



# Seaford Primary school Reading Newsletter

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Welcome to our very first Seaford Primary Reading Newsletter. Here you'll find reading recommendations for all ages as well as links to websites, events and general tips on how to help your child on their reading journey.



Dear readers of Seaford Primary School,

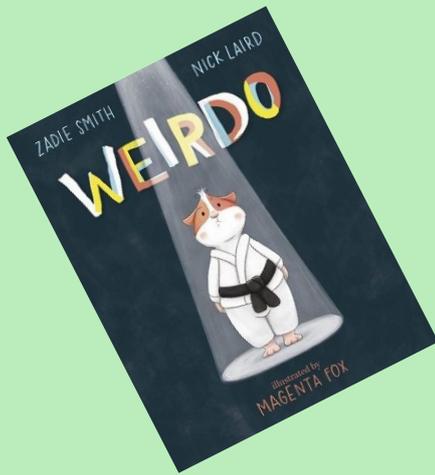
I hope you are enjoying being back at school and are having many reading and writing adventures. I adore reading because it allows me to live different lives, travel to different places, and have different adventures, all from my comfy armchair! I love writing too because it allows me to create my own worlds, filled with wonderful characters, lead my own adventures, and explore different ideas and emotions.

My books *The House with Chicken Legs*, *The Girl Who Speaks Bear*, and *The Castle of Tangled Magic* are all inspired by the Russian fairy tales my grandmother told me when I was young. I like to take old stories and make them relevant and exciting for readers today! I hope some of you enjoy reading them this year, and I hope you have some adventures of your own too!

Star-filled wishes,  
Sophie Anderson

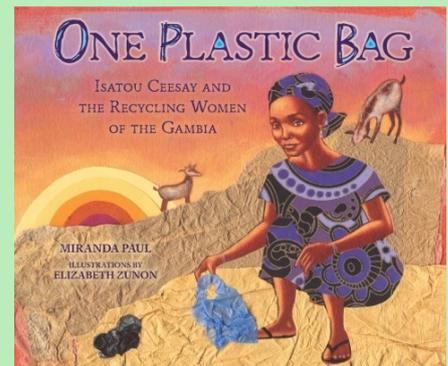


Thank you so much Sophie Anderson for your message to our school! We have all three books in the library and they are absolutely fantastic! If you like traditional tales with a fantasy twist, these are for you.

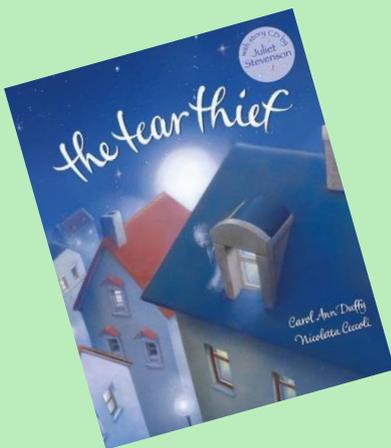


*Weirdo* by Zadie Smith and Nick Laird is a delightful read with lovely illustrations about not quite fitting in. How do we feel when we're judged because we're not like everybody else? What does prejudice do to us? This is a book for all ages to enjoy and discuss.

This very relevant book is set in Gambia, Africa, and based on the true story of Isatou Ceesay. She saw the problem that plastic bags were causing in her country, contamination and problems with goats swallowing them. She worked together with other women to solve the problem. A fantastic story with beautiful illustrations.



Decoding the words is only half of the reading experience. Talk about the story, the characters, the illustrations etc. with your child. Ask them their opinion and make them explain their ideas and thoughts.



Every night between dinner and bedtime, the Tear Thief carries her waterproof, silvery sack as she steals the tears of every child who cries. But what does she do with all those tears? This beautiful book by poet Carol Ann Duffy gives rise to many discussions.



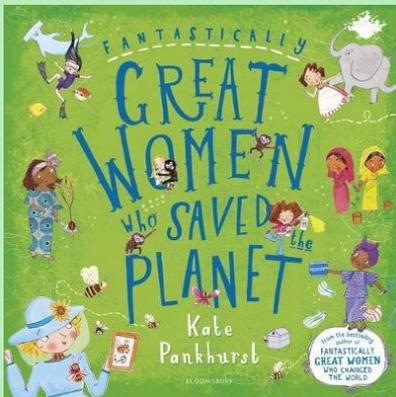
<https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/page-82-app-for-ipad.aspx>

If you have an Ipad, then try this Phonics App from Sounds-Write. It's really helpful for encouraging children to decode words.



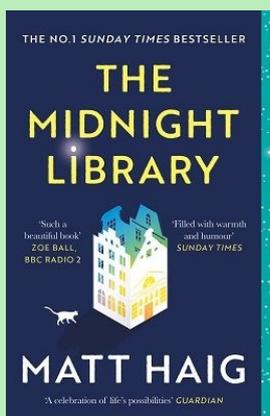
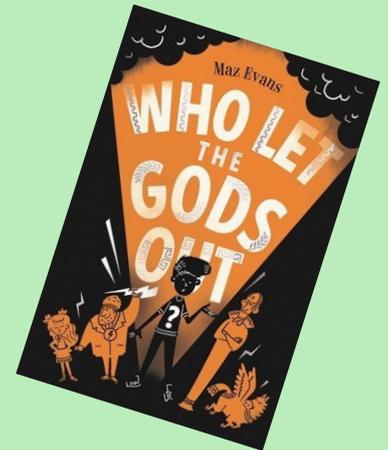
*The school book shop is full to the brim. We have books for all ages and they're just £1 each. Please send some money with your child/children when it's their turn to have the mobile book shop. Information will be posted on Class Dojo.*

*The Land of Roar is the first of three books by Jenny McLachlan. Twins Arthur and Rose are staying with grandad when he all of a sudden vanishes. They follow him into The Land of Roar, the imaginary world Grandad would tell them about when they were younger. Could it be a real place? Will they be able to find Grandad before it's too late? This is definitely a book for lovers of adventures!*



*This is one of several books about Fantastically Great Women by Kate Pankhurst. In this particular one we hear awe-inspiring stories of women who spent their lives protecting the Earth and everything living here. A very inspirational and interesting book that fits in very well with where we are at the moment. Could this be the starting point for some environmental action plan in Seaford?*

*Elliot lives with his Mum, who unfortunately isn't very well. Everything is going well at school but when a shooting star crashes to earth, it lands Elliot smack bang in the path of Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. How many things can go wrong? Many! This is a page turner that will have you falling over laughing! Why not also read the other books in this series by Maz Evans : Simply the Quest, Beyond the Odyssey and Against All Gods.*



*And here's a book recommendation for the adults.*

*When Nora finds herself in The Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right, to make changes to the choices she's made in life. But will these changes change her life for the better?*

*The Midnight Library by Brighton based author Matt Haig is a book that leaves you happy, content and appreciative of the life you have. A genuinely brilliant read! By .MrsMcMullen*