



# BOOK BOX BITES

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## Non-Fiction November!

Hi and welcome to all the new members of the BookBox community. You're so welcome here in this group of educators who all have a passion for reading and recommending high quality books to our students.

This issue is as always packed with recommendations and ideas for developing a love of reading. There's a focus on Non-Fiction November as well as Empathy Month and other key events.

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 @mrsbrownsbookbox.

Esther x

## Useful Dates coming up November

Non-Fiction November  
Empathy Action Month

5th - Bonfire night

11th - Armistice Day

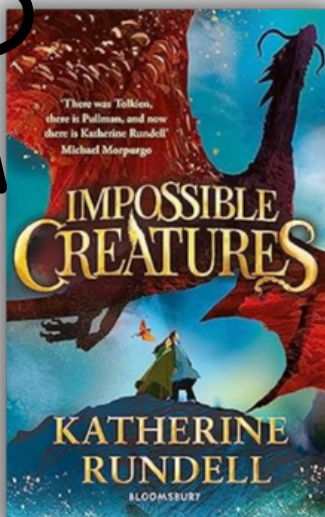
13th - Diwali

13th - Anti-Bullying Week

13th - Nursery Rhyme Week



## MY MONTHLY MIDDLE GRADE RECOMMENDATION



## READING FOR PLEASURE ~ NON-FICTION RESEARCH

- The Literacy Trust 2022 commissioned a report into children's non-fiction reading had some interesting findings.
- The Non-fiction reading is popular regardless of gender and socio-economic background. A similar percentage of boys and girls (54.5% vs. 56.7%) and children who did and didn't receive free school meals (54.1% vs. 55.7%) said they read non-fiction in their free time.
- Overall, this report found that more children and young people who read non-fiction were motivated to read for educational purposes, to satisfy curiosities, to foster social connections and to support their mental wellbeing. At the same time, we found a clear link between non-fiction reading and environmental awareness and action. This included reading and writing about the environment in their free time, emphasising the important role of literacy and non-fiction reading in helping children and young people engage with their interests and with the world around them.
- **[Read the full report here.](#)**





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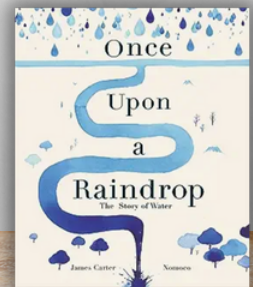
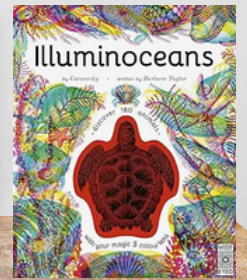
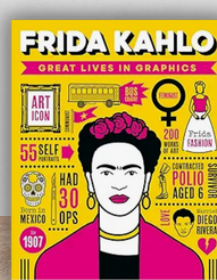
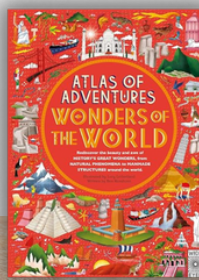
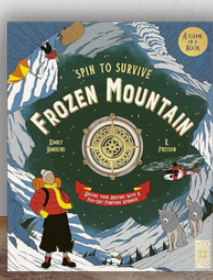
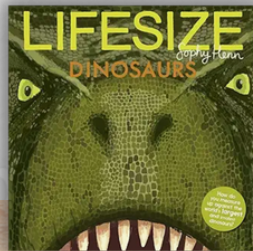
## NON-FICTION NOVEMBER

Non-fiction November celebrates the breadth, depth and rich variety of non-fiction writing. It is organised by the FCBG (The Federation of Children's Book Groups) and you can find out more on their [website here](#).

There is also a competition your children can enter to design a postcard. A link to further [information can be found here](#).

Here's two shelves of 5 non-fiction favourites that have really encouraged reading for pleasure in my classroom and a shelf for the Non-Fiction November theme - Wonderful Water,

ALL FROM  
SUPERB SERIES







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## CREATING READING SCHOOLS



### 5 easy to implement ideas for Non-Fiction November

1. Create non-fiction reading rivers ~ this could be whole class or individual. Children (and the teachers) look at all their reading through the day and record it on the river. See how much we read for information through the day.
2. Pass the Parcel ~ There's a couple of ways to do this:
  - a) have clues to/facts from the central book in each layer.
  - b) Place a different non-fiction book cover into each layer to discuss.
  - c) Place a question in each layer for that child to find the answer to in a book.
3. Make a whole school fab fact wall.
4. Instructions ~ have a class bake off following instructions to make tasty treats. Enjoy them in the library and invite parents in to read and share books.
5. Scavenger hunt ~ Attached below.



FREE RESOURCE:  
GET YOUR EDITABLE NON FICTION SCAVENGER HUNT  
HERE.





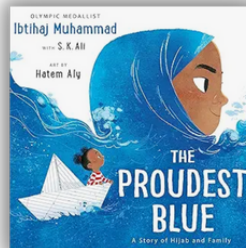
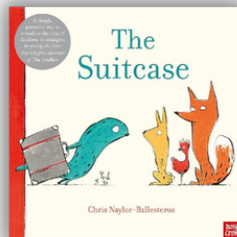
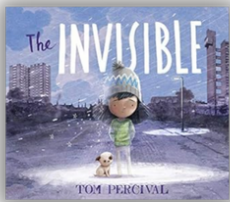
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## EMPATHY ACTION MONTH

Empathy Action Month encourages people to take time to put empathy into action.

Here's 3 of my favourite empathy building reads ~ great for assemblies.



Take a look at the resources and booklists at the [Empathy Lab website](https://www.empathylab.org).



This one is also appropriate to use for anti bullying week.

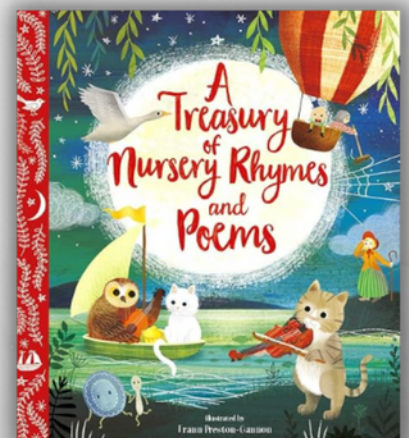
## BOOKS USEFUL FOR ASSEMBLIES THIS MONTH



Celebrating Diwali



Books for Remembrance Day



Nursery rhyme week