

Little Green Reading Review

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It's time for Issue 6 of the Little Green Reading Review. This year, in line with our curriculum, Year 6 are going to take over the Reading Review and use their voices to promote reading. Look out for their book reviews, articles and ideas in the coming issues!

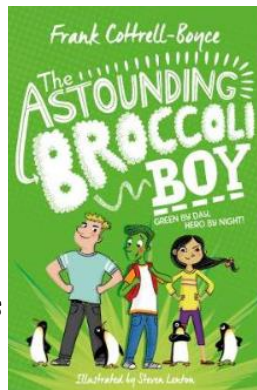
Hopefully many of you took on the Croxley Library 'Space Race' over the summer holidays - if you completed it, make sure to let your teacher know so we can celebrate it in school! Keep your eyes out for our upcoming new 'Reading Spine' too! We're going to challenge you to read 100 brilliant recommended books over your time here at Little Green - how exciting is that!

Teacher Recommendation –

This time: Mr Hyde

Which book are you recommending?

The Astounding Broccoli Boy –
Frank Cottrell Boyce



The first Frank Cottrell Boyce book I read was Millions, and I thought it was so funny that I decided to read another of his books. This one stood out for its wacky title!

What genre would you say the book is?

Comedy, mock-superhero!

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

The Astounding Broccoli Boy is really a boy called Rory Rooney. He's just your run-of-the-mill, average boy. That is until he turns green after a school trip, along with the school bully, and is put in isolation in the hospital. Whilst in isolation, Rory discovers that he has superpowers and is truly astounding!

What was so enjoyable about the book?

I love the way that Rory deals with issues such as bullying, friendship and self-confidence, underneath Frank Cottrell Boyce's humour and imaginative storyline. The city they live in is also under an epidemic of a made-up illness called 'Killer Kittens' which is funny! I enjoyed this book as an audiobook - why don't you give that a try, if you haven't already.

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

Medical words: Contagious (spreads easily), Isolation (kept apart from everyone else), Epidemic (a large outbreak of an illness).

Quick Suggestions:

The Girl Who Speaks Bear –
Sophie Anderson (Year 5/6)



Yanka has grown up with her foster-mother

Mamochka who found her in the wild as a baby. She mostly feels at home and happy in their village, though she's conscious that she's much bigger and stronger than the other children. All that changes after an accident when Yanka wakes up to find she has the legs of a bear. She also has, less alarmingly, the ability to understand animals, including her pet weasel the charismatic Mousetrap. Remembering a story about a family turned into bears, she sets off with Mousetrap to find out who she really is. Yanka's adventures are full of danger and enchantment.

The Girl with Space in

her Heart –
Lara Williamson
(Year 4/5/6)



Mabel Mynt knows a lot about space... like how we feel connected to the stars because we are all made of stardust. And that Mum's new boyfriend, Galactic Gavin, has eyes that twinkle like Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky. And that sometimes the perfect place for her sister, Terrible Topaz, would be a black hole. But Mabel doesn't know how to fill the space in her heart that Dad left when he walked out.

Greta's Story – Valentina Camerini
(All ages)

Every young person will have heard of Greta Thunberg, the schoolgirl whose strikes for the climate have developed into a world-wide movement and put young peoples' voices at the heart of the efforts to protect our planet. This book tells Greta's story, explaining how a wary, quiet girl from Sweden has found the courage and determination to stand up for what she knows is crucial to the future of every one of us.



Ask us about our Class story!

3R - The BFG
3E - The BFG
3H - The BFG

4R - Little Foxes
4E - Little Foxes
4H - Little Foxes

5R - Beetle Boy
5E - Beetle Boy
5H - Beetle Boy

6R - There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom
6E - The Elephant in the Garden
6H - The Many Worlds of Albie Bright



Author Visit

Year Five and Six are lucky enough to have an author visit planned for November thanks to Chorleywood Bookshop.

Sita Brahmachari will be coming in to talk about being a writer and about her book, 'Where the River Runs Gold'. She will also be able to sign copies of the book.

Details on purchasing the book will be available in the coming weeks.



Reviews by children, for children

Journey to Jo'burg - Neve M (6R)

What is the book about?

This book is about a girl, a baby boy and another boy. They're all siblings. The baby boy is very ill. Their mum lives in Jo'burg so the girl (called Neledi) and the boy (Tiro) have no money and are looked after by their auntie and grandma. They can't afford to send a telegram to their mum so one night Tiro and Nedeli escape without telling their auntie and start a journey to Jo'burg to find their mum. But... do they find her?

I would recommend this book to children who like adventure stories.

Some of the great vocab in the book includes:

Melie = Corn on the Cob
Mamgware = Grandma
Mma = Mum
Gretas = Oranges



Mr Hyde adds... This book, released in 1986, touches on a time of great unfairness in South Africa called Apartheid. This story is about young children who won't let injustice crush them, A great read.

Author Focus: Emma Carroll

Emma Carroll writes fantastic historical fiction books and is great for learning about events of the past, through fictional stories.

Her latest book, just out, is called The Somerset Tsunami. Based in 1616, it tackles issues from the time in a beautifully written way. Available now in our school library.



Other notable Emma Carroll books include:

Sky Chasers (Invention of the hot air balloon).
Secrets of a Sun King (Discovery of Tutankhamen)
Letters from the Lighthouse (The Blitz)

A reminder about the fantastic website:

www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk

It is so worth signing up to see recommended books and to read extracts from new books!

Year 6 want your recommendations and reviews! If you've read something great, write us a review and drop it into 6R (Mr Hyde) - you could be included in the next issue!