



Skegness Junior Academy Reading Newsletter



This Autumn, fall in to a good book!

“Everyone is a reader, some just haven’t found the right book yet...”

Lincolnshire Reading Pledge Award

Last year, we joined the Lincolnshire Reading Pledge and we are proud to announce that Skegness Junior Academy has achieved the bronze award. This recognises our commitment to fostering confident, fluent and enthusiastic readers and developing a reading for pleasure culture within our academy. Our pledge to promote reading for pleasure continues as we now work towards achieving the silver award.



Family Read sessions

This term, we would love to welcome you to our family read sessions. On the dates below, we would like to invite families to join us in the classroom from 2:30pm to share a story with your child and help us to continue to spread the love of reading.

These sessions run from 2:30pm. Please note, there is a different date for each year group.

Year 3 – Monday 24th November
Year 4 – Tuesday 25th November
Year 5 – Wednesday 26th November
Year 6- Thursday 27th November



Change your story

The National Year of Reading 2026

The 2025 National Literacy Trust survey revealed that only **1 in 3** children and young people aged 8 to 18 said they enjoyed reading in their free time and fewer than **1 in 5** read something daily in their free time.

This is the **lowest level** recorded since the survey began in 2005.

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a UK-wide campaign, led by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust, aimed at transforming the reading culture of the country. It launches in January 2026 and we are looking forward to taking part in this campaign and empowering our young readers to find joy and confidence in their reading skills.

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Welcome to Skegness Junior Academy's Amazon wishlist for books. Here you'll find a selection of books, carefully chosen to enhance our class book corners and school library and nurture a lifelong love of reading in our pupils.



To browse the books on our Amazon wishlist, or donate a book to school, please visit the link below:

[Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

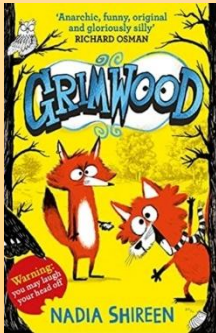
Our wishlist will be updated throughout the year and is a fantastic way for parents and friends of our academy to support us in ensuring pupils have access to new and high-quality literature. By gifting a book to our school, you can help us to create a vibrant and engaging reading environment, where each book becomes a gateway to new worlds, ideas and knowledge.

Contributions are voluntary, and we understand that not everyone is in a position to donate a book to the school. We thank you in advance for your ongoing support in helping us to foster a love of reading.

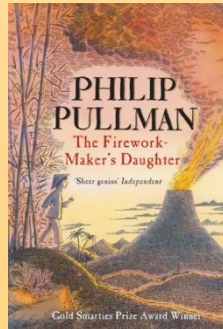


A huge thank you for the books which were donated last academic year.

What have we been reading?



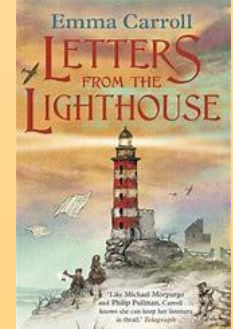
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Reading at home

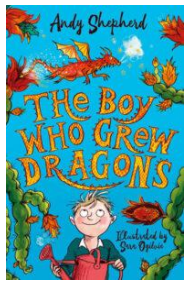
Reading at home is a precious time for you and your child to relax, have fun and chat together. Whilst sharing books, your child has your undivided attention, and the conversation, connection and enjoyment they experience is invaluable.

Open University research suggests that there are three important ways to support children to develop a lifelong habit and love of reading:

- Reading aloud
- Time to read as a family
- Book chat

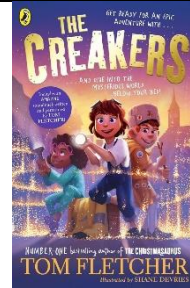


Recommended reads!



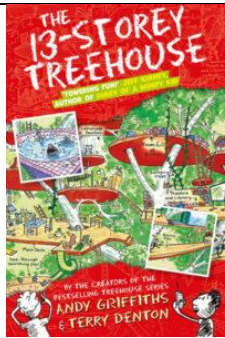
The Boy Who Grew Dragons **Andy Shepherd**

The first in a series, this hugely entertaining adventure is about a small boy and his pet dragon. Tomas is busy in the garden with Grandad, planning which fruits to grow that might be turned into delicious jams or tarts. When Tomas stumbles across a strange tree with curious-looking fruit, he never expects that what might emerge from the fruit is a real live dragon! This is an adventure that is humorous at every turn, but also full of heart. **(Year 3/Year 4)**



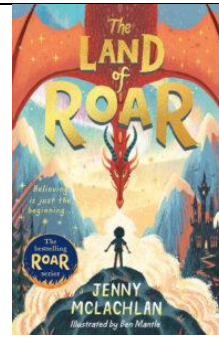
The Creakers **Tom Fletcher**

An adventure story that fans of Roald Dahl will enjoy. The story revolves around the plight of a girl named Lucy, who has been left distraught after her parents suddenly go missing. Lucy soon finds that all of the children on her street seem to be facing the same fate, with their parents disappearing as well. Consequently, the children embark on a rampage, causing havoc in houses and on the street, and creating a mess everywhere. A brave adventure story coupled with likeable characters and humour. **(Year 3/Year 4)**



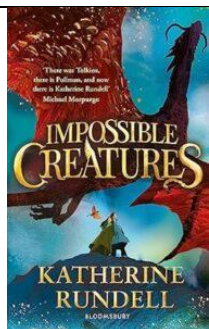
The 13 Storey Treehouse **Andy Griffiths**

The series features a fun-loving pair of friends who live in an imaginative treehouse with lots of fun extra rooms. As the series progresses, the treehouse expands and before long contains everything from a movie theatre, dinosaur petting zoo, marshmallow-toasting volcano and a ninja snail academy. Highly illustrated with comic-style line drawings, treehouse diagrams and speech bubbles, these books are wildly popular with children aged 7 plus. **(Year 3/Year 4)**



Land of Roar **Jenny McLachlan**

Land of Roar is an instantly gripping adventure where childhood games become a reality for two twins. When Arthur and Rose were little, they were heroes in the Land of Roar, an imaginary world that they found by climbing through the folding bed in their grandad's attic. Now the twins are eleven, Roar is just a memory. But when they help Grandad clean out the attic, Arthur is horrified as Grandad is pulled into the folding bed and vanishes. Is he playing a joke? Or is Roar ... real? The kind of fantasy adventure that grips you from the first page to the last and keeps you wanting more. **(Year 4/Year 5)**



Impossible Creatures **Katherine Rundell**

The story follows a boy's adventures when he discovers a cluster of magical islands on which all sorts of mythical creatures are really alive. He teams up with a local girl on a magical quest to save the islands. Full of adventure and mythical creatures, this is the kind of book that feeds children's imaginations with wonderful and exciting ideas in a way that only the best children's stories can do. **(Year 5/Year 6)**



Skandar and the Unicorn Thief **A.F. Steadman**

Each year, mainland children hope to pass the Hatchery exam to become unicorn riders. Thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith is no different. He wants to be a hero. When it is finally Skandar's time to realise his dreams, everything seems to turn against him. The Island's most powerful unicorn is missing after being stolen by a haunting enemy that has returned with a vengeance and Skandar discovers a secret that could change everything. Similar to the Percy Jackson series. **(Year 5/Year 6)**