

Mrs Wakefield's  
Book Journey  
Part 4

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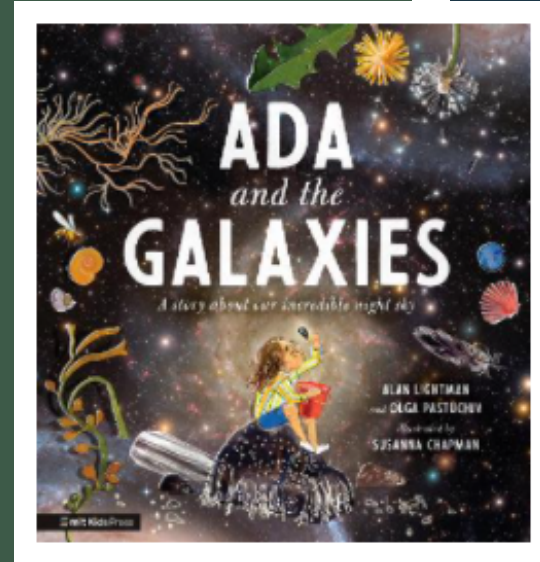


## THIS MONTH'S NEWS...

ANYONE WHO KNOWS ME, WILL ALWAYS SAY I VERGE ON EVANGELICAL ABOUT MY LOVE OF READING WITH CHILDREN. WITH THAT IN MIND, IT WOULD BE REMISS OF ME NOT TO START THIS MONTH'S BOOK JOURNEY WITHOUT MENTIONING WORLD BOOK DAY. IT NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE US HERE AT SCHOOL JUST HOW BIG AN EFFORT EVERYONE MAKES WITH WHAT EVER MAD-CAP COMPETITION WE COME UP WITH. TO SAY WE WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE POTATOES, IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT! THEY WERE ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT AND WE WERE WOWED BY THE VARIETY OF DESIGNS AND INGENUITY!

OF COURSE, THE DAY ISN'T LIMITED TO POTATOES. A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL SAW CLASSES SHARING FAVOURITE BOOKS, ENTERING COMPETITIONS AND JOINING IN WITH ONLINE LIVE WEBCASTS BY AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS. ALL IN ALL, A DAY WELL SPENT.





## ADA AND THE GALAXIES BY ALAN LIGHTMAN

I think this page alone is enough to make me go out and buy this book! Aimed at our younger children, this book weaves together images taken by the Hubble Telescope and forms them into a story about a small girl and her grandfather. Definitely a 'feel-good' book, its one to snuggle down with at bedtime and maybe, after you've read it, you can gaze out at the night sky with a little bit more awe and wonder....

This book had to be on my list for this month's Book Journey as it has been brought to my attention by a couple of members of my Year 6 class. Having read other books by this author, they assure me that this one will be a winner too!

# THE LION ABOVE THE DOOR

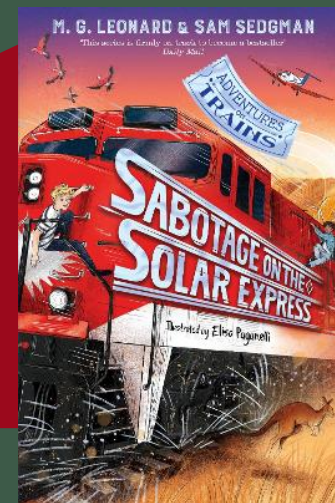
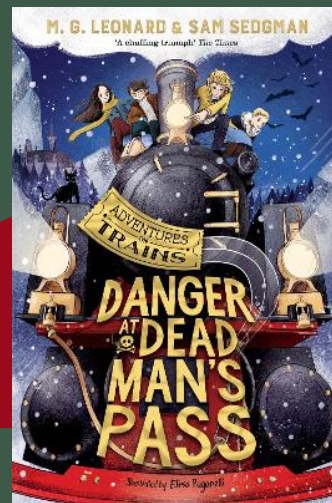
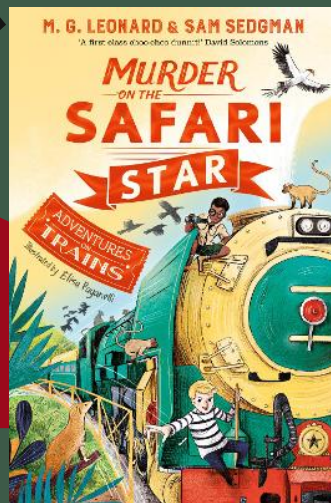
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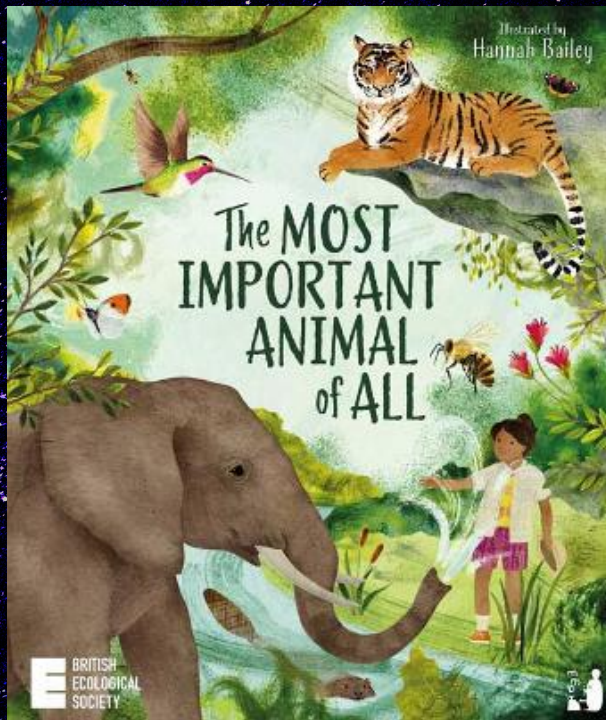
*The Lion Above the Door shines a light on the stories our history books have yet to contain and the power of friendships that can last through generations.*





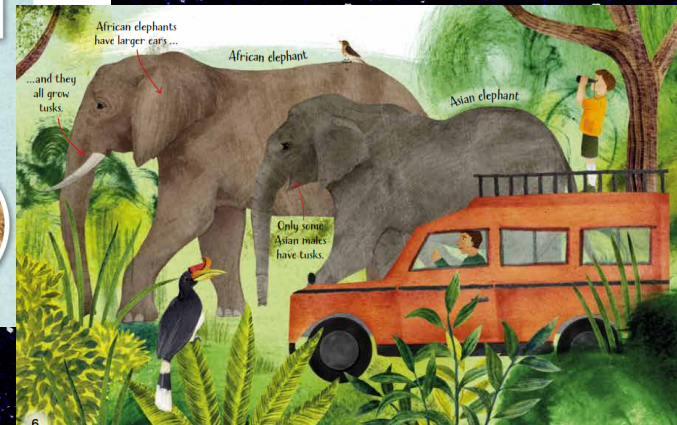
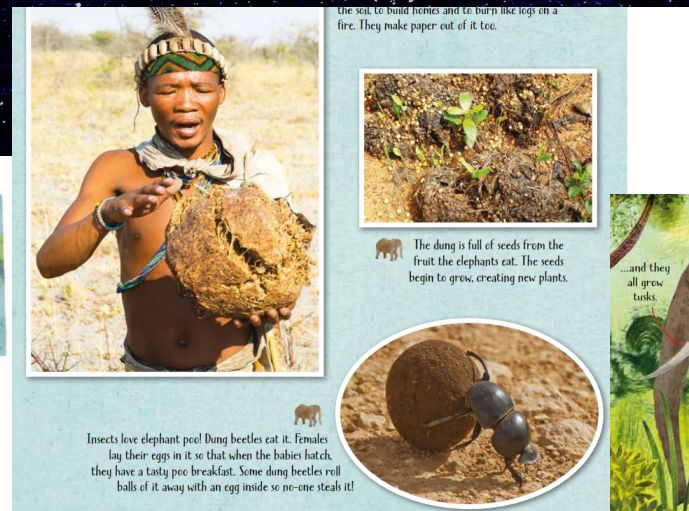
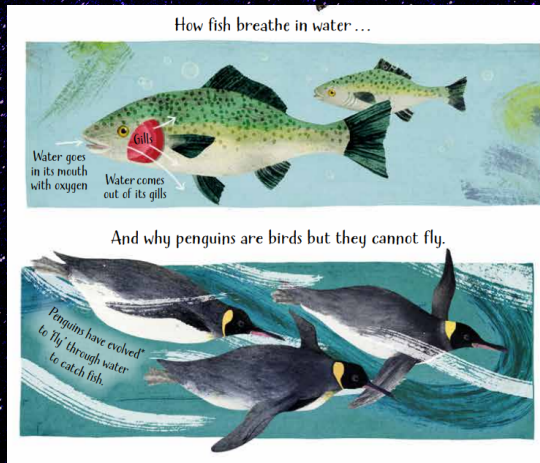
I don't usually recommend a whole series but this Adventures on Trains series is an exception to the rule. It has captivated a number of children in the juniors and as it is aimed at 9+, it's a definite go to for children who are after the next 'big thing' to read independently. Think Agatha Christie for kids and you will have pretty much summed up what these books are about. Definite page turners, these will make a great addition to any bookcase..

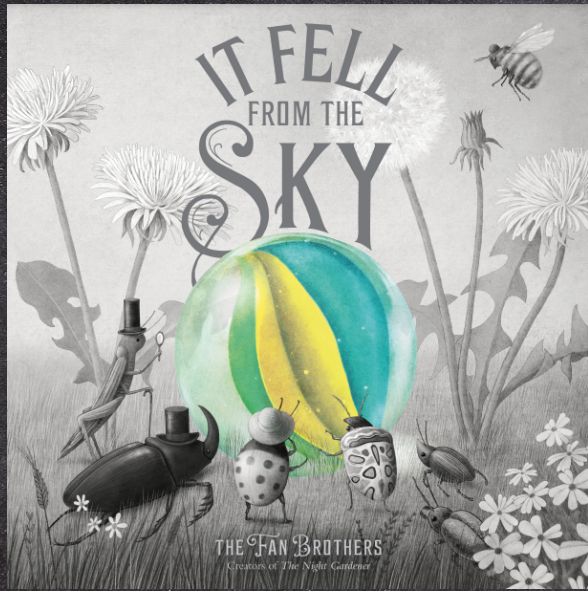




I have not seen many books that manage to combine beautiful illustrations alongside photographs quite as successfully as this book does. Aimed at 5+ I think this book is one that children and adults alike will return to time and again.

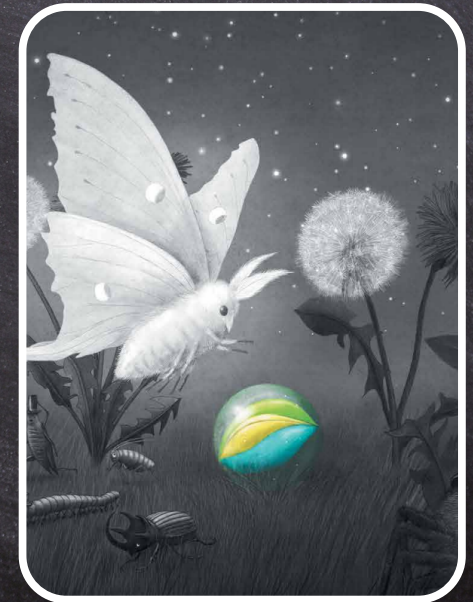
Engaging and stimulating picture book investigation of the interconnected nature of our world, beautifully illustrated





Our Get Set Go text – The Barnabus Project was a real hit in school and this book by the same authors is sure to be another firm favourite.

Written and illustrated by the talented Fan Brothers, this beautiful picture book tells the story of both amazement and greed with glorious black and white images that share splashes of colour to guide our younger readers through the text.



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ON MY BOOK JOURNEY

If you have a book to recommend, do let me or one of my librarians know and I will endeavour to include it in my next instalment. In the meantime, keep reading and I hope you have enjoyed the books I have shared with you this time.....

