

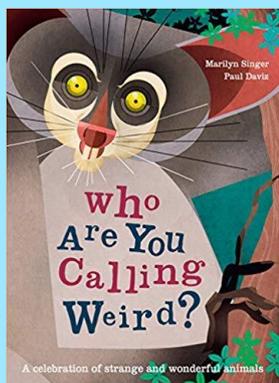


Swallowdale's Reading Newsletter

February 2020



We are delighted that our KS2 library has now reopened after a good sort out and reorganisation. Our school librarians open the library each lunch time for children in KS2 to come in and read for a while or to borrow a book. We are hugely grateful to the Friends of Swallowdale who have donated £500 to add new books to the shelves – see below for three of the new non-fiction titles we now have available and a recommended read for our younger readers too.



Celebrate the weird, wonderful and the downright bizarre in this compelling compendium of unusual animals. From the green fur of a three-toed sloth, to the pink and wiggly appendage of the star-nosed mole, there's something new to marvel at on every page.

Delve into the forests, burrow under the ground and dive into the deep to discover nature's most peculiar creatures and learn about their behaviour, diet and habitat, as well as folk beliefs about each animal.

Hundreds of people dare to climb Mount Everest every year, following in Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay's footsteps, hoping to experience Earth's highest peak. But there is so much more to this mountain than the brave mountaineers who climb it.

Travel back to its ancient origins, learn about the flowers and plants that grow upon this great peak, and discover the rich history of religions, myths, and legends that surround this great Sagarmatha, the Goddess of the Sky.



Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at math...really good.

They participated in some of NASA's greatest successes, like providing the calculations for America's first journeys into space. And they did so during a time when being black and a woman limited what they could do.

But they worked hard. They persisted. And they used their genius minds to change the world.

It's not only humans who can build incredible structures: around the world, mammals, birds and insects can be found building incredible things.

From big beaver dams to tiny caddisfly cases, this beautifully illustrated picture book explores each animal's incredible home and uncovers the reasons why they build.





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It is really important for children to read regularly and access a wide variety of books. To encourage everyone to try something different this year, we have a new reading challenge coming home.

Books can be read independently, listened to or shared – reading is reading!



20 books to read in 2020!

Can you read a book of each type this year?

Write in the title and author of each book.

				A book written before you were born!	A picture book.
A book with an animal character.	A book that makes you laugh.	A non-fiction book.	A book set with a character from another country.	A book recommended to you by someone.	A book you have read before.
A book by an author you've never read before.	A history book.	A book you wouldn't normally choose.	A poetry book.	A book from the school library.	A biography.
A book linked to the natural world.	An adventure book.	A book with a character you admire.	A book set in an imaginary world.	An unusual, spooky or scary story.	A book you'd recommend to a teacher.

Any Recommendations?

Have you read a book you'd love to tell others about?

If you'd like to recommend a book to be featured in one of our newsletters, please write down the title, author and tell us why you would recommend it.

Recommendations can be given to Mrs Edwards, class teachers or emailed to reading@swallowdaleschool.co.uk

Remember there is also a library in town where books can be requested and borrowed – free of charge.

Melton Mowbray Library Opening Hours:
Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri: 10 – 6pm, Sat: 10 – 4pm.

