



# Reading Newsletter

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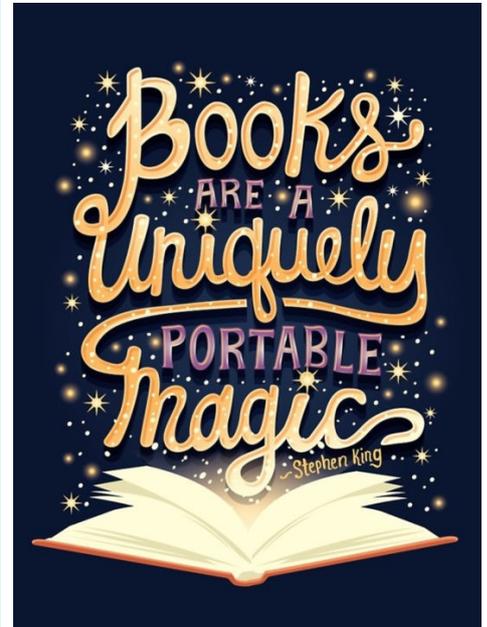
Hello everybody!

Welcome to our first reading newsletter! Reading is incredibly important to us at Kibworth: as the great Dr Seuss says 'The more you read, the more things you will know.' Since starting up the reading raffle again, it has been fantastic to see so many of you engaging in reading at home and sharing stories with you family.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. Take a look at the £1 books you can purchase with your voucher in this newsletter!

I hope that this new newsletter will open your eyes to a range of new authors and books and encourage you all to share even more stories at home!

Happy reading! Miss Cornish



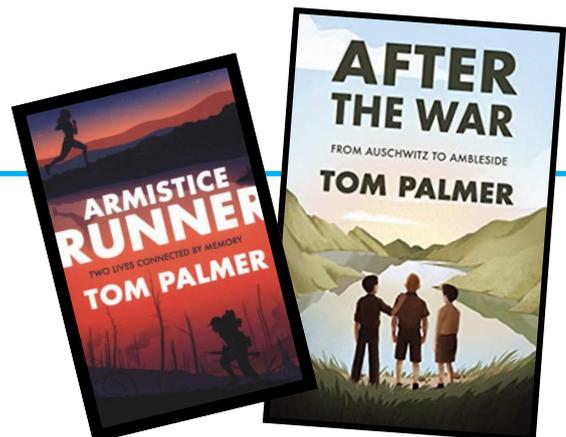
# Author of the Month Tom Palmer



Hello everyone.

I hope you are all okay. I hope you find lots of great books to read this month. I'm going to be reading some football books, to help me make my books up to date. I write about history and football. My latest history book is about a group of child refugees who came to live in the UK in 1945, after the war. Some of them are still alive and it was listening to them that gave me the ideas to write *After the War*. Anyway, happy reading and happy March.

Sending you all lots of good wishes,  
Tom



# Recommended Read

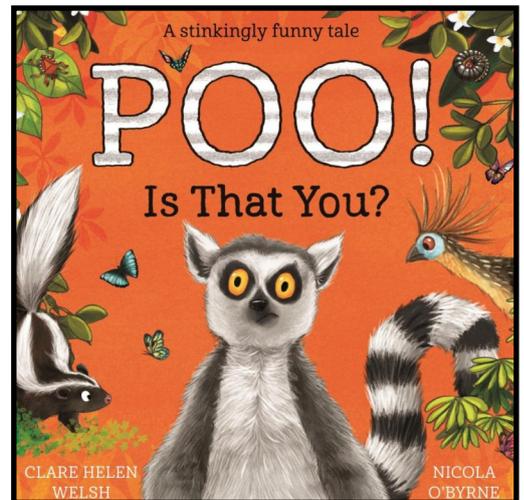
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## Poo Is That You? By Clare Helen Welsh

Lenny the Lemur is on holiday in the Amazon rainforest. He is just settling down for a nice snooze when he smells something a bit... 'poo-ie!' Who or what could it be?

Learn all about sloths, skunks, stinkbugs and more in this funny tale.

Clare has also written: 'The tide' and 'How Rude'



## The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin

When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world!

Before long, people are calling for the current leader to resign and give someone else a go . . . and that's how an ordinary boy like Joe ended up with the most extraordinary job. Now the fun can really start..

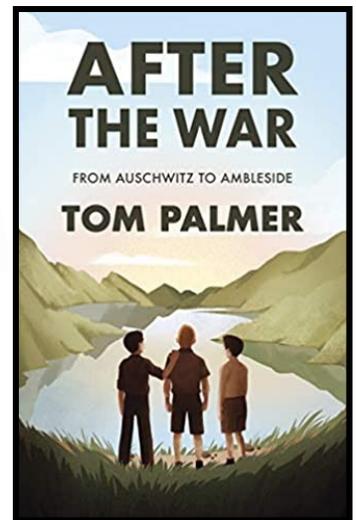
Tom has written a whole 'accidental' series!

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## After the War by Tom Palmer

The Second World War is finally over and Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among three hundred children who arrive in the Lake District. They have survived the Nazi concentration camps and have finally reached a place of peace.

However, Yossi is preoccupied - his father is missing and he is having terrible nightmares. He's worried that his closest friends, - Leo and Mordecai - will move on without him? Will Yossi ever hear news that will bring hope back to his life? Tom is also the author of the 'Foul Play' and 'Football Academy' series and D-Day Dog.



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## It's so brilliantly simple!

Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can **double the chances of a child becoming good at reading**. It's so brilliantly simple and can help children's literacy so much that we want to shout it from the rooftops!

Go to <https://turnonthesubtitles.org> for more information.



Sandi Toksvig

"I love the Turn On The Subtitles campaign. It's stunningly simple, free & yet so powerful... We're reaching out to all parents and schools to spread this simple message and help our nation's children to improve their literacy"



# TOP TIPS FOR KIDS

## How to CHOOSE a book!

### Look!

Browse the bookshelves – it's a good idea to have a good look at the books.



### Check out the COVER!

Does it look interesting? What is the title? Who is the author? Is it like books you've tried before?

### READ the blurb!

The blurb is the short paragraph on the back of the cover and tells you something about the story. What does the blurb tell you? Does it make you want to read it?



### Think about the GENRE

This is the type of story found in the book. This could be comedy, adventure or fantasy! What other kinds of stories have you enjoyed?

### TRY it out

Read a few pages of the book. Do you want to know what happens next? It's fine to put it back if it doesn't feel right.

### ASK

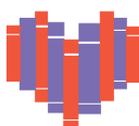
...the school librarian, teachers, parents and your friends to recommend a book!

### The RIGHT One

Use the five finger test to help decide if it's the right book for you. Open the book and read a page. Every time you find a word you don't know count one finger. If you get to five the book is likely too hard, so put it back and try another one.

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# TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

Reading opportunities are **everywhere**. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) have developed the idea of reading with TRUST to help discuss anything your child reads at home.

**T** Take turns to make plans and predictions before reading

*'I wonder if the little bear will get lost, what do you think?'*  
*'Do you think he's lost his hat? I think his friend the bear might find it.'*

**R** Recap to check ideas and understanding as your child is reading

*'You said that the mummy owl would come back. Where had she been?'*  
*'Why do you think the little boy was frightened?'*

**U** Use encouragement and praise to keep children engaged in reading

*'You spotted the hat on the front cover, now let's find out who stole it.'*  
*'You are so good at helping the tiger by remembering everything he has eaten. Let's see what he's going to eat next.'*

**S** Share prior knowledge & past experiences that link to what is being read

*'Have you learnt about penguins at school? Where do they live?'*  
*'That programme told us lots about baby animals, let's find a book to read about them.'*

**T** Tune-in and listen to your child – be curious about their interests

*'I love reading dinosaur books with you. I really want to know more about your favourite dinosaur.'*  
*'Show me your favourite book. Shall we draw a picture from it?'*

Our £1  
books  
line-up  
for 2021

