# Little Green Reading Review



January is always a good time of year for new book publications and we're proud to be on the case with the latest releases (some of which are included in this issue). Christmas has also come and gone and we would love to know if anyone got a great book as a gift (I certainly did!) perhaps you could leave a comment on our new school website to let us know!



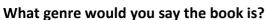
#### Teacher Recommendation -

This time: Mr Hyde

#### Which book are you recommending?

I'm recommending Wed Wabbit, by Lissa Evans. It's a seriously wacky book which will make both children and adults howl with laughter. Younger children may need adults to read it with them though so they don't miss any of the

jokes!



The book is funny. Seriously funny. It is definitely a fantasy story, set in the world of Wimbley-Woo. Characters include a giant red Rabbit, Wimblies (of the pink, grey, blue, orange, green and purple kind), a talking carrot on wheels and a dramatic elephant. The two main characters couldn't be more different; Fidge is bold and full of character, and Graham is a bit of a wimp!

#### Without giving too much away, what is the book about?

Wed Wabbit is about Fidge, a girl who has had enough of her little sister getting the limelight. Her sister is obsessed with her cuddly toy, Wed Wabbit - who Fidge hates. A freak lightning storm transports Fidge to the land of Wimbley-woo (a world from her sister's favourite picture book). The Wimblies who live there are being suppressed by an evil dictator... who do you think it will end up being...? Fidge has to work with other strange characters to save them from peril.

#### What was so enjoyable about the book?

This book is just hilarious - perhaps my favourite part of it is the fact that the Wimblies can only talk in rhyme. Sometimes they struggle to find a good rhyming word and have to improvise!

#### Can you tell us some great vocabulary you saw in the book?

I just love all the rhyming that the Wimbly-Woos do, I'm sure you'll find that you love the rhyming too!



## Quick Suggestions:

#### The Dog Who Saved the World - Ross Welford (All Ages)

When eleven-year-old Georgie befriends an eccentric retired scientist, she becomes the test subject for a thrilling new experiment: a virtual-reality 3D

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version of the future. But then a deadly disease threatens the life of every dog in the country and Georgie's dog, Mr Mash, gets sick. And that's only the start of her troubles. Soon, Georgie and Mr Mash must embark on a desperate quest: to save every dog on earth, and maybe even all of humanity ... ... without actually leaving the room. An extraordinary quest with the biggest stakes of all, and a huge idea at its heart, this is time travel - not as you know it.

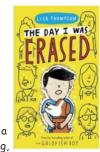
#### Check this out:

https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/kidszone/videos/time-travel-adventure-withreal-heart-the-dog-who-saved-the-world

(Three copies of 'The Dog who saved the World' are available in the Little Green library!)

## The Day I was Erased -Lisa Thompson (All Ages)

Maxwell is always in trouble. He's a total menace to his teachers and big sister, but has a soft side, too: he rescued his dog,



Monster, from being run over and checks on his elderly neighbour after school. One day, while looking through a mysterious cabinet of curiosities, Maxwell finds himself erased from his life: it's as if he's never been born. At first, being able to walk around without being yelled at is great, but Maxwell starts to miss his old life. A story of family, friendship and finding your place in the world.

### The Train to Impossible Places - P.G Bell (All ages)

It's not every day that a magical train drives through your hallway

but that's what happens to Suzy at the opening of this terrific adventure story. She discovers

it's the Impossible Postal Express, responsible for making deliveries throughout the Union of Impossible Places. Being something of a scientist, and deeply inquisitive, Suzy can't let this opportunity pass and climbs aboard. Fans of magical stories mustn't miss this train!



#### Little Green Recommends for parents: www.lovereading4kids.co.uk

## What is it all about?

Lovereading4kids.co.uk is a brilliant website for finding something to read. As a children's book fanatic, it is the first place I look when I want to know what to go and spend my pocket-money on in a bookshop.

The website allows you to browse books by age-rating, genre and whether or not it has been shortlisted for awards. Clicking on a book then allows you to read a synopsis and a little more about the author.

Perhaps the most useful tool though is the ability to read an extract from a book to get a flavour of it. Whilst this is not available for all the books on the website, it certainly has many that do have an extract available. It's worth noting that you need to create a free account - children, ask your parents to do that.





## Reviews by children, for children – and reading news!

- Here (right) are some of the texts being read by children in Year 6 at the moment. I love the variety of text types and genres! Well done!
- I had a parent ask to borrow a book after a child had finished with it this week. This is brilliant for the children to see.
- Diary Date 7<sup>th</sup> March until 14<sup>th</sup> March
   The book fair will be at Little Green Junior School.

  More details coming soon.
- Thank you FOLG as ever for their contribution towards new books for our school library. As previously mentioned, we are very proud of the quality of our library. Thank you to everyone for supporting it.



I want your recommendations and reviews! If you've read something great, write me a review and drop it into Rowan Class (Mr Hyde) this half term and you could be included in the next issue!