



Primary Library Network Meeting

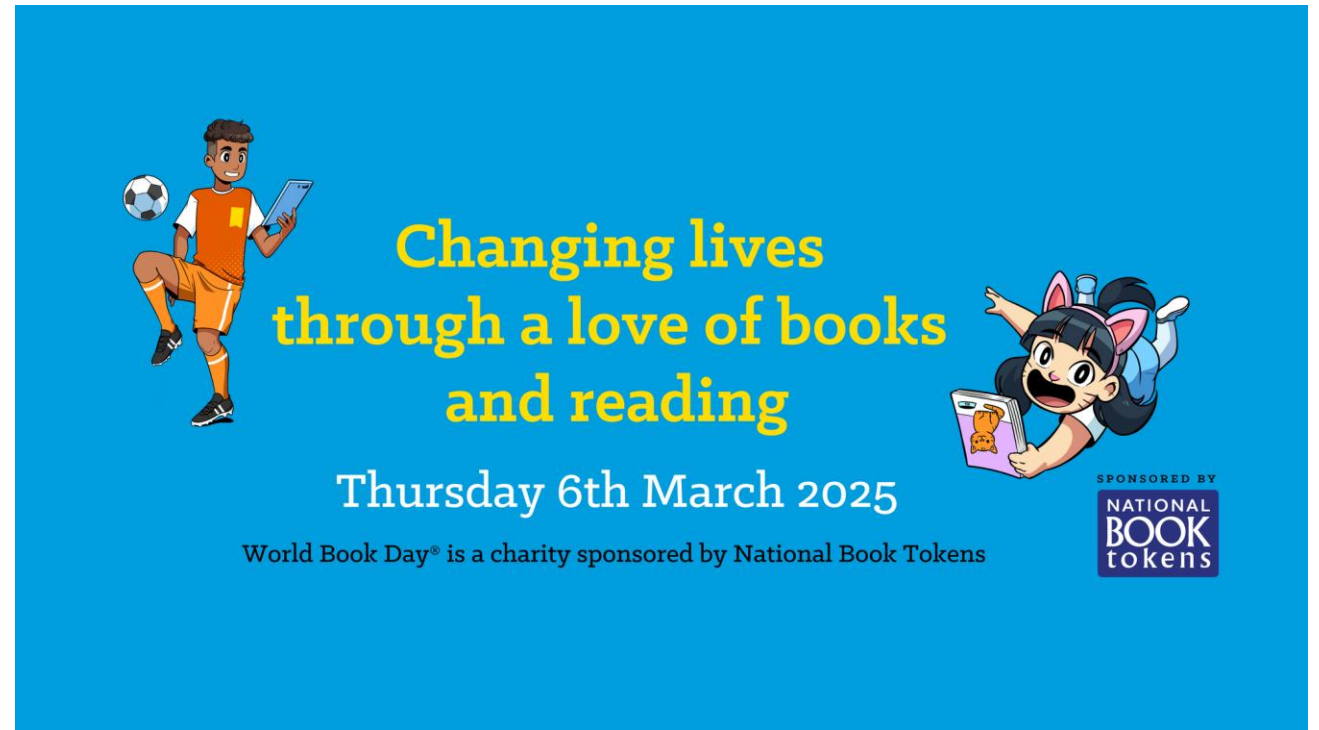
Spring Term 2025



SLS World Book Day Competition

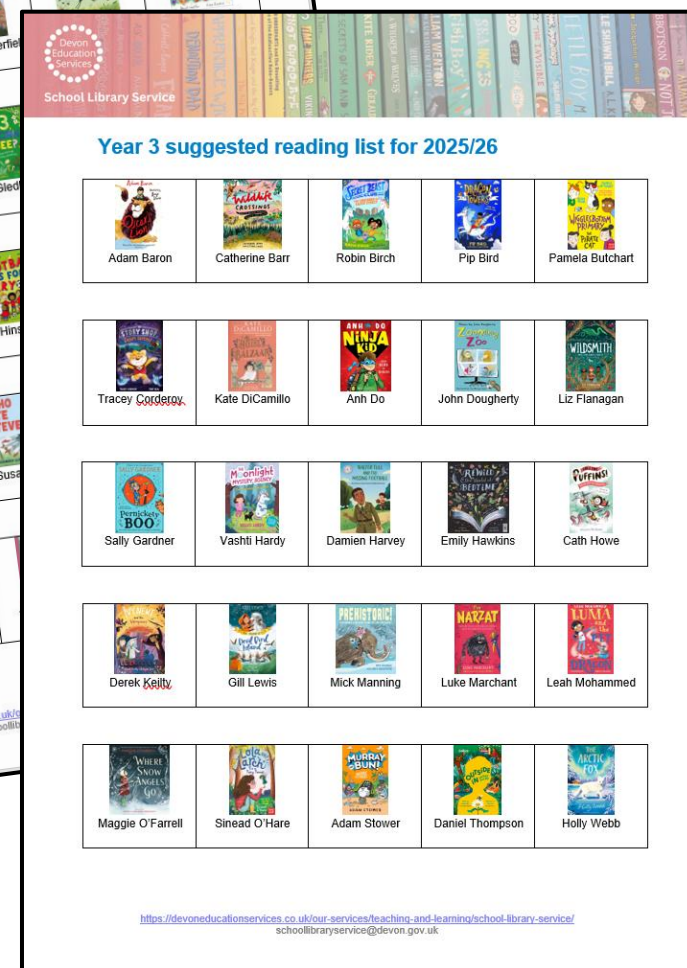
- This year's competition theme is 'Design a Mug!'.
- Take inspiration from your favourite book or character and design a mug!
- For full details of the competition see our website.
- We look forward to receiving your school's best entries.

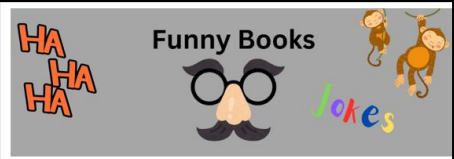
[World Book Day competition and quiz](https://www.devoneducationservices.co.uk)
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Suggested Reading Lists

Our new year by year reading lists for 2025/26 are on their way.





The SLS Genre Pack

Look for this on the SLS website under the Library Resources tab

A range of library guiding



Funny Books	Funny Books	Funny Books	Funny Books	Funny Books
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Sticker templates

Reading Tracker

Colour in one of the books on the shelves every time you finish reading a book.

Spooky Stories

Crime and Mystery

Realistic Fiction

Information Books

Use these colours

Adventure Stories

Funny Books

Historical Stories

Animal Stories

Magic and Fantasy

Poetry

Keep track of their reading habits

Genre

What will you read next?

Animal Stories

Realistic Stories

Adventure Stories

Spooky Stories

Information books

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Choice of poster

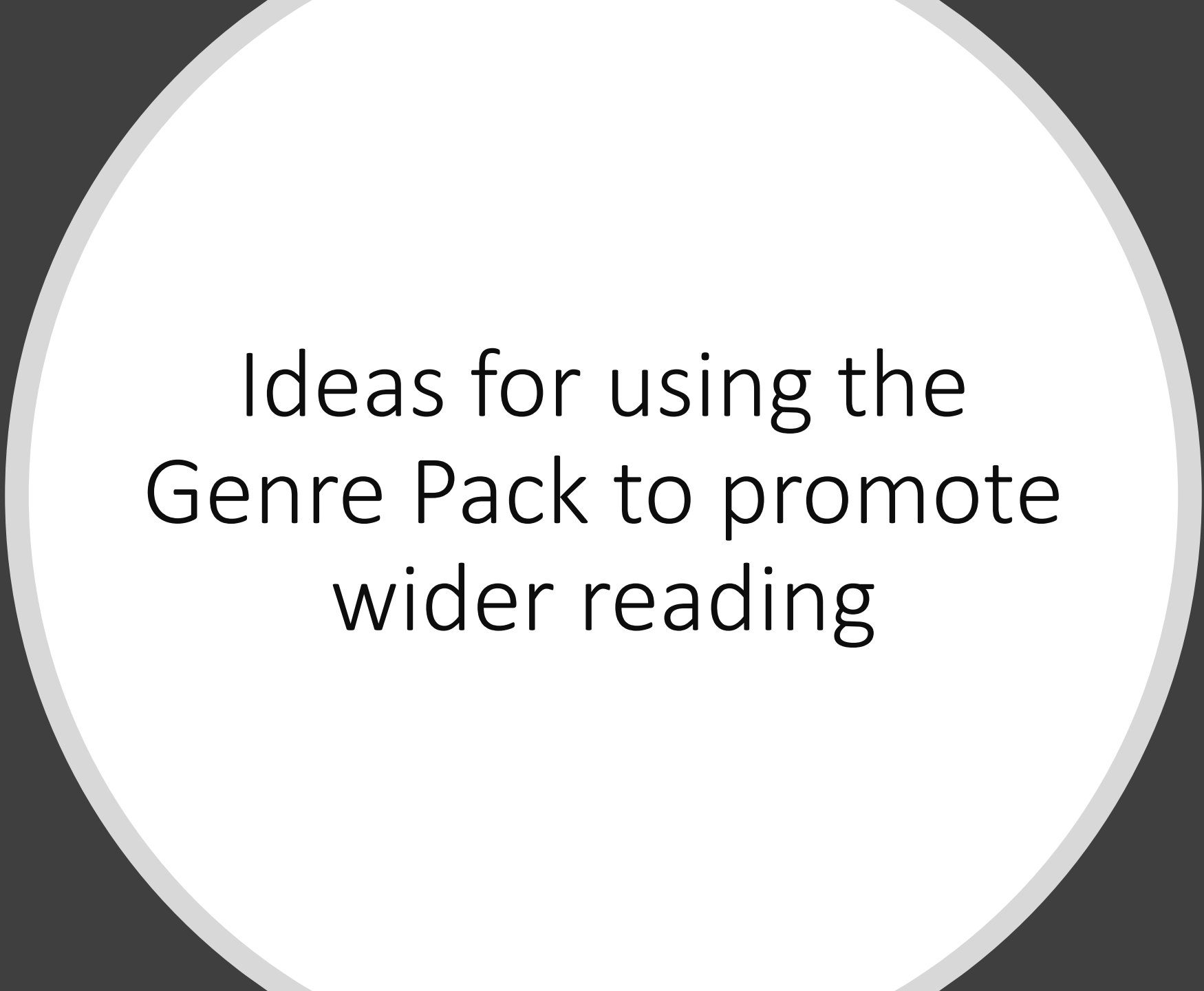


Using the Genre Pack with Accelerated Reader

To help pupils select a book for content rather than skill level create a genre area within AR using baskets.



Don't forget that subscribing schools can request an adviser visit to help you get organised.



Ideas for using the
Genre Pack to promote
wider reading

Make a display to highlight a genre

- Give the display a catchy title; step back in time, dive into an adventure, read for a laugh, mysteries to keep you guessing etc.
- Photocopy the books you choose to display and attach these to bookstands so that they can be borrowed and returned. At the end of the display these can be made into a theme shaped collage as a reminder.
- Make the display interactive;
 - Encourage pupils to add books they have just finished and would like to recommend
 - Invite pupils to add their recommendations by post-it note.
 - Invite pupils to add suitable vocabulary they have learnt or can find; terrified and shudder for spooky books, giggle and guffaw for funny books. Provide a box with paper shapes and a pen.



Hand out
bookmarks each
month to promote
and explain the
genre.

This
month's
genre is...

Realistic Stories

A story set in
the present and
involving events
that could
actually happen.

Why not try



This
month's
genre is...

Magic and fantasy

A story with
characters and
events that
could not
happen in real
life.



This
month's
genre is...

Historical Stories

A made up story
that takes place
in an actual
time in history.

Librarian's
recommendation



This
month's
genre is...

Spooky Stories

Stories intended
to send tingles
down your spine.

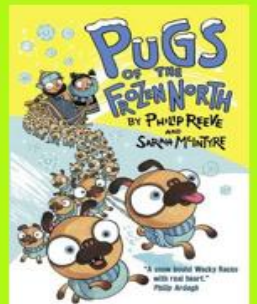
Are you brave
enough to read this?



This
month's
genre is...

Funny Books
Stories written
in a comical and
amusing way for
example funny
diaries.

Look for this book
in our library.



Provide pupil librarians with a template which can be edited each month to promote the new genre. Put a copy in each classroom.

GENRE NEWS

FUN MAGIC INFORMATIVE EXCITING BOOKISH ADVENTURE

Welcome to the march issue of 'Genre News' your monthly library newsletter, with all the latest books, news and fun facts.

Recommended books



This month our genre focus is Animals Stories

Did you know that World Wildlife Day is on Monday 3rd March 2025?

Spring is a great time to celebrate wildlife so why not read a book about animals?



Jokes

Why don't leopards play hide and seek?



Because they always get spotted!

Dates for your Diary

British Summer Time starts on Sunday 30th March,
World Book Day is 2nd March,
and don't forget it's Mother's Day on March 19th

Plan the year ahead to link to topical themes

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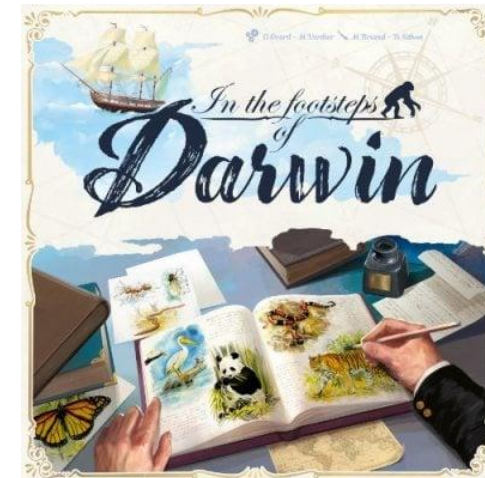
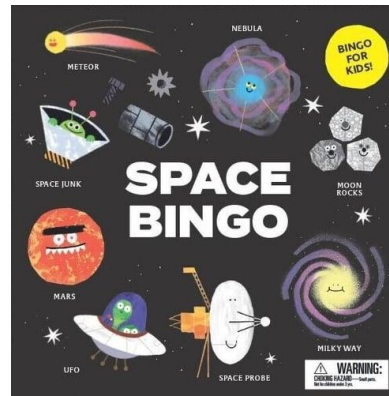
Month	Genre	Topical link
January	Crime and Mystery	Sherlock Holmes' Birthday
February	Poetry	Valentine's Day
March	Funny Books	Red Nose Day
April	Magic and Fantasy	National Unicorn Day!
May	Historical Stories	Local and Community History Month
June	Realistic Stories	Empathy Day
July	Adventure Stories	Activity Weeks/Summer Holidays
August		
September	Animal Stories	National Wildlife Day UK
October	Spooky Stories	Halloween
November	Information Books	Non-Fiction November
December		

Don't forget to think about events specific to your school

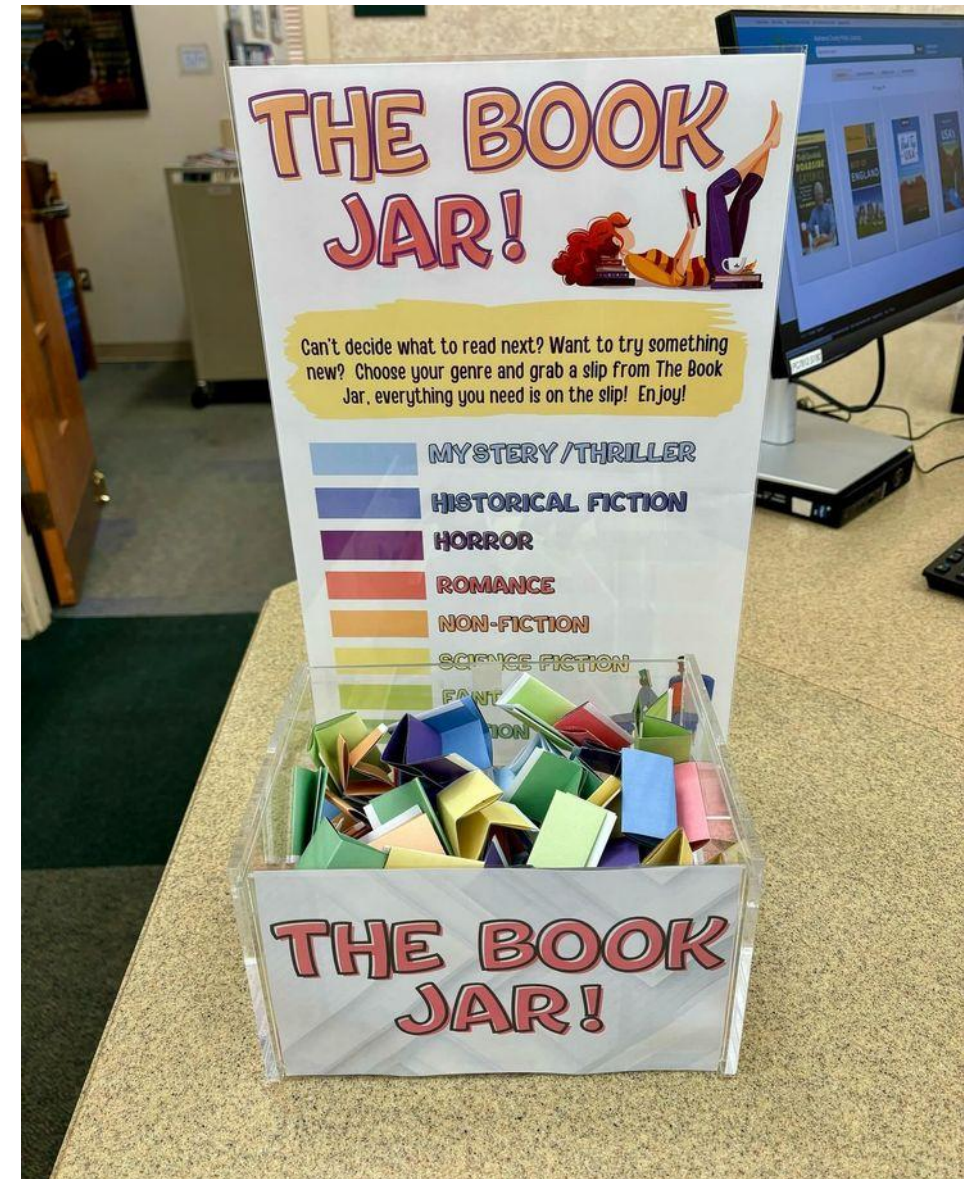
Find more ideas here [Library Book Display Ideas for Every Month of the Year - Staying Cool in the Library](#)

More ideas for using the Genre Pack to promote wider reading

- Organise linked drawing, poetry or writing competitions.
- Link to an existing book club or encourage older pupils to start a book club
- Link to a library club with themed games; treasure hunts for adventure, Junior Cluedo for crime and mystery, lots of games have animal themes.



An idea for older pupils who have trouble choosing.



Further ideas to promote wider reading across the school

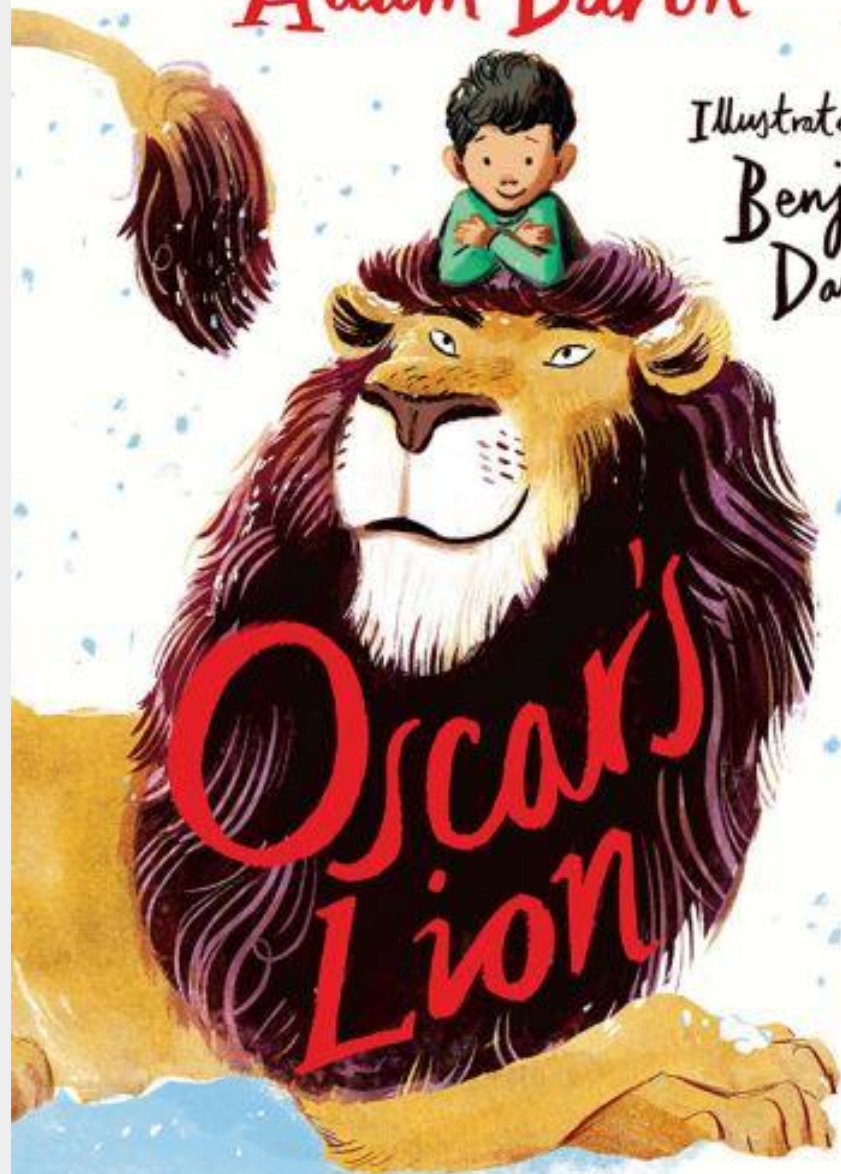
- The 10 minute read.
- 5 books in 5 minutes.
- Check your reading aloud framework or reading spine.
- Check your library stock.
- Boost your collection where it is needed and check that teachers are requesting from a wide range of genre.
- Organise your own reading roundabout or booknic.



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Adam Baron

Illustrated by
Benji
Davies



'Beautiful, adventurous, powerful'
Phil Earle

*When you're fighting
for survival, belonging
is all that matters*

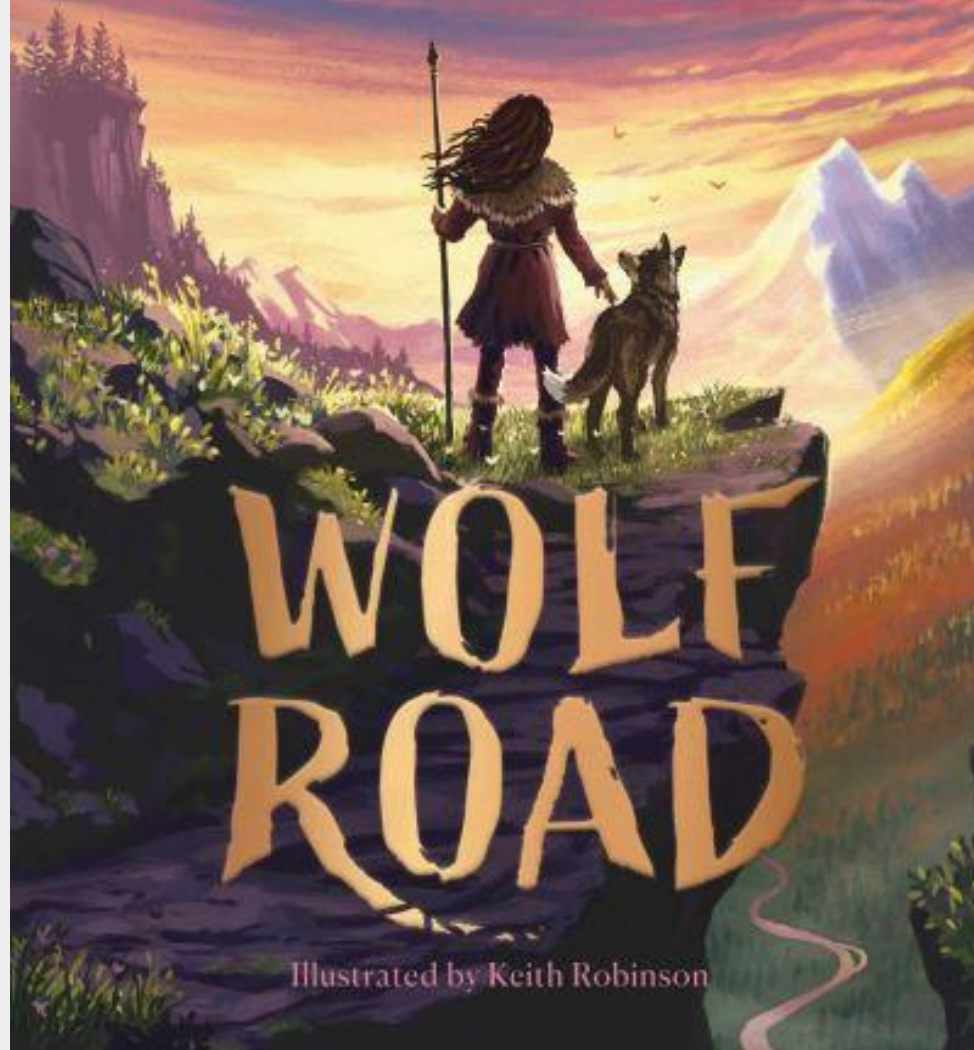
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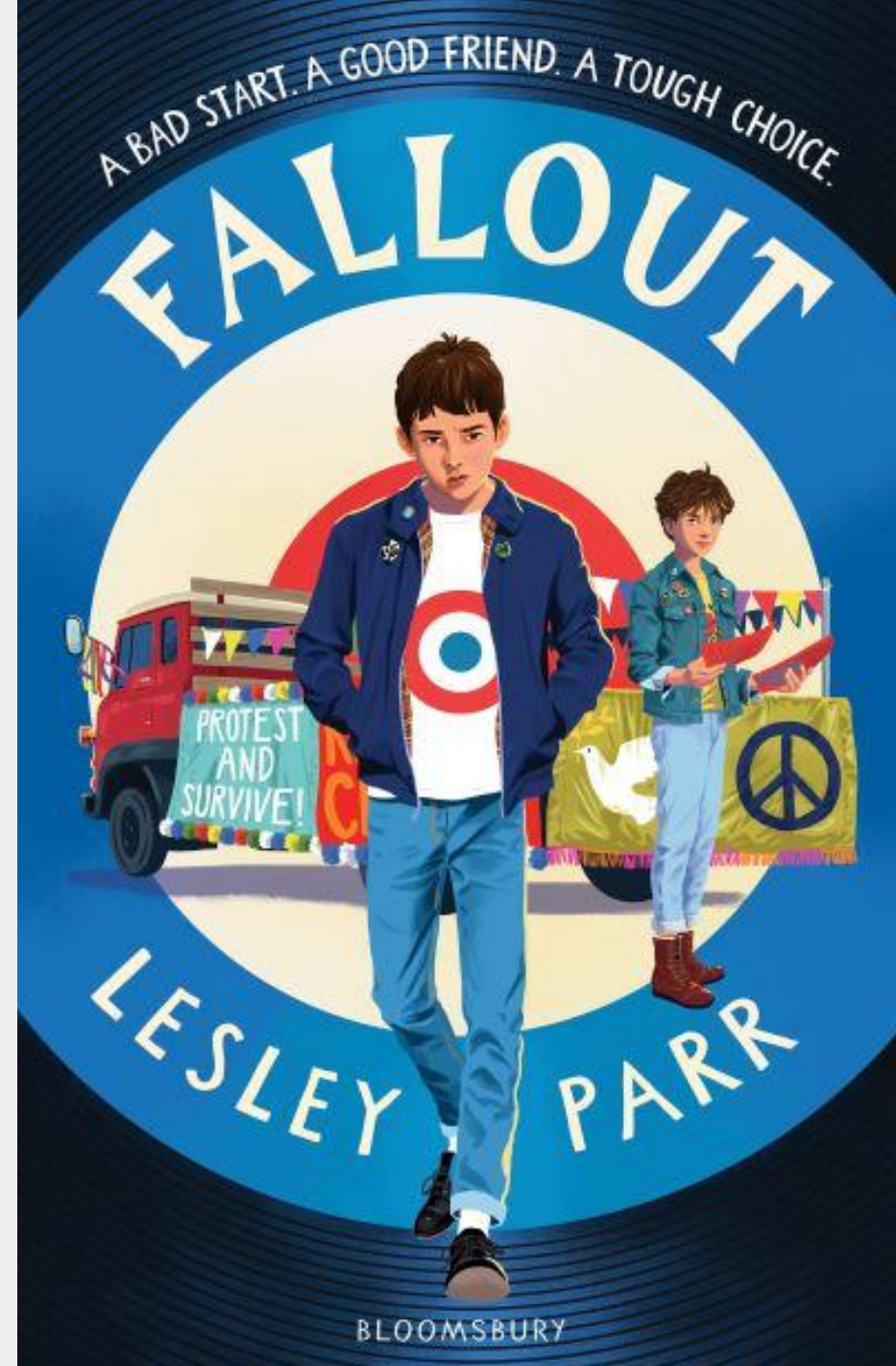
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'A fine storyteller' PHILIP PULLMAN

ALICE ROBERTS



Illustrated by Keith Robinson



ARTEZANS

THE FORGOTTEN MAGIC



L. D. LAPINSKI





BOOKS AREN'T FOR EATING



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