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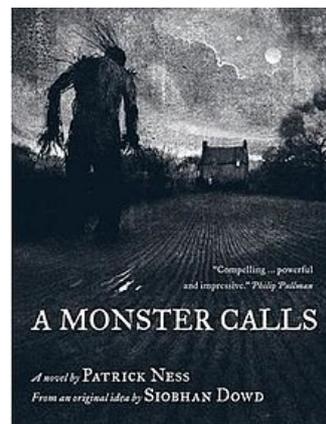
A termly newsletter for those who love reading, those who would like to know more about reading or for those who haven't really caught the reading bug...yet!

Dr Shorrock Recommends: A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

This novel is about a boy called Conor whose mum is suffering with cancer. Conor undergoes various emotional responses to his mum's condition especially when his mum is admitted to hospital, one of which is the appearance of a monster when he has nightmares: "The Monster showed up just after midnight. As they do". The monster is in the

form of a special yew tree that grows in Conor's back garden and it tells Conor several stories to help him understand what is happening. The story is an emotional roller-coaster of love, loss and hope where the 'monster' helps Conor to come to terms with the fact that he does not want his mum to 'go': "I don't want you to go," he said, the

tears dropping from his eyes, slowly at first, then spilling like a river. The story is about a journey from innocence into knowledge and from simplicity into complexity.



What other people have to say about A Monster Calls...

Kamila said, "It is an interesting book to read because you always want to know what happens next."

Abigail said, "The story made me feel emotional because you don't know what is happening to mum and you don't know if she is going to survive".



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Highlights from
the UK Literacy
Association
longlist

3-6 years

- ☉ Do Not Lick this Book by Idan Ben-Barak
- ☉ Luna Loves Library Day by Joseph Coelho
- ☉ After the Fall by Dan Santat
- ☉ The New Neighbours by Sarah McIntyre
- ☉ The Old Man by Sarah V
- ☉ Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers

7-11 years

- ☉ The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes by Ying Chang Compestine
- ☉ The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
- ☉ The Children of Castle Rock by Natasha Farrant
- ☉ Running on Empty by S.E. Durrant
- ☉ Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend
- ☉ Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

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Quality Texts for children 3-11+

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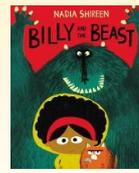
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Author of the term: Nadia Shireen



Nadia Shireen writes and illustrates picture books for young children. She lives in London and as a child loved making comics and magazines.

Nadia was appointed BookTrust's new Writer-Illustrator in Residence earlier in 2018. As Residents authors are encouraged to share topics they are passionate about; Nadia said, "First, I want to celebrate funny books: from silly picture books to witty novels and everything in between. Secondly, I feel it's really important that every young reader can see themselves represented in the books they read - regardless of gender, ethnicity or social class." You can find retellings of "The cow who fell to Earth" and "The Bumblebear" on YouTube.



Interesting facts about Nadia in her own words

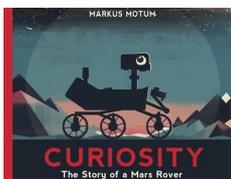
At school "I was very shy. But I managed to achieve some credibility in the playground by teaching my peers how to do "bubble writing" and draw pictures of Garfield (a popular cartoon cat, famed for eating lasagne and disliking Mondays).

I have weird hair! Everyone in my family had straight, thick hair. I turned up with a head full of insane curly hair that got so big I would sometimes have to walk sideways through doorways. (Her story character, "Billy" in Billy and the Beast, seems to be based on herself. Billy has big hair that she hides things in! - "Billy kept all sorts of stuff in her hair. It was very useful for stashing things in. Like doughnuts.")

Now I live my dream! Writing and drawing stories for a living is definitely a dream come true. I love my job. However, there are other dreams that haven't come true. I've never been able to fly, haven't got a tail, and have never had an argument with Ant and Dec outside Morrisons. Let's hope these dreams remain a fantasy."

Non-Fiction in focus...

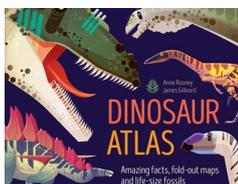
During Term 1, a group of KS2 children took part in weekly group discussions based around six new and exciting Science based books. We were sent these to judge as part of The Young People's Book Prize organised by The Royal Society. If you are looking for some Science themed books, the following come highly recommended by us!



Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover by Markus Motum.

The children loved that this story was told from the perspective of Curiosity, the Mars Rover sent to explore the red planet .

Lonely Planet's Dinosaur Atlas by Anne Rooney, illustrated by James Gilleard.



This book is full of amazing facts and information. Flaps and un-foldable maps also made this book popular with the children.



Exploring Space by Martin Jenkins, illustrated by Stephen Biesty.

The whole story of space! We didn't have enough time to appreciate this book fully - it could definitely keep you occupied for hours!

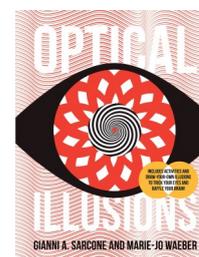
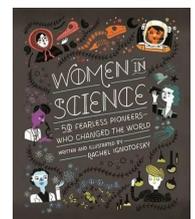
Scientist Academy by Steve Martin, illustrated by Essi Kimpimäki.

This book is packed full of activities, puzzles, games and stickers for budding scientists to try out!



Women in Science by Rachel Ignatofsky.

A beautifully presented celebration of some of the most inspirational women in Science.



Optical Illusions by Gianni A. Sarcone and Marie-Jo Waeber.

This was our winner and was also crowned the overall winner. The children loved exploring all the different optical illusions and discussing what one another could