



Welcome.... to the latest edition of our reading for pleasure newsletter. I hope that National Poetry Day went well – and that you shared lots of fantastic poems with the children. More poetry later on in this edition....

Reading Rocks Teacher Book Subscription: I mentioned this new subscription service at the beginning of September. If you subscribe, you will receive two newly published books, emailed teacher notes and a few extra goodies. The books



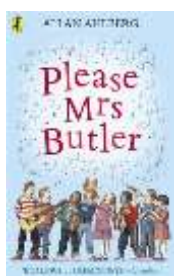
(RRP £6.99 each) are sent out every two months and there are four different subscription packages available: EYFS, KS1, Y3+Y4 and Y5+Y6. Go to: www.wherereadingrocks.com/rr-teacher-book-box-subscription/ for more information.

The subscription is £16.50 every two months. I received my first delivery at the weekend. It included new books from Onjali Q. Rauf (the Blue Peter Prize-winning author of 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and 'The Star Outside My Window') and Sophie Anderson (writer of 'The House With Chicken Legs' and 'The Girl Who Speaks Bear' – and Malvern-visiting author).

According to the LoveReading4Kids website, Rauf's new book – 'The Night Bus Hero' has a publication date of October 15th. Sophie Anderson's latest – 'The Castle of Tangled Magic' – was released on October 1st. Visit www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk for reviews of both.



I also received bookmarks, a badge, posters and a bright yellow Usborne book bag!

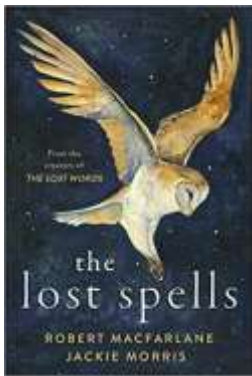
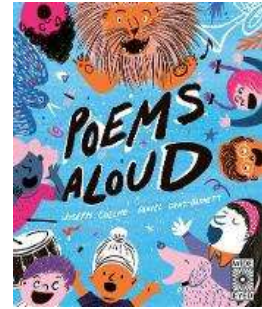


Poetry: One of my favourite books of poems for children is Allan Ahlberg's 'Please Mrs Butler'. It's filled with gems such as 'Supply Teacher', 'Dog in the Playground', 'Colin' and 'When I Was Young'. As poems should be, they're a joy to read out loud and perform – and they always go down really well with the children. A fantastic book!



'Fire Burn, Cauldron Bubble': Cath Fraser introduced me to this fab book. It contains poems selected by Paul Cookson that touch on magic of all kinds. The poems are mostly newly written, but are interspersed with well-known verses from Shakespeare, Lewis Carroll and Tennyson – and are beautifully illustrated by Eilidh Muldoon. It was published on September 17th and is an October book of the month on LoveReading4Kids.

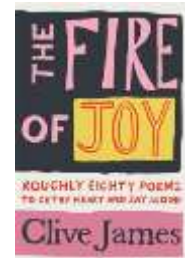
'Poems Aloud' by Joseph Coelho: This was published in February and is wittily illustrated by Daniel Gray-Barnett. The New York Times said: 'Every poem comes with a few lines of stage direction...but the real appeal is the poems themselves, with their vivid images and lively voices and colourful mixed-media illustrations.' I've ordered a copy and am happy to share.



'The Lost Spells': Again, I have Miss Fraser to thank for this one. Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris's 'The Lost Words' was published in 2017 and won the Kate Greenaway Medal in 2019. And like its predecessor, 'The Lost Spells' just overflows with beautiful words and images. It contains twenty-one new 'spell' poems inspired by the natural world. I read this over the weekend and it's a real delight. Suitable for ages nine to ninety.



Clive James: The critic, journalist, broadcaster, writer...and poet passed away last year. For all of his adult life, James was a writer of (and enthusiast for) poetry. During the last few months of his life, he worked with his daughter to put together this anthology of poems that he'd loved, remembered and recited. If you're not particularly a poetry fan, I reckon this would be a great place to start. Recommendations – both poetic and narrative – are always welcome.



Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (5/10/20)

(At home I'm reading 'The Girl Who Became a Tree – A Story Told in Poems' by Joseph Coelho. In class I'm reading 'October, October' by Katya Balen. I'm reading 'The Legend of Podkin One Ear' by Keiran Larwood to 4PK.