



Florendine Reading Newsletter



May 2022



Reasons to Love Reading!

Don't just take my word for it—each newsletter I will share a quote which encourages a love of reading!

Quote #14:

“Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.”

– Maya Angelou (American Poet)

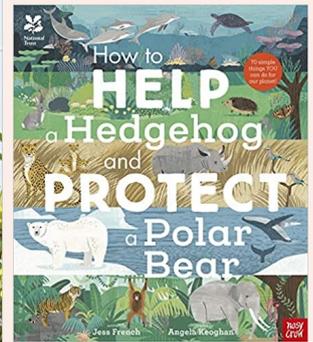
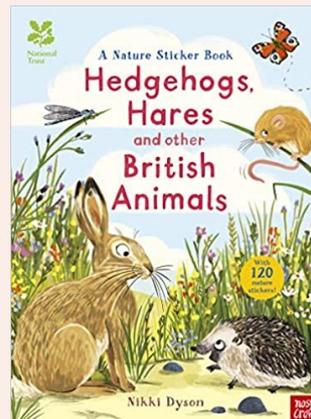
Reading Events this Month—It's a busy month!

Book Prizes!

There are a whole host of book prizes awarded and finalists selected this month, including the CLiPPA award shortlisting, Spark Book Awards, Alligator's Mouth Book Awards, Information Book Award shortlisting, Klaus Flugge Prize and Waterstone's Children's Book Prize!

Hedgehog Awareness Week—May 1st - May 7th

Organised by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS), Hedgehog Awareness Week takes place every year and helps to highlight the problems hedgehogs face.



Children's Book Week 2022—May 3rd - May 9th

World Bee Day—May 20th

Our world desperately needs bees! Easily misunderstood and often feared, bees are essential to our ecosystem and need to be protected. I love sharing one of my favourite books (The Bee Book by Charlotte Milner) with children and helping them understand just how amazing and important these hard workers are!



National Vegetarian Week—May 16th - May 22nd

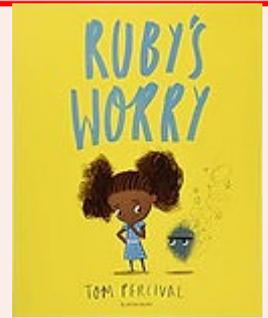
National Biscuit Day 2022—May 29th

Recipes are a great way to encourage children to read! It's fun, practical and results in something delicious to eat (hopefully!) so why not celebrate national vegetarian week or national biscuit day by hitting those recipe books together!

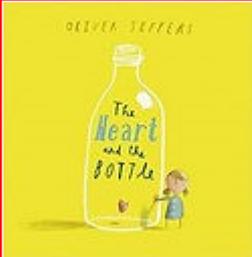


Reception: Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival

Ruby had a worry. Only a small worry to begin with, but slowly it starts to grow. Everywhere she goes, the worry goes with her. Ruby tries to ignore the worry, hoping it will go away on it's own, but it just keeps getting bigger! When Ruby meets another child with a worry of their own, she realises that the best way to deal with a worry is to talk about it. A beautifully illustrated book which encourages children to talk about their feelings openly.



Year 1&2: The Heart and the Bottle by Oliver Jeffers



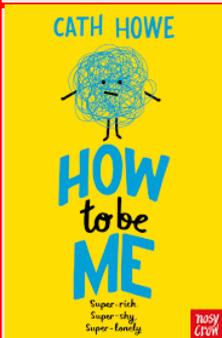
This deep and moving book deals with the heavy themes of love and loss, teaching readers that there is always hope. The story follows a little girl whose life was full of wonder and imagination. One day, something happened that made her take her heart and put it in a safe place. But she finds that the world is emptier than before. Upon meeting another curious young girl, she realises she has lost her sense of wonder at the world, and with the girl's help decided to get it back. A wonderful, sensitive way to help children who may be dealing with loss.

Year 3&4: Something Bad Happened by Dawn Huebner

We all know there are lots of 'bad things' happening around the world, and our children are more aware of these events than ever. It can be difficult to know how to broach these conversations when children ask. This helpful book, written by child psychologist Dawn Huebner, provides comfort and support to children learning about troubling world events. With chapters written specifically for parents, this is definitely one to be shared together to guide discussions on some big, and sometimes scary, topics.



Year 5 & 6: How to Be Me by Cath Howe



Lucas is all alone. Since his mum died, Lucas and his dad don't seem to understand each other at all. With a long summer facing him, Lucas is dreading the drama camp his dad signed him up for—he doesn't know how to be around new people and he can't stand performing! But the people he meets there encourage him to start to open up and start talking... Can his new-found friends help teach Lucas how to be himself? Uplifting and filled with empathy, this book is perfect for fans of Jaqueline Wilson and Lisa Thompson.

Competition Time! Name that Author! ANSWERS

Can you name the author behind these famous titles?

- 1) The Gruffalo, The Snail and the Whale, Room on the Broom—**JULIA DONALDSON**
- 2) The Twits, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory—**ROALD DAHL**
- 3) The Boy at the Back of the Class, The Night Bus Hero—**ONJALI Q. RAUF**
- 4) The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Brown Bear Brown Bear—**ERIC CARLE**
- 5) We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Sad Book, Sticky McStickstick—**MICHEAL ROSEN**
- 6) Goldfish Boy, The Light Jar— **LISA THOMPSON**