

# Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

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A newsletter bringing you a coffee break's worth (if you are lucky enough to have one!) of news and treats from your friendly team of School Library Service staff

## Does your school use the "Catch Up" reading recovery programme?

Our Catch Up collections are an ideal way of enriching your school based Catch Up reading resources. As well as up-to-date reading scheme materials our Catch Up titles include lots of exciting picture books and easy non-fiction books that cover Catch Up levels 3-12.

Catch Up collections are borrowed on a termly

basis. Each collection consists of 20 books at different levels of your choice. Collections can be exchanged once during the term at no extra cost allowing you to access 40 different titles during the term.

CatchUp Literacy

## "Writing rides on a sea of reading, Reading floats on a sea of talk"

We often read Ofsted reports which say that children need to develop their writing skills. Let our great books inspire your children to read and write more. Picture books, fiction and poetry are a great starting place.

You might want to come on our '**Traditional Tales' Inset**, there are 2 opportunities in January, and we will offer it again if there is demand; or order a project box of inspirational books to encourage children to think about words from our **Light Up Language collection** for KS 1 celebrating language

Thanks to **Brundall School** for their winning entries for our Magical Pets poetry competition.

We especially liked Jordan's entry:

I'd like a pet, I don't know what...  
My dad says NO, definitely not!  
My Gran has a cat; I'd really like that,  
He's fluffy and white but makes me sneeze  
Atishoo, atishoo take him away please  
My eyes go red and my lips go blue  
It feels like I've got the flu  
So with you dad, I need not plead,  
'cos an imaginary cat is what I need.

## What's in the box?

If your school subscribes to the School Library service now is the time to check how much of your package is left to use before the end of March. Come on now, time is running out and we know you love our lovely librarians and brilliant books!

### Two mega useful websites this month

[www.Britishpathe.com](http://www.Britishpathe.com) view and buy film from the huge archive of newsreel and social history documentaries from 1896-1976, includes the Yarmouth herring fisheries

[www.metoffice.gov.uk/education/teachers/](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/education/teachers/) this is fab if you want teaching plans for KS 2.

The KS 3 climate case studies look useful for upper KS 2 too.

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## Forthcoming INSET

**\*\*11th January:** Traditional Tales at Wimbotsham and Stow Primary School

**26th January:** Traditional Tales

**\*\*15th February:** Managing and developing your School Library—at St Michael's, Kings Lynn (for Lit Co's and budget holders)

**9th March:** Books for boys (and girls) who hate reading!

**30th March:** Junior Librarian Workshop

\*\*These may be particularly convenient for those in the West of the county.

Are you interested in hosting INSET in your school or cluster? Please contact us to discuss any ideas.

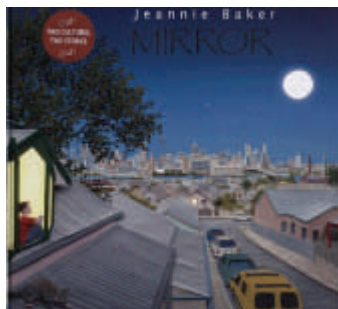
## Diversity Audit

Schools often ask for audits as part of their librarian package. As well as the 'normal' non-fiction and fiction audits which we carry out in your libraries, we can look specifically at how well your resources reflect global dimensions and

diversity. Our audits can look at both library stock and your classroom collections. Do get in touch with any of the librarian team if you are interested. We have a wide range of this sort of material ourselves which you can borrow as a **Multicultural or Diversity project**

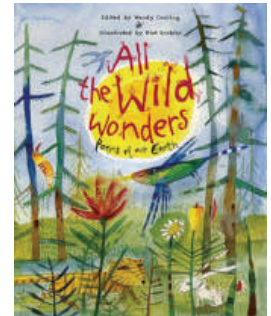
## Best Books

**Jeannie Baker's "Mirror"** (9781406309140) is a beautiful and highly original wordless mirrored story of two cultures, Australia and Morocco. Inspired when the author travelled in Morocco, we see how the lives of two families are very different but inextricably linked. Add this to your library after your diversity audit!



We really like this new poetry book, **"All the Wild Wonders – poems of our earth"** edited by Wendy Cooling. More than 30 poems celebrate our earth and encourage

children to ask questions. The delicate illustrations from Piet Grobler perfectly reflect the fragile beauty of the world.



## Join Up January



Throughout January Norfolk Library and Information Service is promoting all the benefits of becoming a library member with a month-long promotion called 'Join Up January'. A Community Librarian may be visiting your school to explain what the public library has to offer children.

### Telephone support line 52 weeks a year

Your friendly School Library Service staff are here every week throughout the year to provide expert advice and support on any aspect of School Libraries to subscribing schools; books, computer management systems, Dewey numbers, stationery, guiding... we're here to help!

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