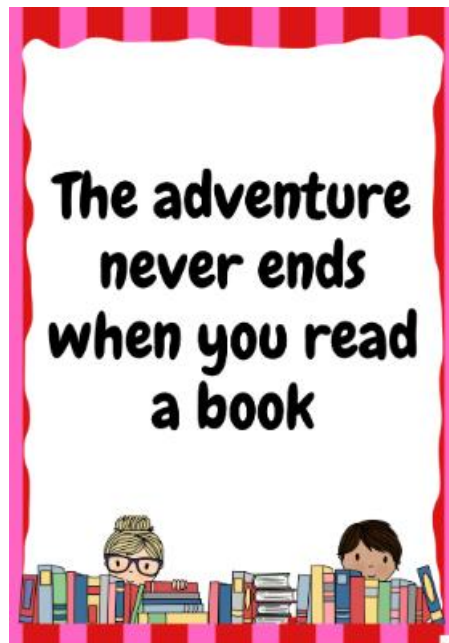




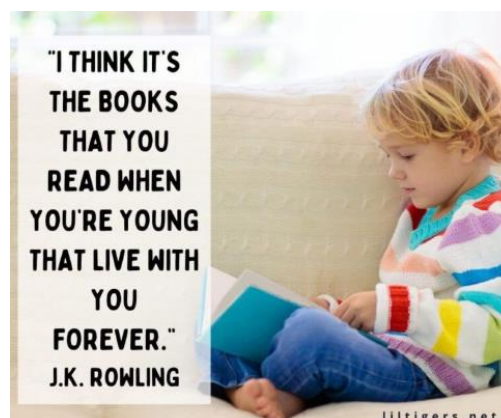
## Kington Primary School Reading Newsletter

Welcome to our 2025 reading newsletter, which we hope will support reading at home and in school alongside sharing details of our upcoming World Book Day celebrations.



Across school we have physical books and e-books available to all children for them to read at home, there are support materials on our school website under the '**supporting the curriculum**' tab.

Here you will find information about how to access the online readers, ideas for supporting reading at home, hear about new releases and links to free online books which could be read for pleasure.



## Reading News at Kington Primary School

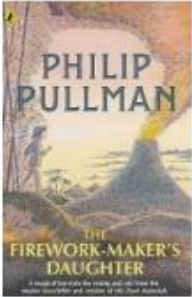


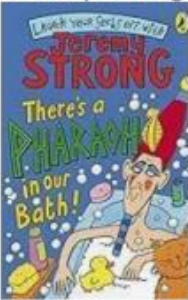
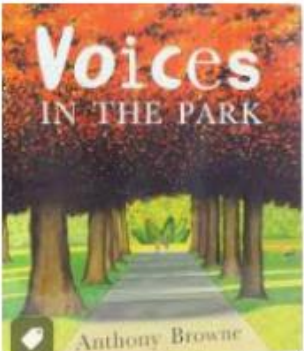
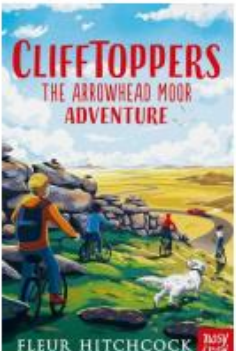
- **Our 6 priorities for reading with our children continue to be:**
- **Being read to regularly,**
- **Having books at home and at school,**
- **Having a choice in what to read,**
- **Finding time to read,**
- **Having trusted help to find books,**
  
- **Making reading FUN!**
  
- We are continuing to work closely with staff at the Kington Library, in particular Angela, who welcomes classes at least once a term for a visit. Joining the library is free and we would encourage as many of our children as possible to become a member. Angela recently visited our school library and worked with our Year 4 librarians to help organise our library to help it to be as fantastic as it can be.

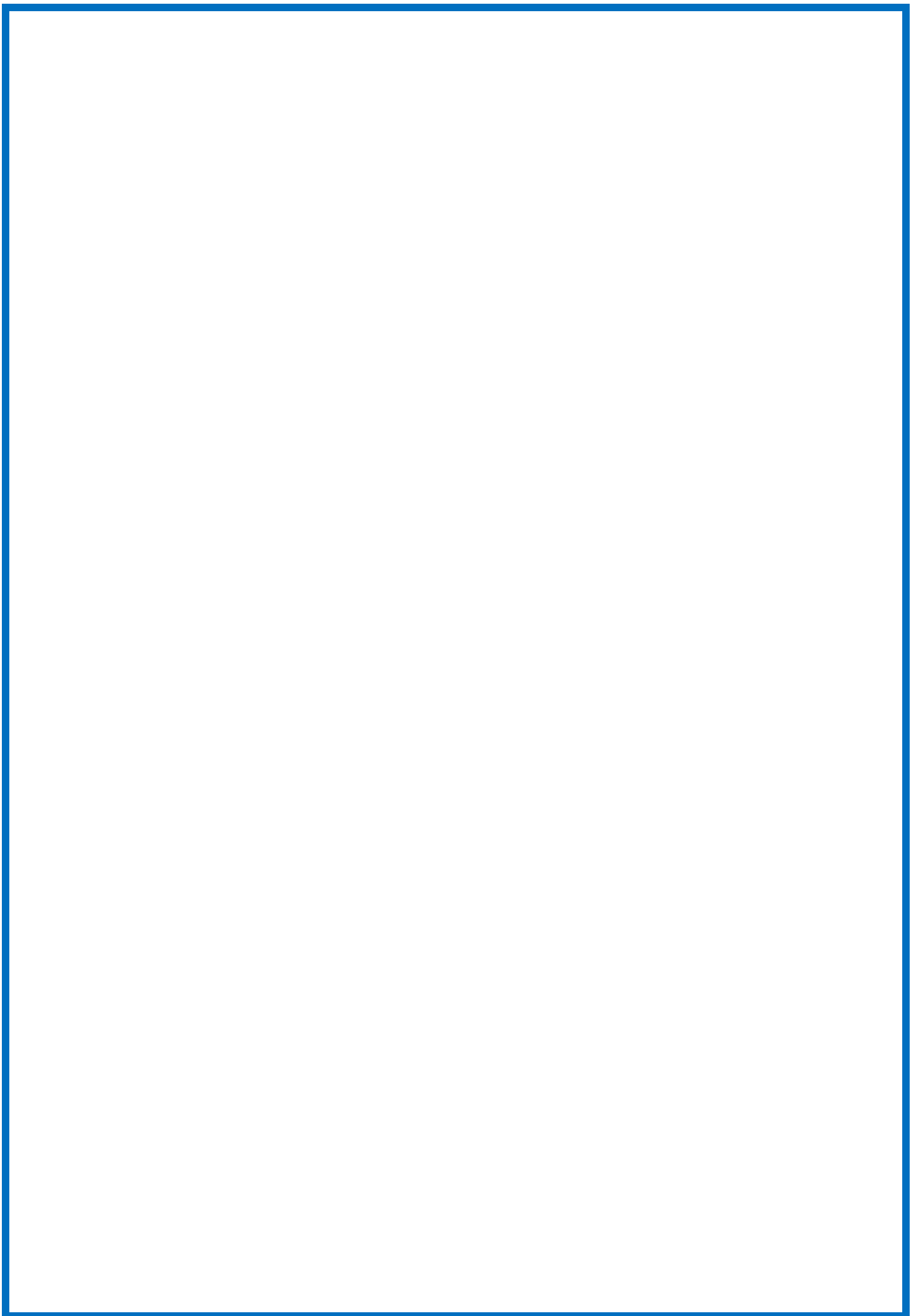


- Don't forget that Blue Peter have an exciting 'Book badge' designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake. To earn your badge, you need to share your love of books by answering a few questions. Maybe we could have some more of our children being awarded the 'Book badge'? Visit the Blue Peter website to find out more. There is also a Blue Peter book club where readers can focus on a particular book and hear how others have found the monthly text.

## Class readers

- Each class has their own reading spine which includes quality texts which will be explored in class. You can find these lists on our school website on each class page. There are also suggestions on the website in our 'supporting the curriculum' section for newly released and recommended reads with the 'no-shelf control' newsletters each month. This is an example of a reading spine from Y4.

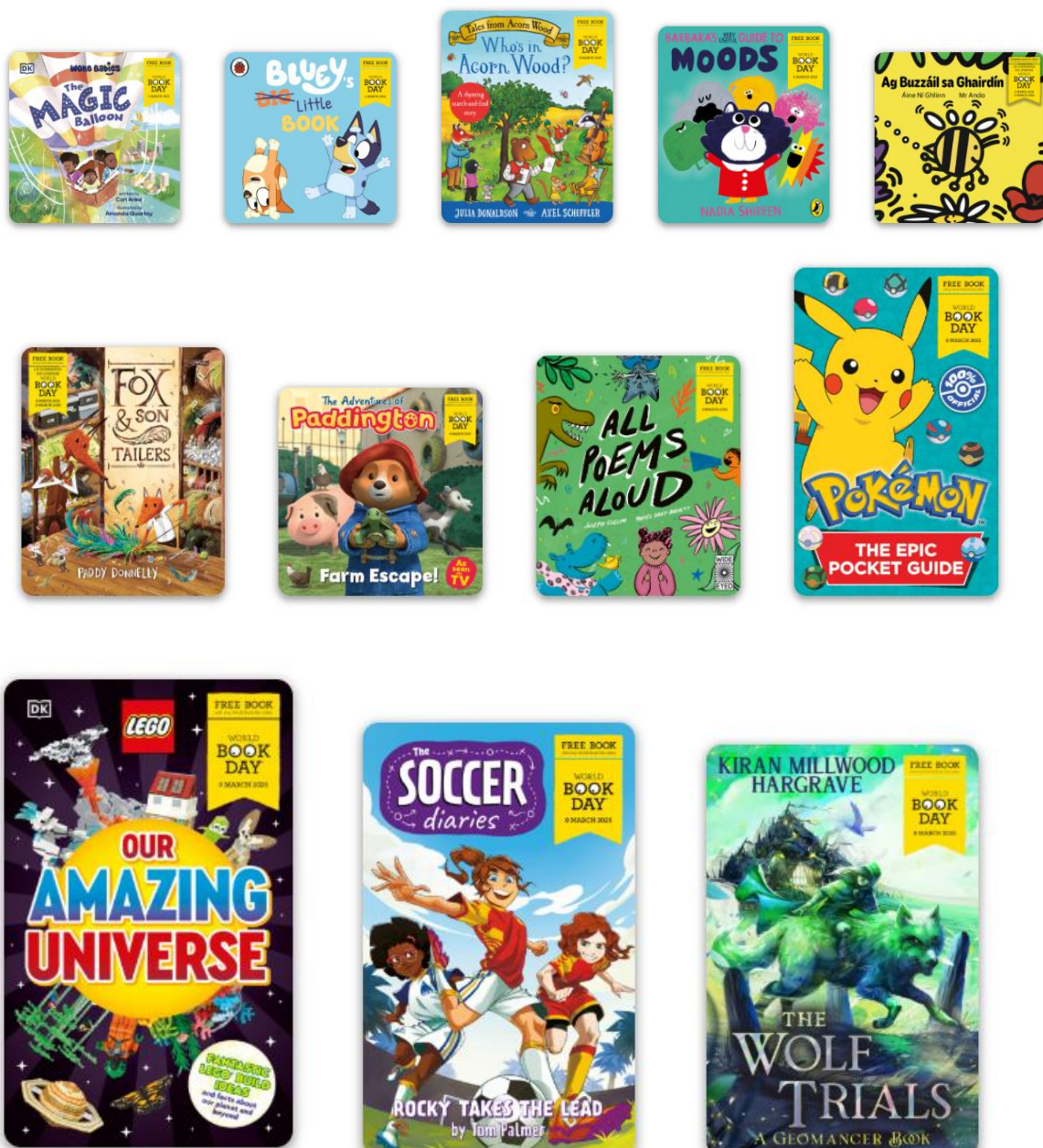
<p><b>'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman</b></p> 	<p><b>'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold</b></p> 
<p><b>'A Mummy ate my homework' by Thiago de Moraes</b></p> 	<p><b>'There's a Pharaoh in our bath' by Jeremy Strong</b></p> 
<p><b>'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne</b></p> 	<p><b>'Cliff-toppers, Arrowhead Moor' by Fleur Hitchcock</b></p> 



## World Book Day

We are going to be celebrating **World Book Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. There will be activities taking place throughout the week including an opportunity for every class to work with a drama teacher from the ‘Courtyard Theatre’, focusing on different themes linked to reading, such as traditional tales, through drama.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be inviting everyone, who wishes to, to dress up as a well-known character from a story, non-fiction text or poem and the children will be given their £1 book voucher to bring home. Their voucher can be put towards a book or to buy one of this year’s £1 books which are shown below.



Our whole school competitions to support our World Book Day celebrations this year are as follows:

Design and decorate a plate as a character or book, this can be 2d or 3d! Paper plates are coming home today.

Create and write a comic strip/book based on any theme which can be illustrated and could be hand written or typed.

Any entries for either or both competitions should be submitted to class teachers by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Prizes and certificates will be awarded in a special 'World Book Day' assembly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We will invite families into school to have the opportunity to come and see all of the entries (details will follow).



Our school website has an area within the 'supporting the curriculum' tab dedicated to World Book Day and here there are Links to useful ideas for costumes.

[World Book Day | Kington Primary School](http://www.kingtonprimaryschool.co.uk)

Reading enables a 360-degree growth of an individual. It develops your thought process, expands your viewpoints and keeps your mind active

**BENEFITS OF READING**

- Sharpens your mind
- Helps in self-discovery
- Improves writing skills
- Improves your language skills
- Builds focus & concentration
- Source of light on dark days
- Evolves you as a human being
- Lets you enjoy the me-time
- Helps to learn the art of empathy
- Boosts your sleep
- Helps to learn new things
- Great source of entertainment

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**HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!**

A student who reads	A student who reads	A student who reads
20:00	5:00	1:00
minutes per day	minutes per day	minute per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year

