

# The Mersey Drive Reading Round Up!



## A new year of celebrating reading!

We cannot wait to spend another year together celebrating our love of books. To begin our learning, why not explore some of the books by your class' key author? These books are available in your class book areas.

**Nursery**- Eric Carle. **Reception**- Neil Sharrett.

**Year 1**- Tom Percival. **Year 2**- Oliver Jeffers.

**Year 3**- Michael Morpurgo. **Year 4**- Anne Fine.

**Year 5**- Emma Carroll. **Year 6**- Philip Pullman



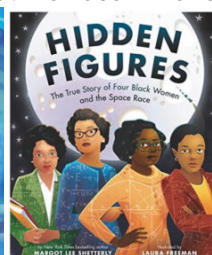
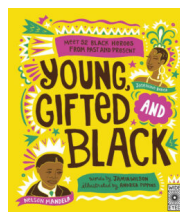
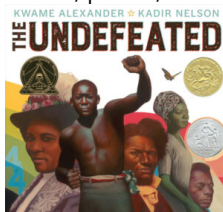
### Writer Focus: Philip Pullman About:

Pullman is a widely-celebrated author of children's and young adult fiction. During his life, he has lived in England, Zimbabwe and Australia. Before he became an author, he worked as an English teacher. Scan the QR code for a list of his books (available in the library).



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

During October, a selection of books will be available in class libraries and on the central display in the school library to help us celebrate Black History Month. Once October is finished, these books will be available in the school library. Here are some of our favourites that we recommend that celebrate black authors, poets, characters and stories.



## Book Character Quiz:

What do you know about this famous book character?

1

WHO AM I?

2

WHO CREATED ME?

3

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?

**"Stories are the most important thing in the world. Without stories, we wouldn't be human beings at all."**  
**PHILIP PULLMAN**

## Reading for pleasure:

**Have you visited our school library recently?**

Have you seen a book you can't wait to read? Sign out a book and read it during your 'Reading for Pleasure' slot during guided reading.

**What topic-related books have you loved?**

We have a fantastic selection of non-fiction books linked to your topics in your classrooms.

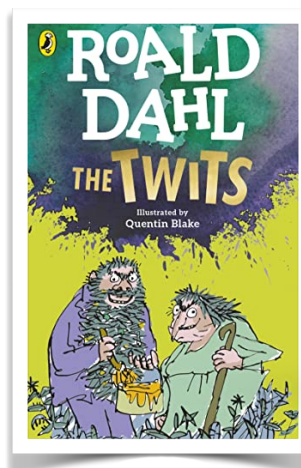
**Have you shared your love of reading with others?**

Why do you love to read? Tell us and you could be in our next reading round up!

Why not complete a book review for a book that you have read and loved recently? Could you record a book review with a partner using an iPad? Add your review to your class reading area or even to the library display board.

**Which books do you love to re-read?**

Sometimes, developing our love of reading means returning to those stories and authors that we have read before. Re-reading deepens our love of books and gives us a strong sense of who we are as readers. Have you ever re-read a story? Do you have a favourite story that you love being re-read to you? Why not share this with your class teacher?



## My favourite book:

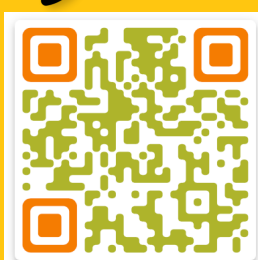
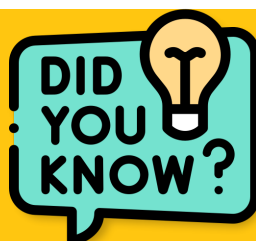
Mrs Wilcox's favourite children's book is 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl.

I remember sitting on the carpet when I was in infant class, being hooked on my teacher's every word as she read the pages of 'The Twits'. I could imagine Mr. Twit with his very dirty beard, eating his worm spaghetti and Mrs. Twit with her very tall walking stick playing pranks and tricks on one another. I used to think about how I would help the Muggle-Wump monkeys escape from their cage in the Twits garden. The Twits is a laugh out loud book full of antics and mischief and it is one that I now love to read to my own children.

### Did you know?

This half term, we will be visited by the poet Ian Bland! He will be working with each class on developing poetry to perform. He

will also be selling his books at the end of the school day in the Hub. To watch Ian perform some of his poems, scan here



### Mersey Drive Librarians:

**Our new librarians for 2023/2024:**

**Ethan**

**Harper**

**Alex**

**Georgia**

**Oscar**

**Tayla-Mae**

**Kike**