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A termly newsletter
to support with
reading at home and
to help promote our
reading culture across
The NSB Trust.



Welcome to the inaugural NSB Trust reading newsletter. These will be published termly to highlight special events, share expertise and research to support your child's reading development and to encourage a strong culture of reading in our Trust schools.

1 TOP TIPS FOR READING AT HOME

Educational research has emphasised the need for "greater emphasis on quality interactive reading experiences at school and at home, which can improve students' skills, and offer social and emotional advantages."

This term's focus for improving reading is therefore on discussions and conversations about texts and sharing stories together.

Crucially, this does not mean we have to read in large quantities; it could be reading a section of a news article aloud to your child or sharing a short part of a story that you find entertaining before discussing the significance and their opinions. You could watch videos of actors reading extracts from fiction and non-fiction texts or perhaps share an audiobook together.

These interactive experiences boost mood and can help to inspire a love of reading and story-telling.



2 READING IN THE NEWS

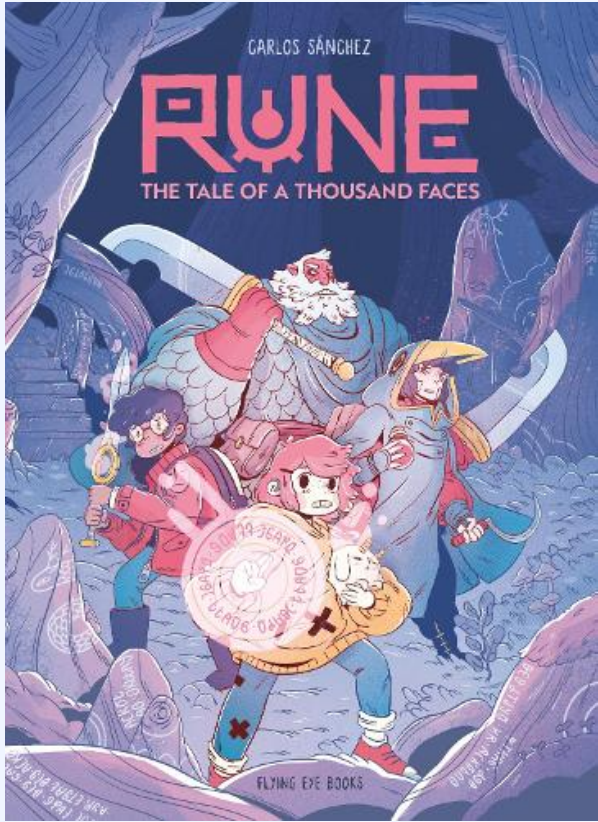
The Waterstone's Children's Book Prize 2025 Shortlist has been announced. Our selected favourites are shown overleaf. Your child may enjoy reading one over the half-term break. If they do, we would love to hear about it!

3 READING AT THE NSB TRUST

Next term sees the arrival of World Book Day! This year the celebrations take place on 6th March. For more information, visit worldbookday.com

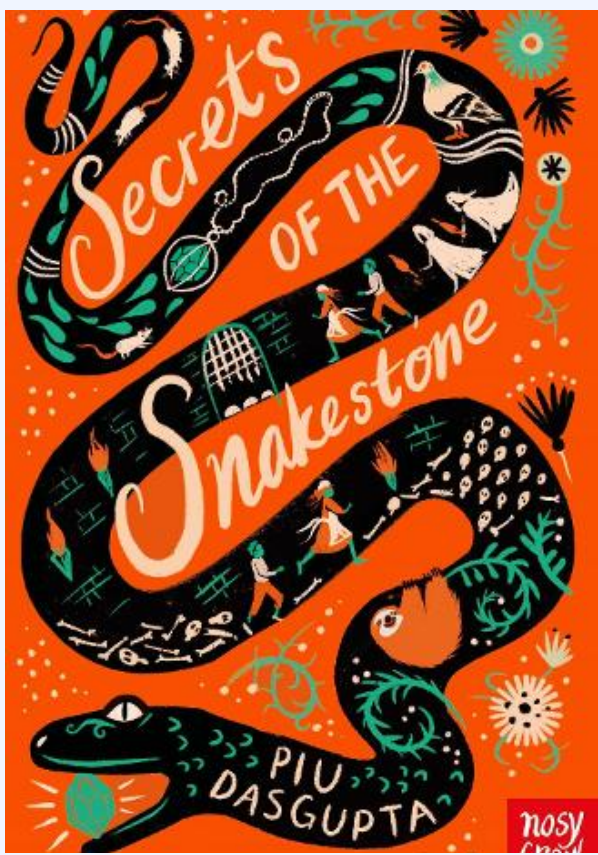
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OUR FAVOURITES FROM THE SHORTLIST...



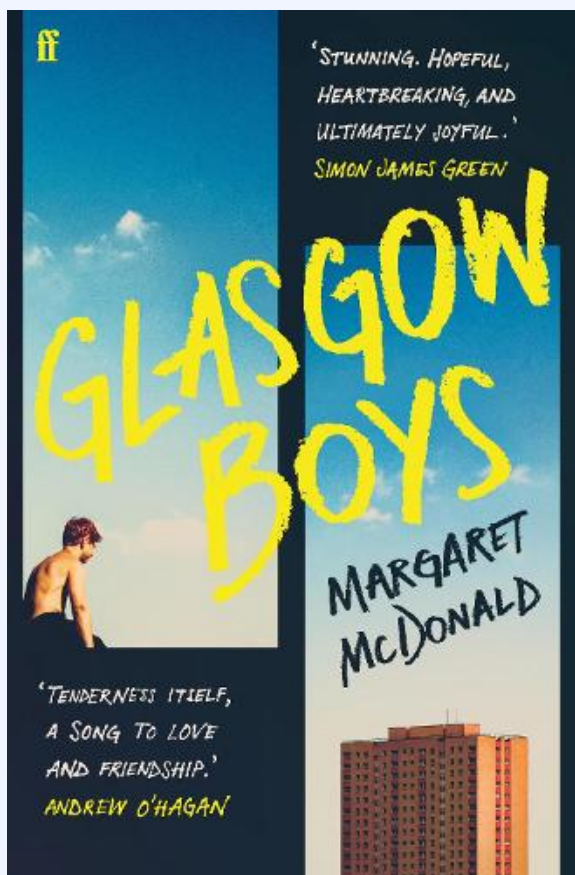
A gorgeously quirky, magical and inclusive graphic novel, Rune finds three friends pursued by bullies escape into an untrodden forest and pass through a portal into another realm, where a whole new adventure begins.

Great for younger readers who enjoyed "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" or "Bunny VS Monkey". Links well to the school value of tolerance.



Zelie and Jules race from the jungles of Calcutta to the sewers of Paris pursued by a secret society in this dynamic fantasy adventure about a mysterious, magical locket.

Great for younger readers who loved "Dog Man", "Percy Jackson" or "Harry Potter". A traditional tale with a truly global vision.



At once heartbreaking and uplifting, this unforgettable novel about Glaswegian teenagers Finlay and Banjo is a stunningly poignant depiction of young masculinity, friendship and growing up in foster care.

Great for older readers who enjoyed "The Hunger Games" or "One of Us is Lying". Links well to the school values of tolerance and respect.

