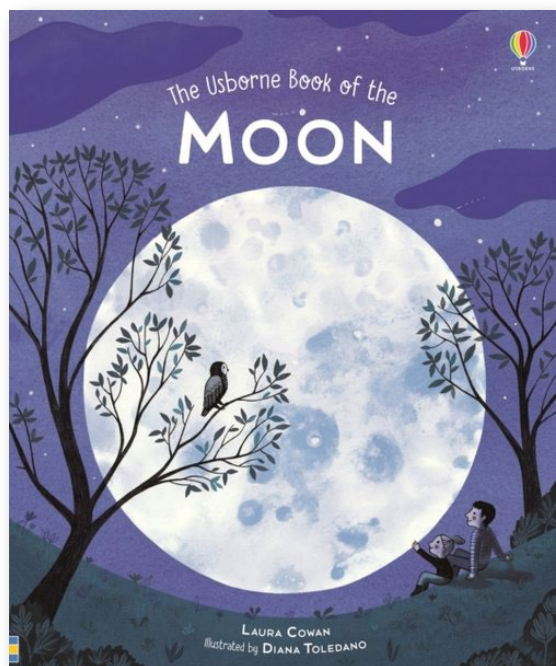
RECOMMENDED READS: AGE 8+

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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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.

