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DISCOVER TOP
READING PICKS
IN YOUR
BOOK CLUB

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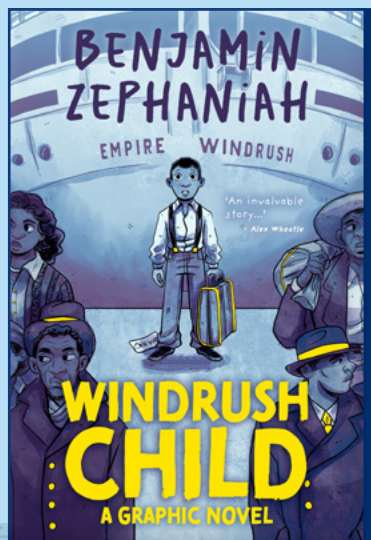
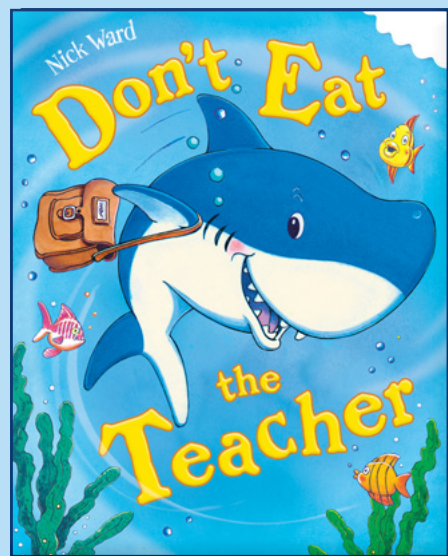
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THIS MONTH'S TOP PICKS

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Suitable For Ages: 3+

THE PUMPKIN THIEF

WATCH
ANIMATED
TRAILER



CLICK HERE TO
READ EXTRACT

With just a little help from Bird, Squirrel has grown some lovely pumpkins! He is so pleased with himself. But soon there's a problem... the pumpkins keep disappearing, one by one! Squirrel can't understand it. He's determined to catch the thief before Bird returns...

You'll enjoy this if:

	You enjoy silly animal characters who get into trouble.
	You love autumn, pumpkins, and outdoor adventures.
	You enjoy stories that will make you laugh out loud.
	You like books that explore feelings, moods and times where we feel out of control.
	You love bright, colourful illustrations and playful adventures.

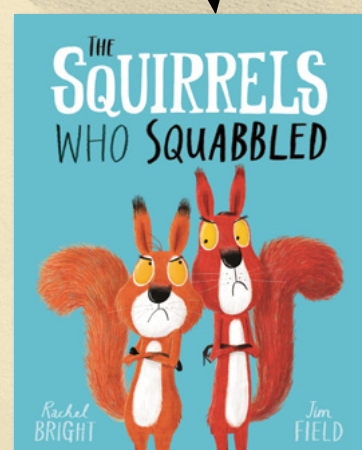
Free resources:

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DRAW-ALONG

Perfect read for
settling into
AUTUMN

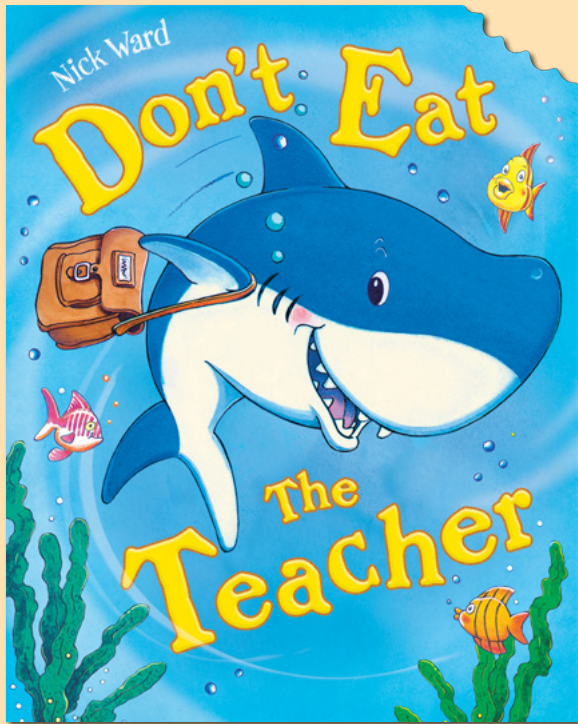
WHAT TO READ NEXT

Enjoy more funny adventures with colourful illustrations in these books!



Suitable For Ages: 3+

DON'T EAT THE TEACHER



[CLICK HERE TO
READ EXTRACT](#)

Free resource:

[DOWNLOAD
ACTIVITY](#)

It's Sammy the shark's first day at school and he's so excited! But when Sammy gets excited, he can't help but... CRUNCH! So his most important lesson is... 'Don't eat the teacher!' This funny, warm story takes a familiar situation – starting school – and gives it a brilliantly snappy twist!

You'll enjoy this if:



You love silly stories that make you giggle.



You're starting school soon.



You enjoy funny characters who get into trouble without meaning to.



You like stories that are fun to read aloud with lots of excitement.



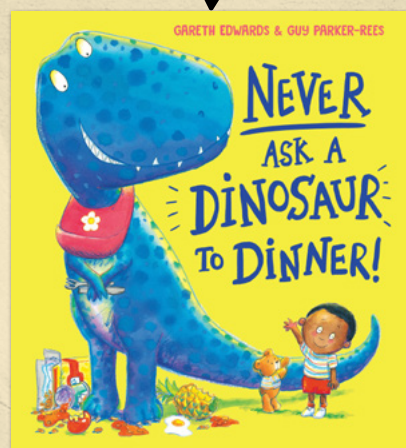
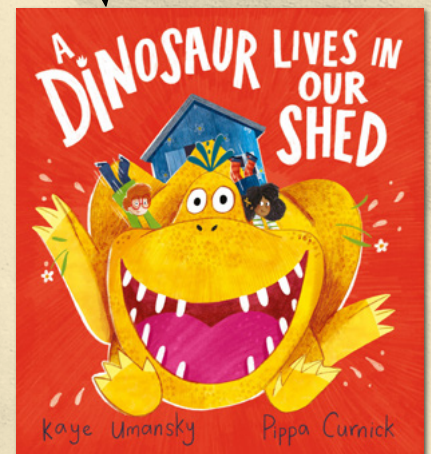
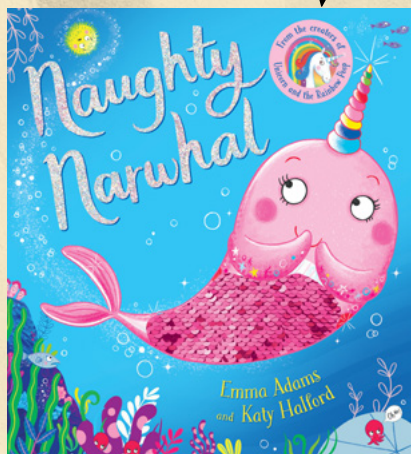
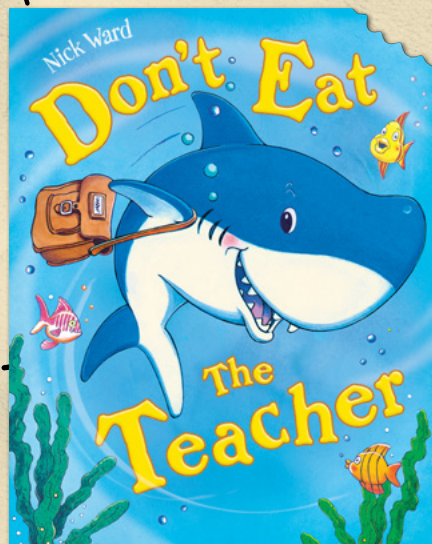
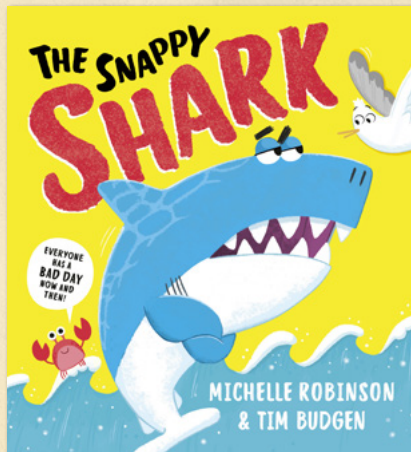
You love bright, colourful illustrations and playful adventures.



Perfect read for
**STARTING
SCHOOL**

WHAT TO READ NEXT

Explore more books with silly stories
that make you giggle



Suitable For Ages: 7+

THE WILD ONES

WATCH
ANIMATED
TRAILER



CLICK HERE TO
READ EXTRACT

Scamp lives at the pet-care centre. He has friends, food and a warm bed. But one night, the world changes. All that's left are the Things – vicious beasts that roam the ruined city. Forced to leave the centre, Scamp leads his friends on a quest through the dangers outside. To survive, they must grow wilder, letting go of everything they once were.

You'll enjoy this if:



You love animal heroes going on big adventures.



You enjoy mysterious worlds filled with danger and surprises.



You like stories about friendship, teamwork, and sticking together.



You enjoy brave characters who must learn new skills to survive.



You like exciting journeys where anything could happen next!

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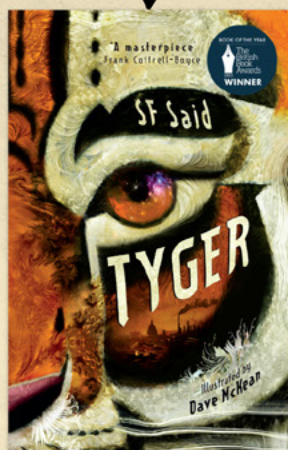
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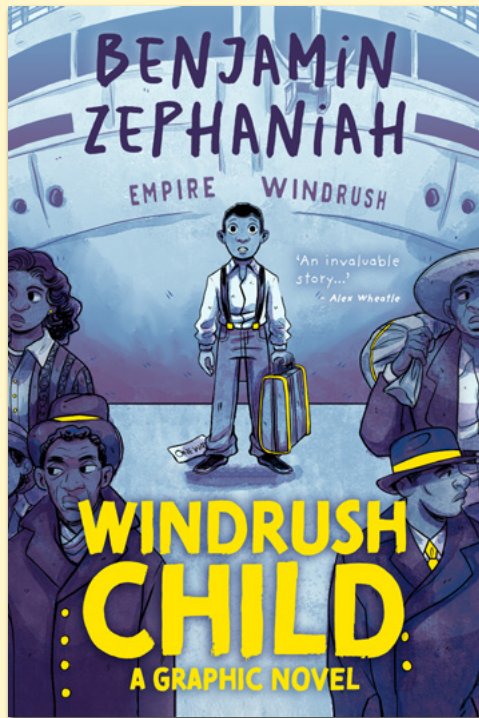
WHAT TO READ NEXT

Discover more stories with animal heroes
going on big adventures



Suitable For Ages: 7+

WINDRUSH CHILD: A GRAPHIC NOVEL



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Leonard's life changes overnight when he leaves sunny Jamaica for England, hoping for a brighter future with his family. But fitting in isn't easy, and he must find courage, resilience, and hope as he faces challenges, makes new discoveries, and learns where he belongs. This powerful graphic novel, based on the real experiences of the Windrush generation, brings history to life through an unforgettable story and striking illustrations.

You'll enjoy this if:



You enjoy stories about moving to new places and finding your place in the world.



You like graphic novels with powerful illustrations that bring the story to life.



You love brave characters who overcome challenges and never give up.



You enjoy books about friendship, family, kindness, and belonging.



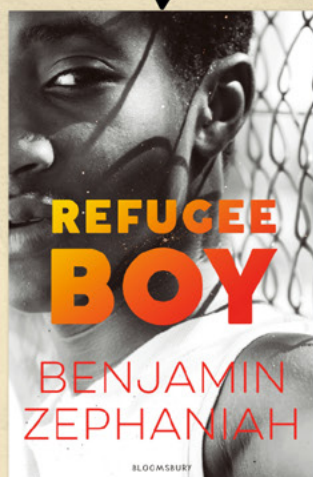
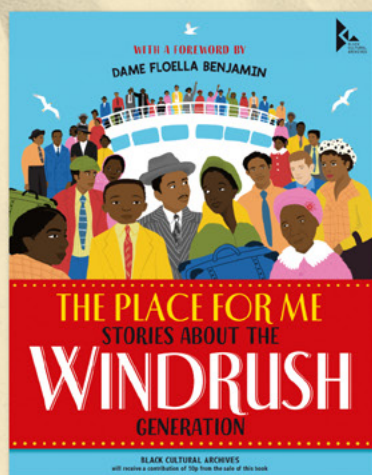
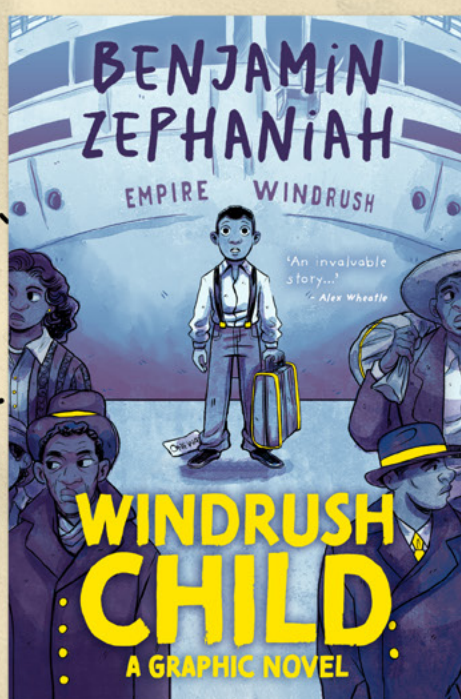
You're curious about real history and want to learn about the Windrush generation through an exciting story.

Perfect read for
**BLACK HISTORY
MONTH**



WHAT TO READ NEXT

Want to learn more about real history through stories? Try these!



Suitable For Ages: 7+

DOG MAN

10TH BIRTHDAY EDITION



Is he a man? Is he a dog? Nope: he's both! When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, their only option is life-changing surgery. That's how Dog Man is born! With the head of a dog and the body of a human, this crime-biting police hound has a real nose for justice. But will he answer the call of duty – or the call of the wild?

Free resource:

**DOWNLOAD
ACTIVITY PACK**

**CLICK HERE TO
READ EXTRACT**

You'll enjoy this if:

	You LOVE hilarious heroes with unusual superpowers.
	You enjoy action-packed adventures full of chaos and fun.
	You like books that make you laugh on almost every page.
	You enjoy fighting villains and solving crazy crimes.
	You love graphic novels packed with funny illustrations.



DOG MAN: 70 EPIC YEARS*!

*IN DOG YEARS

BOOK REVIEW CHECKLIST!

Keep track of which Dog Man books you have read by giving them a star rating. 10 is the highest!



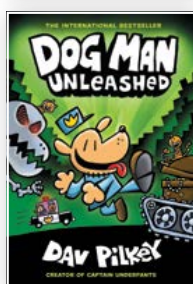
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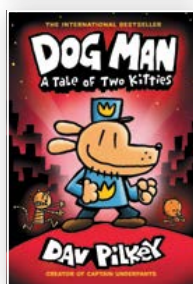
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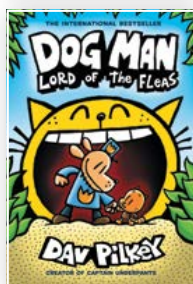
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DOG MAN: 70 EPIC YEARS*!

***IN DOG YEARS**

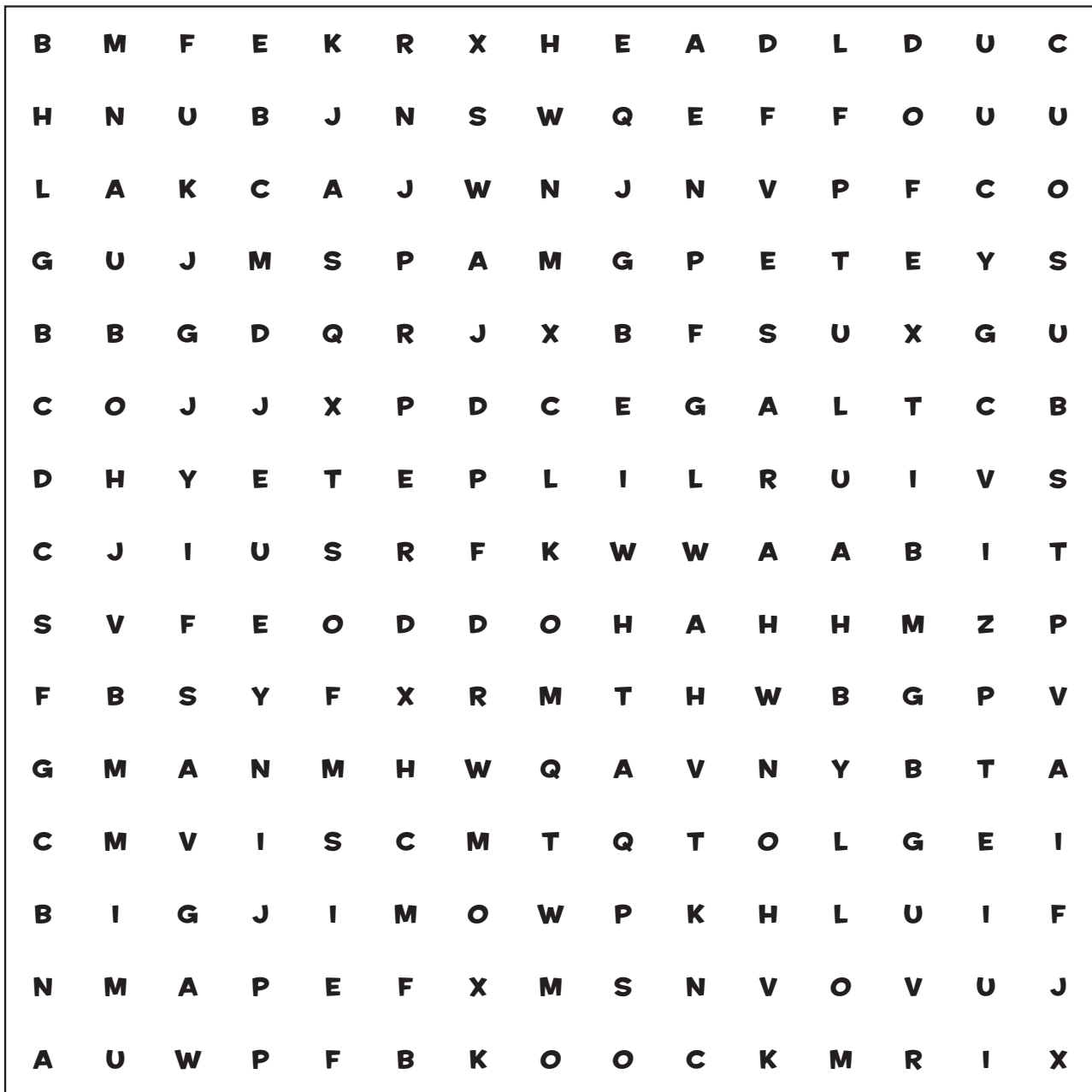
WORD SEARCH!

Find these 10 Dog Man characters—look forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal!

Dog Man
Petey
Chief

Sarah Hatoff
Lil Petey
Dr Scum
Molly

Mayor
Big Jim
Grampa



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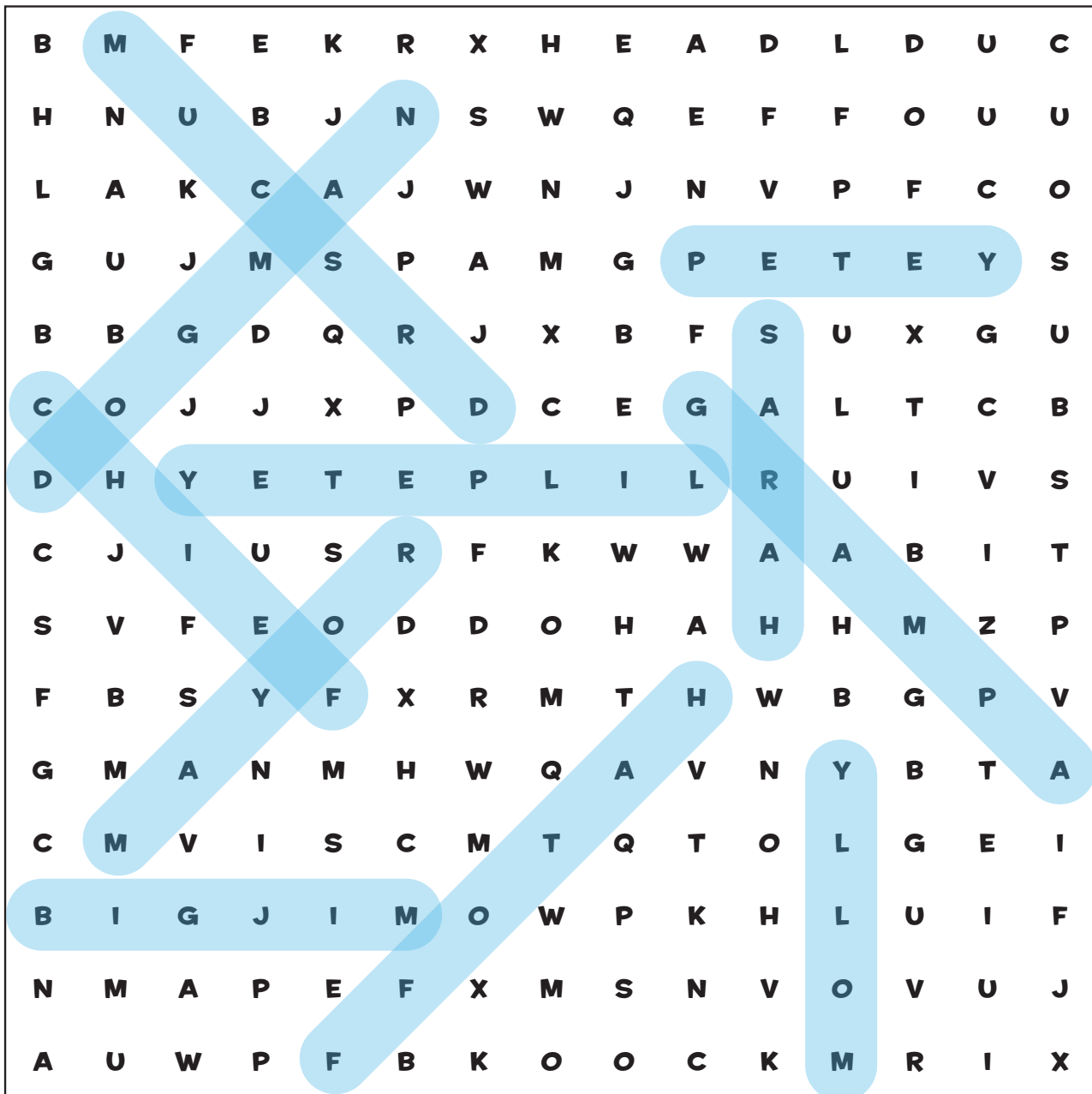
WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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Petey
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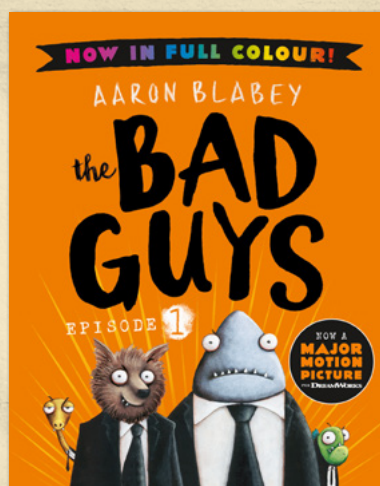
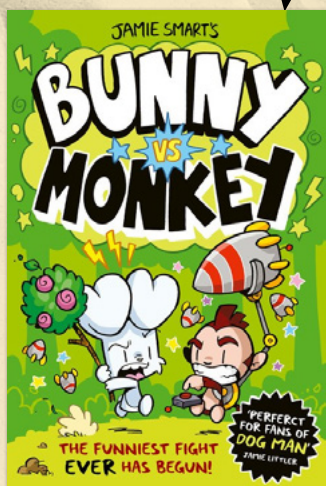
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Mayor
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WHAT TO READ NEXT

Looking for more action-packed adventures full of chaos and fun?



Autumn Reading Wordsearch

Easy Level

Welcome to our autumn wordsearch adventure! See if you can find all the cosy reading and autumn words hidden in the puzzle. Happy searching!



L I B R A R Y B F D
L H E D G E H O G C
E P A G E I G O N O
A P P L E F O K W N
F I A U T U M N I K
U P R E A D P H N E
L S T O R Y J T D R
P U M P K I N R I A
A S Q U I R R E L I
Y A A C O R N E R N



Autumn
Leaf
Tree
Acorn
Hedgehog

Squirrel
Apple
Pumpkin
Conker
Wind
Rain

Story
Book
Read
Page
Library

Autumn Reading Wordsearch

Medium Level



Welcome to our autumn wordsearch adventure! See if you can find all the cosy reading and autumn words hidden in the puzzle. Happy searching!

M O M P G A O J P K K A A A X
J W O O D L A N D M J C D U L
A U Y R C Z A I H Y B H V K Q
J O N A S D M M I S U A E R H
E R T N C I B A B T R P N F W
W C B E A N E G E E R T T V O
A H O L R R R I R R O E U K O
K A O B L K Z N N Y W R R L D
U R K R E Z T E A T K A E L L
G D M A T T U X T L D M E O A
O H A M R W H T I S C X T T N
L U R B W I Q S O R B Y J F D
D A K L K G Z V N O X G C K Y
E B N E Y R T W N X O C N J J
N L U F L R U S T L I N G K G



Woodland
Orchard
Rustling
Golden
Scarlet

Amber
Bramble
Woodland
Twig
Burrow
Hibernation

Chapter
Bookmark
Adventure
Mystery
Imagine

Autumn Reading Wordsearch

Challenging Level

Welcome to our autumn wordsearch adventure! See if you can find all the cosy reading and autumn words hidden in the puzzle. Happy searching!



L H R V D O H R F C D K N W V N P V B P
E Q D Z B I X E O D G I V A X Y O T G O
L N M C F U K M K V E O S K X D Q N D E
A O T S J L S A T S Y V V C W S A K W M
R N L K B K C R R T D N E I O R X W W I
Y F P T N D W K C U R H S R V V D A O G
L I L U E O T A U M M A F T G P E B F R
Z C L R X R V B R U F B N A A R K R G A
F T F N P Z O L I W O I D Q B G E R K T
A I C N L O C E O E R T V W U C N E O I
S O A M O P A U S N A A X X N I L L N O
C N M L R R B J I C G T Q L D P L T K N
I N O N E E U O T H E N J X A Q I A Y A
N L U F H S L U Y A L A E G N U U J Q Z
A X F I G E A R G N L Q P O T W E Z N Q
T Y L C Q R R N E T M W H I M S I C A L
I T A T P V Y E O E C U A F H X O Q Y D
N D G I T E S Y H D V A B T F V K D C T
G G E O O A L Z H A R V E S T I N G Y H
C O M N C Y W L N M U B G L E A M I N G



Evergreen
Abundant
Harvesting
Migration
Camouflage
Habitat
Forage

Preserve
Fiction
Non-fiction
Vocabulary
Curiosity
Discover
Enchanted

Journey
Explore
Whimsical
Fascinating
Remarkable
Tranquil
Gleaming

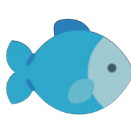
Guess the Book

Can you crack the emoji clues and guess the book?
Put on your thinking cap, have fun, and see
how many books you can name!











Answer Page

Easy Level

L I B R A R Y B F D
 L H E D G E H O G C
 E P A G E I G O N O
 A P P L E F O K W N
 F I A U T U M N I K
 U P R E A D P H N E
 L S T O R Y J T D R
 P U M P K I N R I A
 A S Q U I R R E L I
 Y A A C O R N E R N

Medium Level

M O M P G A O J P K K A A A X
 J W O O D L A N D M J C D U L
 A U Y R C Z A I H Y B H V K Q
 J O N A S D M M I S U A E R H
 E R T N C I B A B T R P N F W
 W C B E A N E G E E R T T V O
 A H O L R R I R R O E U K O
 K A O B L K Z N N Y W R R L D
 U R K R E Z T E A T K A E L L
 G D M A T T U X T L D M E O A
 O H A M R W H T I S C X T T N
 L U R B W I Q S O R B Y J F D
 D A K L K G Z V N O X G C K Y
 E B N E Y R T W N X O C N J J
 N L U F L R U S T L I N G K G

Challenging Level

L H R V D O H R F C O K N W V N P V B P
 E O D Z B I X E O D G I V A X Y O T G O
 L N M C F U K M K V E O S K X D Q N D E
 A O T S J L S A T S Y V V C W S A K W M
 R N L K B K C R R T D N E I O R X W W I
 Y F P T N D W K C U R H S R V V D A O G
 L I L U E O T A U M M A F T G P E B F R
 Z C L R X R V B R U F B N A A R K R G A
 F T F N P Z O L I W O I D Q B G E R K T
 A I C N L O C E O E R T V W U C N E Q I
 S O A M O P A U S N A A X X N I L L N O
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 I N O N E E U O T H E N J X A Q I A Y A
 N L U F H S L U Y A L A E G N U U J Q Z
 A X F I G E A R G N L Q P O T W E Z N Q
 T Y L C Q R R N E T M W H I M S I C A L
 I T A T P V Y E O E C U A F H X O Q Y D
 N D G I T E S Y H D V A B T F V K D C T
 G G E O O A L Z H A R V E S T I N G Y H
 C O M N C Y W L N M U B G L E A M I N G

Guess the Book



The Pumpkin Thief



The Wizard of Oz



Don't Eat the Teacher



The Bad Guys



Dog Man

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BACK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Celebrate reading with your favourite authors and illustrators!

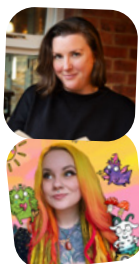
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21ST - 25TH SEPTEMBER

MON
21ST
SEPT

11AM
AGES 9+

Medusa VS
the Greek Gods



2PM
AGES 8+

Create a
dream monster



TUE
22ND
SEPT

11AM
AGES 8+

Design your
own K-Pop Idol



2PM
AGES 2+

A brave
storytime and
draw-along



WED
23RD
SEPT

11AM
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Create a
Japanese
folklore-inspired
magic creature



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From robots
to reading



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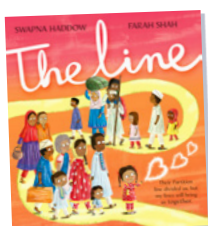
Storytime
and
draw-along



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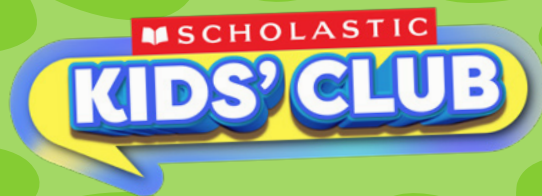
Storytime
and
draw-along



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[Browse all upcoming events](#)

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BOOK EVENTS**

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readers together.

