



Chapter 1: Autumn



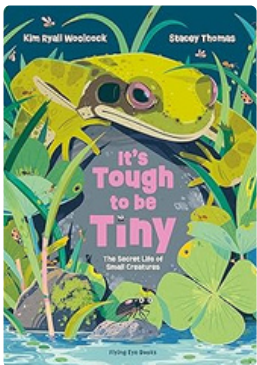
Author Spotlight - Dr Matt Bothwell



My name is Matt. I'm an astronomer, writer and aspiring supervillain. I wrote *Astrophysics for Supervillains* so children could learn all the amazing things about space they don't teach you in school (and also as an excuse to tell all my most terrible jokes. Sorry about that). *Astrophysics for Supervillains* is my first book for children and it's basically the book I wish I read when I was in school, to teach me about space while having as much fun as possible.

Yours in mischief,
Matt

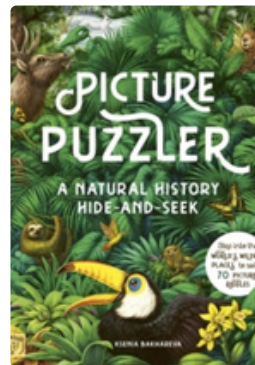
Recently released book recommendations



It's Tough to be Tiny: The secret life of small creatures
Kim Ryall Woolcock

KS1 Non-Fiction

Focus your eyes on the world of micro animals and learn what it's like to be so small. Discover how these tiny creatures stay safe, or hunt for their lunch. Zoom in on their superpowers, like having the ability to shoot microscopic darts, spring-loaded jumps which take them to incredible heights or the amazing ways in which tiny hunters defend themselves from much bigger creatures.



Picture Puzzler : A Natural History
Rachel Williams,
Ksenia Bakhareva

KS1 Non-Fiction

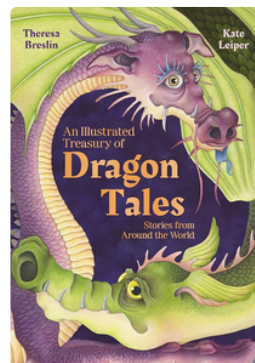
Step inside each picture, where wild things walk. Find frogs, big cats and monkeys... and birds that can talk. Get lost inside the jungle. Climb a mountain's peak! And solve the secret riddle, buried in the deep... Use the clues in every wild habitat to solve the picture puzzles and uncover the world's most amazing animal camouflage!



There's No Such Thing As A Silly Question
Mike Rampton,
Guilherme Karsten

KS2 Non-Fiction

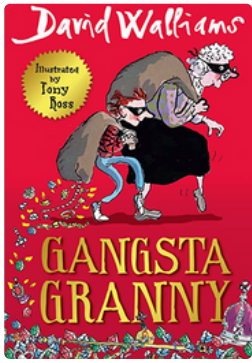
A brilliantly silly question-and-answer book, fact-checked by world-leading experts from across the University of Cambridge. Covering a range of subjects from science, technology, engineering and mathematics to evolution, zoology, social history and more, this hilarious yet clever book expertly answers 213 of the most unusual and interesting questions you never thought to ask about the world.



An Illustrated Treasury of Dragon Tales: Stories from Around the World
Theresa Breslin

KS2 Non-Fiction

In this lavish volume of tales, Theresa Breslin expertly retells stories inspired by dragon myths and legends from around the globe. Whether fearsome or friendly, each fantastical creature is brought to life with exquisite illustrations. Showcasing some of the world's most captivating dragon legends for children, this stunning book will be cherished for a lifetime.



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For children
who like
this book...

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...try these!



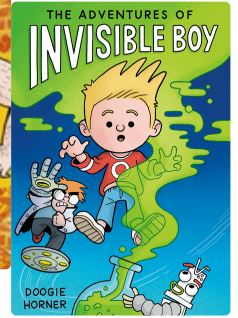
Grimwood
Nadia Shireen



**Leonora Bolt:
Secret Inventor**
Lucy Brandt



**Demolition
Dad**
Phil Earle



**The Adventures of
Invisible Boy**
Doogie Horner

While the texts recommended in this newsletter are for ages 4-11, sharing them with the children is at the discretion of the teachers, and we suggest reading the texts before using them.

Free reading culture training

Four training sessions with Wandle Learning about successfully building a whole school reading culture. Sign up [here!](#)

Reading for Pleasure

Use fellow teacher Jon Biddle's [padlet](#) to find practical tips about Reading for Pleasure, including a fantastic document full of diverse picture book recommendations for assemblies.

Free confidence- building programmes

Find out more about Inner Wings' bespoke confidence-building programmes that help children develop a growth mindset [here!](#)

Celebrate Non- Fiction November

The theme for 2024 is [Why Don't You...?](#) and is designed to stimulate discussion around hobbies and leisure activities and to encourage young people to try something new.

Michael Rosen Day

[Sign up](#) for a free live event of poetry, stories and creativity to celebrate 50 years since Michael's first book, with bespoke resources and activities for children of all ages!



Top tip of the term

Encourage your children to create personalised reading recommendations. Leave sticky notes out in the classroom and your pupils can either stick one to the front cover of a book with the name of the child they'd recommend it to, or write the name of the book on a note and leave it for other children to find in their trays or at their desk!