



Seaford Primary school

Reading Newsletter

term 5 2024

Welcome to our fifth newsletter this school year.

This term, the teachers have been busy choosing brand new books (both new to us and newly published) for all classes. Take a look at this fabulous selection.



We are sure the children will love their new books!

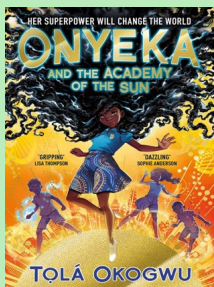
This time we have purchased the books from Bags of Books in Lewes, where we get a discount and brilliant service. The bookshop is a treasure trove and well worth a visit.

If you prefer to buy books online, why not check out www.lovereading4kids.co.uk and nominate Seaford Primary as your school. This way, we get to spend 25% of your purchases on new books for our school.

The East Sussex Children's Book Award book club was very lucky to meet the author of one of the books we have read. Stewart Foster gave an inspiring talk and told us about how he comes up with his stories and how he writes them.

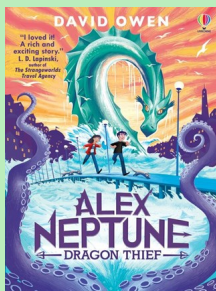


Here are the books we have read and voted on this year. The winner will be announced in June. The book club is open to children in years 5 and 6 and takes place in terms 3 and 4 every year. The books are now in the library for all of KS2 to enjoy.



This book is about a girl called Onyeka who has magical hair. She lives in England but travels to Nigeria with her Mum to attend a school where she can learn how to control her powers. It's amazing! We highly recommend it to people ranging from 7-12 and to people who like mystery and cliff hangers. It's quite powerful in words—they stick in your head.

By Phoebe and Robyn



Alex Neptune is a young boy who perseveres to fight his fear of the waves. He takes his fearsome friend Zoe on a dangerous mission to save the ocean from the evil town mayor. When a new boy finds an octopus, Alex forms an instant bond with her. And this little octopus is where their journey begins...

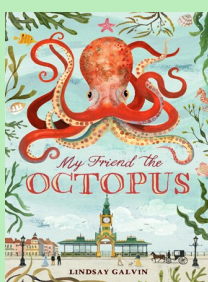
We loved this book!

By Connie and Maisie



S.Tink is a funny and creative book. It's about a boy called Danny, who accidentally summons a gross fairy by entertaining her sister. S.Tink / the fairy, will not leave Danny alone until she gets new wings. This is a hilarious book with really good illustrations.

By Imogen



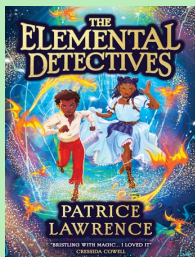
This book is really shocking and page turning. I really enjoyed it as some parts were emotional, some surprising and some thrilling. It's about a girl called Vinnie (short for Lavinia) who has to live with her aunt for a while, in Brighton, as her mum has to go to Paris for work. Vinnie and her friends go to the aquarium, but is her mother alright?

By Ella



All the Way Down was very real and emotional and it made both of us cry (not in a bad way). It is about a boy called Milo, who lost his brother Luke to an illness. Milo is at a summer camp in Cornwall for troubled children when one day they visit an old mine. Then something happens and Milo and his friends are trapped. We both loved it!

By Ela and Robyn



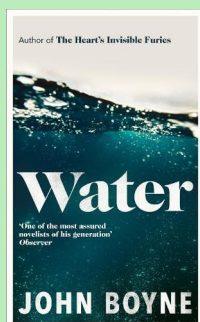
The Elemental Detectives is about two people called Marisee and Robert, who have to save London from a tragic sleeping curse. Along the way, there are many events leading to both good and bad things.

By Imogen

A group of bookworms in year 5 were very lucky to attend a book event at Brighton Festival one Saturday in May. The author of one of their favourite book club books, 'Onyeka', talked about her book series about the girl with the magical hair.



Our second hand bookshop will be in the playground after school once a week in term 6, weather permitting. All books cost £1 and the profit goes towards both Word Millionaire book tokens and new books. We currently have more books than we can fit in the trolley so please come along and support our little shop. We have also got a small box of books for adults should you wish to read a new book. Keep an eye out for a Dojo message telling you which day we are open.



Water by John Boyne, who also wrote *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, is a heartbreaking novel set on a remote Irish island. Vanessa Carvin has left Dublin and the first thing she does is change her name. She has come to escape her city life and a great scandal. However, scandals tend to be difficult to run away from and the reader is left with the question 'How guilty is Vanessa really?'. This is a fantastic read by a real gem of an author.

Mrs McMullen