



# Ladygrove Loves Reading

A termly newsletter for those who love reading, those who would like to know more about reading or for those who haven't really caught the reading bug...yet!

Reading Volunteers are vital in supporting the children at Ladygrove to continue with their love of reading. They help to ensure that children are given 1:1 time to read to, discuss and listen to their favourite stories. Books open so many doors to learning that any opportunity to pick up a book and share it is invaluable for our young children. We would like to thank all of those who have volunteered their time this year. Here is what a couple of our regular volunteers said:



*"I volunteer because I love reading myself, and I love to see the children's development from September. I want to pass on my love of books"*

*"My enjoyment of books started at a young age, as did my children's. I believe that reading from a young age is so im-*



## Issue #4 Summer Term 2019

### Activities and Events at Didcot Library this summer

- Space Stories Author Talk and Activities (6-11 years), Sat 20th July 2-3pm
- Ready to Launch Story time (up to 9 years), Tue 30th July 2-2.45pm
- Blast Off! Stories and Craft (3-11 years), Fri 2nd Aug 2-3pm
- Cosmic Chaos Stories and Craft (up to 9 years), Thur 8th Aug 2-2.30pm
- Alien Invasion Storytime (up to 9 years), Fri 16th Aug 2-3pm
- 'The First Hippo on the Moon' Stories and Craft (3-9 years), Fri 16th Aug 2-3pm
- Splash Landing Stories (up to 9 years), Thur 22nd Aug 2-2.30pm

**GET  
INVOLVED!**  
VOLUNTEER TODAY

If you would like to become a reading volunteer next academic year, please contact the school office.



## READING TOGETHER...

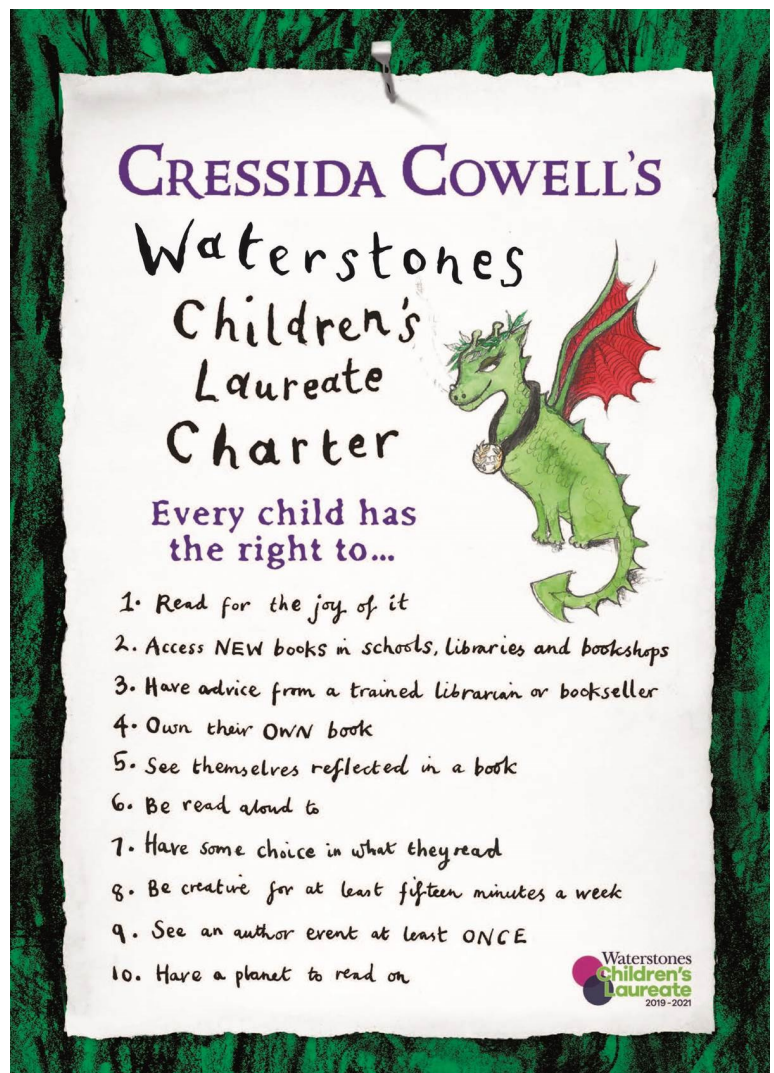
It is so important to read to your child- it is an opportunity for you to share a love of books, have close family time together and will also support them with their own reading. The impact that just reading for 15 minutes a day has on your children is great. This will support children with their own reading, widen the vocabulary they hear and support their attention and listening skills. Even when your child is able to read, it is still important to read to them! Below are some tips to help when you are reading with your child. They are from [www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/how-to-read-with-your-child/](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/how-to-read-with-your-child/) if you would like to find out more.

### Tips for reading with children of any age

- **Set aside some time** Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.
- **Ask your child to choose a book** Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.
- **Sit close together** Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.
- **Point to the pictures** If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.
- **Encourage your child to talk about the book** Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.
- **And lastly, above all - make it fun!** It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this!

**New Waterstones Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell is full of exciting plans and wants EVERY child to read for fun and get something out of books. Here, she shares her Children's Laureate Charter with you all...**

**What can you tick off this sum-**



**CRESSIDA COWELL'S**  
**Waterstones**  
**Children's**  
**Laureate**  
**Charter**

**Every child has the right to...**

1. Read for the joy of it
2. Access NEW books in schools, libraries and bookshops
3. Have advice from a trained librarian or bookseller
4. Own their OWN book
5. See themselves reflected in a book
6. Be read aloud to
7. Have some choice in what they read
8. Be creature for at least fifteen minutes a week
9. See an author event at least ONCE
10. Have a planet to read on

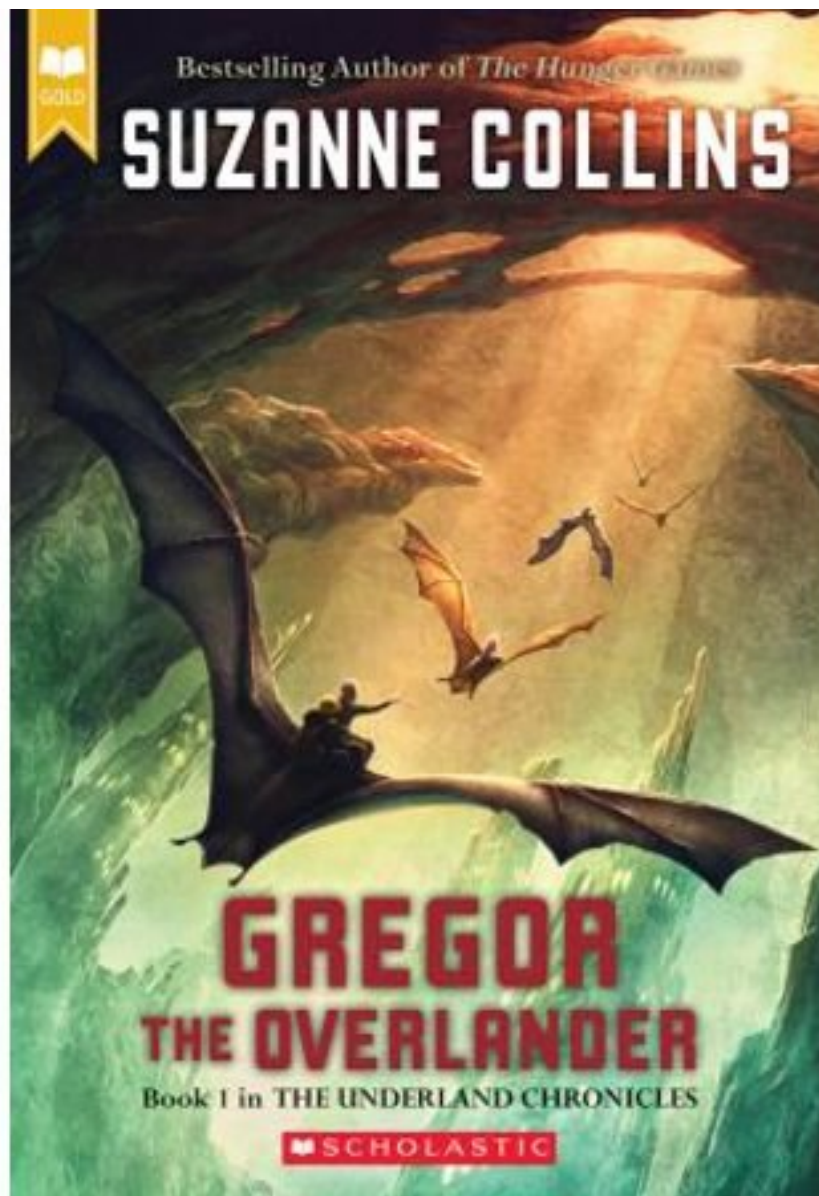
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## MRS FERNANDEZ RECOMMENDS...

### *Gregor the Overlander*

When eleven-year-old Gregor follows his little sister through a grate in the laundry room of his New York apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland beneath the city. There, humans live uneasily beside giant spiders, bats, cockroaches and rats.



If you enjoy a real adventure and a quest to solve, maybe this book is for you. Suitable for Key Stage 2 children (and adults who enjoy a fun read!)