



Welcome back to AWA Readers!

In this newsletter you can find recommendations from your book-loving teachers and find out what is going to be read this term.

A massive thank you to everyone who wore their own clothes on the last day of term and brought in £1. This money will contribute to new books for our class libraries, meaning more books for you all to read and enjoy.

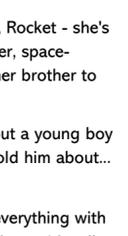
Miss Taylor has been reading...

I have spent a lot of this half term reading (as usual!) and here are some of my favourites! These are aimed at year 5 and 6, but keep reading for some suggestions for Reception and up.

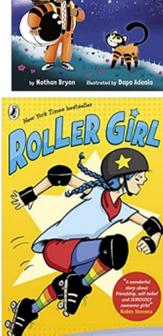


Shipwreck Island is the second in the Orphans of the Tide series by Struan Murray. These books are spectacular fantasy adventures that take place on islands that have survived the Drowning of the World. Inventors, mysteries, Gods and never being sure who you can trust—I devoured the second book in a couple of days.

Second, **When the Sky Falls** by Phil Earle is a World War story like no other. Inspired by a true story, this book tells the story of one boy, one zoo and one gorilla. How do you look after a zoo of animals and keep everyone safe when bombs are falling from the sky? A true gem of a story!



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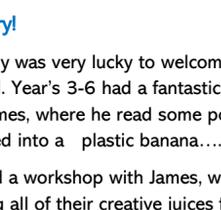
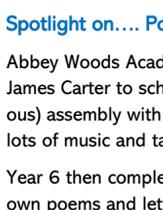


EYFS: Super Duper You - Sometimes we are loud, sometimes we are quiet, sometimes bold and clanky, sometimes soft and cuddly. A perfect book to read aloud - and then read again, and again!

KS1: Look Up - Meet science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived! But can she get her brother to look up and away from his phone?

LKS2: Ocean Meets Sky - A picture book about a young boy who sets sail to find a place his grandfather told him about... the spot where the ocean meets the sky.

UKS2: Roller Girl - Astrid has always done everything with her best friend Nicole. So when Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for a summer camp, she's sure Nicole will be right by her side - until Nicole signs up for ballet camp instead, with Astrid's biggest rival. A great graphic novel to try.



Check out these sites for great booklists and activities.

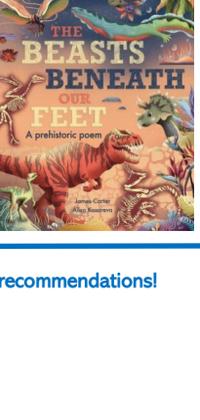
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Spotlight on.... Poetry!

Abbey Woods Academy was very lucky to welcome the poet James Carter to school. Year's 3-6 had a fantastic (and hilarious) assembly with James, where he read some poems, played lots of music and talked into a plastic banana....

Year 6 then completed a workshop with James, writing their own poems and letting all of their creative juices flow.

You can find out more about James Carter and his poetry on his website: www.jamescarterpoet.co.uk



Check out his new book, **The Beasts Beneath our Feet!** Dig down through the layers of the Earth and travel back in time. Meet the trilobites that scuttled and crawled; the munching, crunching dinosaurs; and a herd of roaming woolly mammoths. This rhyming read will take you on a prehistoric adventure!



Next newsletter... look out for our Christmas recommendations!