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# BOOK BITES

Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service

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## Back due to popular demand: Library consultation FREE OF CHARGE!

During the autumn term the Education Library Service is offering ten half hour library consultation sessions free of charge. Sessions will be booked for the first ten schools to get in touch requesting a visit. These proved very popular during the spring term, so don't miss out a second time!

You can use these sessions to get advice on a planned library refurbishment, to get a quick overview of your current library provision or just to find out more about the services the ELS offers.

## Space Race Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Over 10,000 children across Norfolk took part in the Summer Reading Challenge over the holidays and as we write almost 7000 of them have read 6 or more books, with our most voracious reader borrowing over 130 books. Thanks to all the schools who hosted assemblies and promoted the challenge.

## Are you up for our Autumn Reading Challenge?

We hope many of your pupils took up the Summer Reading Challenge and had fun with the Space Chase.

Now, to keep the momentum and excitement going, set them travelling around an area rather closer to home with the **Norfolk Reading Trail**. As with the SRC, each child receives their own colourful document to fill with stickers as they read each book, and of course, there is a certificate at the end!



On the way they will discover new genres and authors and there are plenty of ideas for having fun with reading. All teachers need to do is let us know the age group(s) and rough reading ages of the pupils, and we will send a box of 30 books, plus 30 maps and teachers' notes. Contact us for more information.



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# Early Bird buy-in for Academies

Academies, remember that it's contract renewal time for your schools; to ensure that you get even better value, we offer an 'Early Bird' token rate of **£75 each**, £10 cheaper than the standard price of £85. Think of your budget: to make sure you get the service you want at this price, ensure your contract is agreed on SLA Online by 31st October.

You can find details of all the services we offer in our newly updated brochure- get in touch if you would like to be sent a copy for your school.

## Curriculum, Curriculum, Curriculum...

...as a politician might have said! We are your definitive go-to people for supplying you with your curriculum resources.

You and your pupils can be confident that the information in our books is relevant, at appropriate text levels, and truthful! With the increase in awareness of the sometimes false information on the internet our young people need to be able to have full confidence in what the adult world is telling them, and the ability to find, read, comprehend and process it.

## Curiouser and Curiouser...

...as Alice *did* say! Lewis Carroll's heroine was an inquisitive, confident young lady and we want to nurture our very own 'Alices' in our schools, supplying them with plenty of material to excite and satisfy their curiosity. Information literacy is a life skill which in this world of growing 'false news' and fake information is becoming ever more vital.

We are constantly adding to our back stock of 1000s of non-fiction titles with the newest available. We are very aware that non-fiction books in particular have extremely short print-runs, despite the fabulous quality of many of them, so it is difficult and expensive for schools to purchase good up-to-date resources. Our **excellent value** boxes are created bespoke and it is totally up to you as to how many topics you choose to include in each box.



You are more than welcome to come in to browse and select for yourselves. Just give us a ring or email the office.

Attractive non-fiction with plenty of illustrations and text appropriate to the ages/reading levels requested, in a variety of styles, for pupils to find immediately relevant and appealing.

**(pictured is part of a KS2 project on Oceans)**

We include up-to-date books of photographs, captions and straightforward reports and if available we will pop in an extra special book or two such as a flap or pop-up book.

We will also include relevant fiction to engage with a topic if available, as well as poster packs, maps, videos and CDs where relevant.

# Children's Book Show

Look out for this charity which seeks to inspire school children with a love of reading through an annual programme of theatre performances with authors and illustrators. They also go into schools to deliver workshops. To find out more details and to see where this autumn's tour is going check out [www.thechildrensbookshow.com](http://www.thechildrensbookshow.com)

## Hurry Hurry!

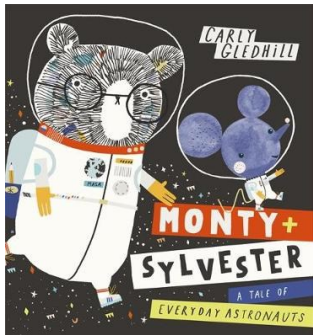


We have had a run on our artefact boxes, but if you would like one do give us a ring and see if we have any left. And why not order now for next term!

Artefact boxes contain a collection of items, (some are historical objects and some are reproductions). The collections are enhanced and are adapted to the level you require by the addition of appropriate books. Subjects include world religions, history, other cultures, arts, as well as more general subjects.

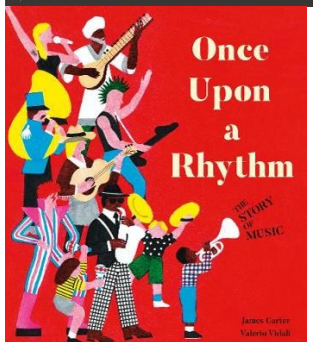
## Books We Discovered This Summer

A few titles we came across over the holidays and wanted to share:



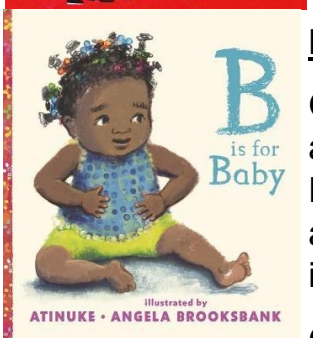
### **Monty + Sylvester: A Tale of Everyday Astronauts by Carly Gledhill**

Hilarious picture book story of two intrepid astronauts; well, Monty is the fearless and creative one, while cautious and fearful Sylvester faithfully tags along. The two friends brave many exciting challenges, including discovering a planet full of small aliens who help them back to earth since their own rocket has disintegrated in flames. Will their friends back at home believe their dramatic tales of adventure?



### **Once Upon a Rhythm by James Carter, illus. by Valerio Vidali**

This is a poem in celebration of music, from its roots in the beginning of time to its myriad ways of expression today. It is simple and as rhythmic as the drumbeats of our distant ancestors, and the fabulous illustrations are as joyful and expressive as the text – informative too. Should inspire every young child to clap hands, sing and pick up an instrument.



### **B is for Baby by Atinuke, illustrated by Angela Brooksbank**

Oh this is sooo sweet and funny! The illustrations are warm and humorous and full of detail, while the text is minimal with a story a little similar to Handa's Surprise but with possibly even less plot. This doesn't matter at all, as there is plenty to talk about in the pictures which convey love and affection in an African village community.

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