

Northgate Reading Newsletter

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Author of the Month

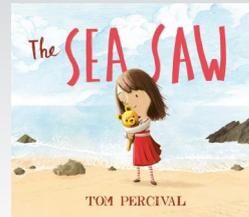
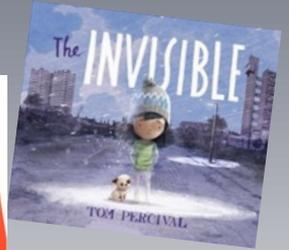
Tom Percival

At Northgate Primary we know it's important that we talk to each other about how we are feeling but children can't always find the words to share their emotions. Books can really help open up these conversations.

Tom Percival is the author behind the Big Bright Feelings series. This excellent set of stories encourages people to be open, be honest and be themselves. We have been sharing these books in school and the children have responded very well. Here is a video of the author talking about his inspiration for writing <http://www.judynewmanatscholastic.com/blog/2021/01/meet-tom-percival/>



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Follow this link to hear Tom read the first chapter of his book **Attack of the Heebie Jeebies** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esErUWVB1Go>



Follow Tom on Twitter @TomPercivalsays



Norfolk Libraries have re-opened! Get down to Great Yarmouth Library and borrow some brilliant books. Look out for details of their summer reading challenge.



Reading with Crosby

Crosby comes into school most Fridays and adores hearing the children read. The children thoroughly enjoy reading to him too.

Reading Support and Recommendations

Follow these links to some excellent websites

<https://www.readingzone.com/>

<https://www.toppsta.com/>

<https://www.picturebookparty.co.uk/>



A great tip to boost children's reading is to turn your subtitles on! Watch this video to find out why <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-zlSnJ-oao>

You can even find out more about the Book Trust charity we supported this month and check out their latest recommendations at <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/>



We had a wonderful day on 14th May 2021 celebrating books and raising money for the Book Trust, we raised £300 for the charity. Thank you for

your kind donations. The children looked great in their pyjamas and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. A special thank you to Mr Hunter for his pyjama penalty shootout, to WHSmiths for book donations and to Asda for providing story time biscuits.



Star Readers

- Butterflies: Archie D
- Ladybirds: Ella R
- Bumblebees: Logan S
- Caterpillars: Sophia B
- Centipedes: Brenda L
- Dragonflies: Nell T
- Rockets: Kayla B
- Jupiter: Toby C
- Saturn: Millie C
- Mercury: Pijis S, Lilith L
- Neptune: Maksim A
- Mars: Harrie P
- Venus: Bethany L
- Soyuz: Adanyah S
- Apollo: Cohen S



Well done to all our Star Readers!

We are so proud of all you have achieved!

Class Book Recommendations

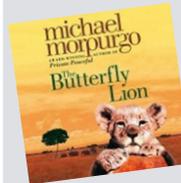
Centipede Class love **You're Called What?** By Kes Gray because it makes them laugh and the funny characters are real animals.



The children in Butterfly and Ladybird Class have been enjoying the **Hairy Maclary** Stories by Lynley Dodd and spotting the rhyme.



Two classes recommended books written by Michael Morpurgo. **Beowulf** was popular with Venus Class, the children liked the characters and felt as if



they were a part of the story. Neptune Class found **The Butterfly Lion** interesting because they learnt about WW1 and enjoyed the cliff-hanger.

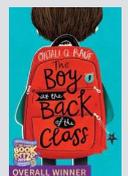


Caterpillar Class rave about Jill Murphy's books and highly recommend **Peace at Last**.



Jonathan Emmett's story **The Pig's Knickers** makes Rocket Class giggle.

Some of our older children have enjoyed Onjali Rauf's award winning **The Boy at the Back of the Class**.



Keep reading.

Mrs Kettle-Maile

