

Crompton House School Library

Issue No39

Welcome to issue 39 of the Crompton House Library newsletters. November hosts COP26 Climate Change summit and is also home to Non-Fiction November and so I am recommending books and activities around these very important topics. It will also include literacy related activities, competitions, and useful websites. I do hope that you enjoy this issue.

Featured Book Reviews

Where the World Turns Wild – Nicola Penfold

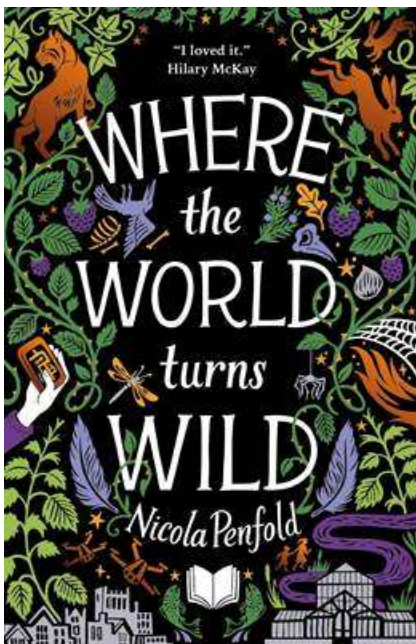
Fiction/Environment/Nature/Dystopian/Family – Age 12+

“Once upon a time, almost fifty years ago, climate change and deforestation and humans ransacking everything good and beautiful, had driven our planet to breaking point. Nature was dying plants and trees, animals, birds, insects - new species disappeared every day. But then the Rewilder’s created the disease”

Juniper and Bear live in a grey, concrete city, controlled with an iron grip by its so-call saviour, Portia Steel. Fifty years ago, a group of renegade eco-activists released a deadly virus into the environment and the city built its walls to keep nature – and the virus – out.

When scientists discover that the siblings provide the key to fighting the disease, the pair must flee for their lives. As they journey into the unknown, they soon learn that there's cruelty in nature as well as beauty. Will they ever find the home they're searching for?

A thought-provoking story that invites questions about the fine line between right and wrong and the interaction between humans and nature, a must read!



100 Things to Know About Saving the Planet

Non-Fiction/Environment/Science/Nature – Age 9+

How could plastic-eating bacteria help reduce waste? Can a river be given human rights? Could we generate all the power we need from the sun and the wind? How do woolly sweaters help penguins in peril? Would building a giant sunshade in space stop the world from overheating? Find the answers to these questions and more in this bold, graphic, and exciting book, full of big, small, and unexpected ways to save the planet.

After a brief overview on why the planet needs saving in the first place, the book focuses on what can and is being done to tackle these challenges, from small everyday changes that anyone can take to big, international missions.

An excellent introduction to the environmental problems facing us and our planet today.



[Recommended Reads for Non-Fiction November](#)

Here is a small selection of some of the many brilliant non-fiction books available on Sora [here](#) or on display in our school library.

You can also check out a list of 100 non-fiction children's books on 'Saving our Planet' [here](#)



[The Federation of Children's Book Groups – Competition](#)

The FCBG began in the 1960s, driven by a desire from parents to learn more about children's books, to encourage their children to read and to share passions and knowledge about children's books. They are running a competition for Non-Fiction November with the theme 'Heroes'. For a chance to win a copy of You Are a Champion by Marcus Rashford and Carl Anka and Black and British by David Olusoga here are the details.

Marcus Rashford has achieved lots on the pitch, but he has delivered off the pitch too. Can you write in 250 words why you think he is a hero?

More information [here](#) and the deadline is Friday 3rd December 2021

[First News – Climate Challenge – What would you do to make a change?](#)

First News is an award-winning weekly newspaper for children that Crompton House subscribes to. This issue focuses on Climate Change and COP26 and Boris Johnson wants to hear from young people about the climate challenge. You can have a chance to ask the UK government what they are doing about climate change or tell them about your ideas for solutions.

You can submit a short video or questions [here](#) via your parent/guardian/teacher or send them to myself on c.cullen@cromptonhouse.org



[Great websites and Information](#)



- World Wildlife collaborate with people around the world to develop and deliver innovative solutions that protect communities, wildlife, and the places in which they live [here](#)
- Book Trust have all kinds of recommended reading lists and activities for any age, and you can find them [here](#).
- Sora our online E and Audio Book free library. More information about Sora [here](#)

[Share Your Literacy Activities with Me!](#)

Share your book reviews, activities, artistic creations, or any other literacy related ideas, I would love to see them. You can contact/tweet me and email reviews etc. on the details below. Happy reading.

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