



BOOK BOX BITES

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Hi Bookboxers, I hope your Summer Term has started well. With the warmer weather coming, it's the perfect time to plan an outdoor reading event for Summer!

I'm trying a bit of a different format for the newsletter so do let me know if it works for you. I'm still aiming to provide you with research, recommendations and a resource/practical ideas to help you create a reading classroom, but in a slimmed down format.

There's so many books out there, I'm going to just try to recommend a couple of favourites for the month as well as some practical ideas for the coming few weeks.

Do pop it up in the staff room to share with others and for a daily drip feed of reviews, follow me over on Instagram @mrsbrownbookbox.

Esther x



RESEARCH

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENGAGEMENT WITH COMICS IN 2023

The most recent research from the National Literacy Trust has been published and it focusses on the importance of Graphic Novels and Comics.

Here's some of the Key Findings that show how essential it is to provide a broad reading diet for our children.

- 49.7% of 8-to-11-year-olds read comics or graphic novels on paper, screen, or both at least once a month.
- More boys than girls read comics in their free time.
- Children and young people who read comics were more engaged with reading, regardless of their age.
- More of those who read comics rated themselves as 'very good' or 'good' readers compared with those who didn't read comics (86.0% vs 76.3%).
- Children and young people said that they read comics because they were accessible and engaging, supported their wellbeing, and provided opportunities to learn about different cultures.

[Click here to access the full report.](#)





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READING RECOMMENDATIONS



Bringing you some of the best recent publications for the classroom and curriculum.

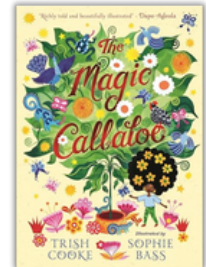
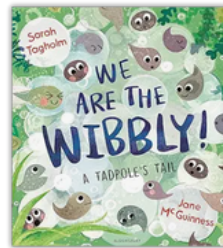
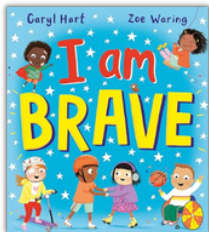
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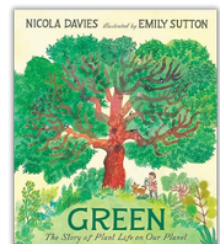
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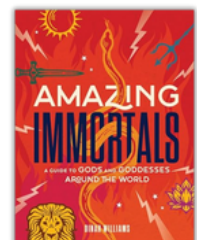
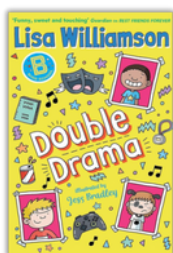
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CREATING READING CLASSROOMS

Useful Dates coming up
April 22nd - Earth Day
May - National Share a Story Month
June - Pride Month
June 11th - Empathy Day
June 6th - Refugee week

There was a great chat over on Instagram @mrsbrownbookbox around this post. You can find the PDF [here](#) and do read the insights in the comments.



5 ideas for the coming term

- Get the Reading Ambassadors to create themed shelves for up coming events/awareness days.
- Share stories across school in May - older classes paired with younger classes, teacher swaps to read stories, lunchtime stories in the dinner hall etc.
- An 'after SATS project for Year 6 ~ create a reading assembly promoting reading for pleasure and recommending books.
- Plan a reading event for summer term e.g. a reading cafe or a reading picnic. This could link to mental health week or empathy day and promote the power of reading for wellbeing.
- Prep a box of books and some blankets/cushions for children to take outside and read in the sun at breaks.

