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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 fourth edition of this academic year's NSB Trust reading newsletter. This term we are taking a dive into non-fiction and some positive statistics about reading. As always, we would welcome any feedback on the newsletter; please email jbarlow@nsbtrust.school

1 READING IN THE NEWS

This week has seen the results of recent studies into the UK's reading habits published, and there is plenty of good news to digest! Last year, 669 million physical books were sold in the UK, more than ever before recorded. Furthermore, library visits increased by 71%. Hopefully, this marks a positive shift in reading and its position within society. The researchers concluded that gen-Z readers are actively rejecting digital platforms in favour of calm, soothing, mindful habits. Often, the books selected are non-fiction, which are always popular in our libraries, so we have wrapped up a couple that are gaining popularity in 2026.

For Key Stage 3 readers:

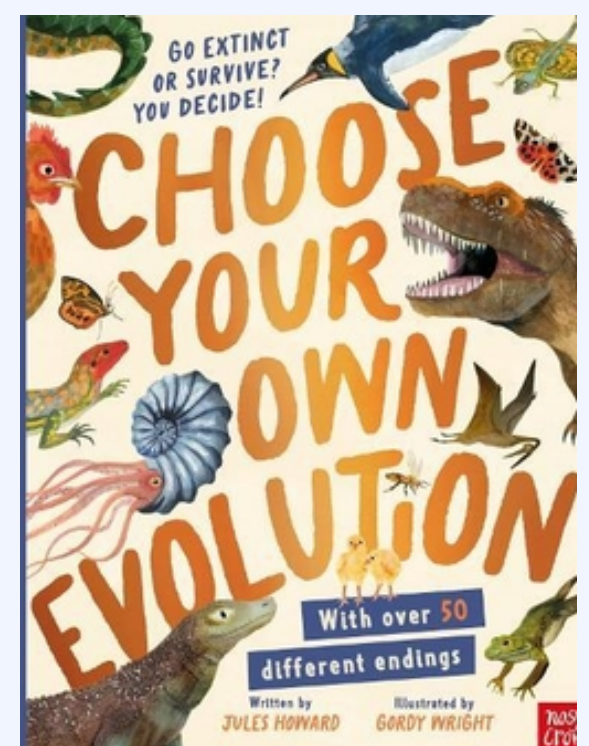
"Choose your own Evolution" by Jules Howard

A mixture of evolutionary adventure and scientific facts, this book is great for reluctant readers and science enthusiasts alike.

For Key Stage 4 readers:

"Super Nintendo" by Keza Macdonald

A delve into the history of the gaming giant, including interviews with researchers and developers, this would be great for keen gamers and anyone interested in a career in animation, coding or game development.



2 TOP TIPS FOR READING AT HOME

This same article also discussed the hugely positive impact of when reading is modelled to us by important people in our lives and especially at home. If students see adults ditching the phone and picking up a physical newspaper, magazine or book, they will be more likely to gradually follow suit. Even discussing our book habits and interests can (re)ignite an interest in reading!

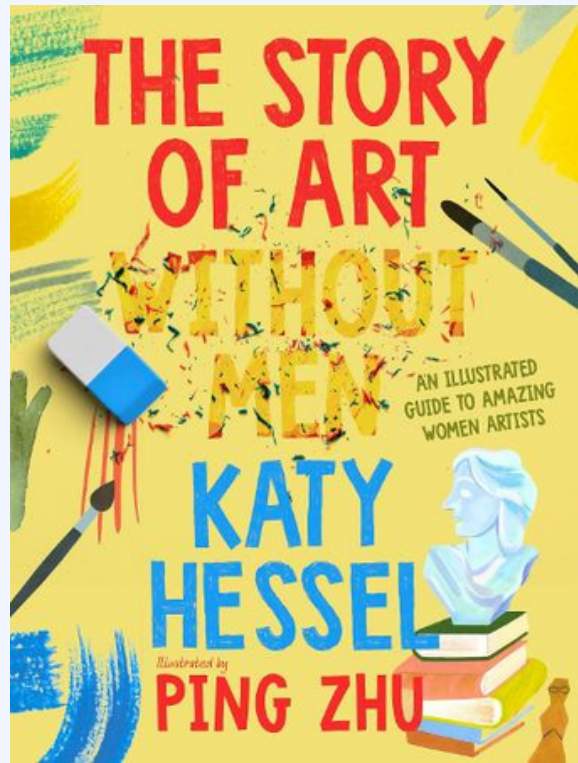
3 READING AT THE NSB TRUST

We are excited to announce that as part of the National Year of Reading, year 7 students at NS and NSB will welcome a second author visit in the summer term! More information to follow in Term 5, but hopefully this will build on the excitement already mounting around Tom Palmer's imminent visits to the NSB Trust.

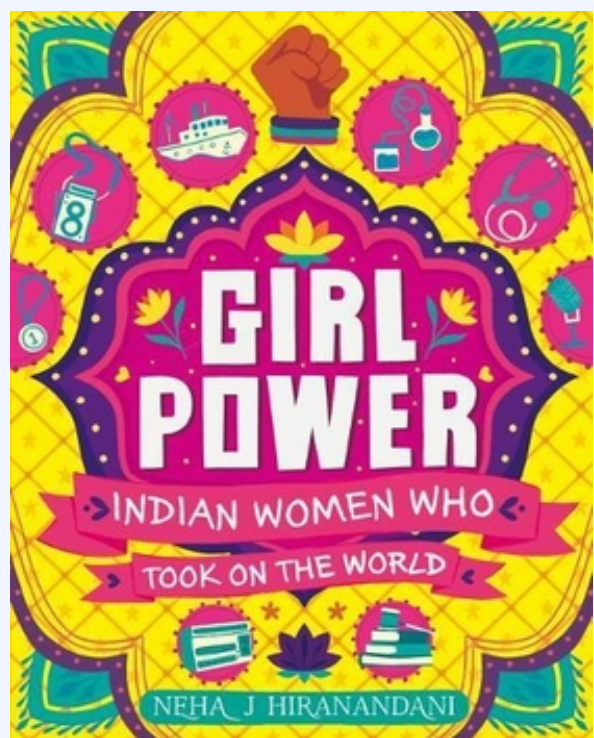


NON-FICTION FAVOURITES!

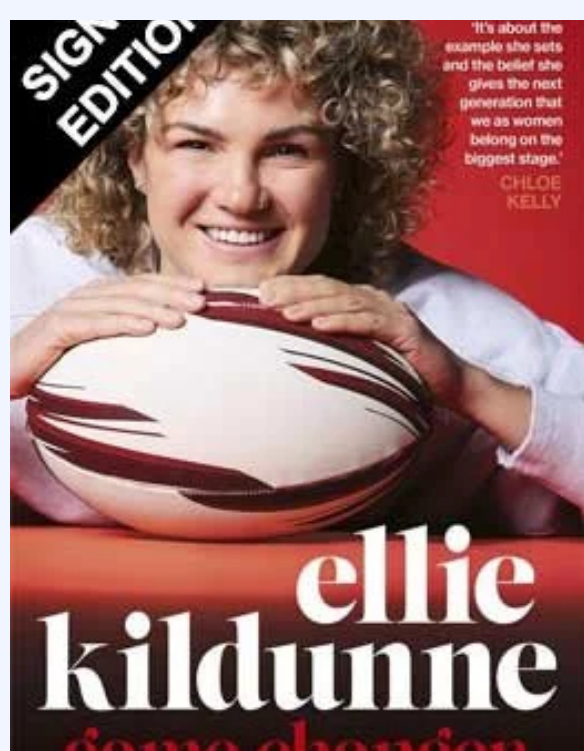
Following the theme of non-fiction reads from the “Reading in the News” section on page 2, and in a term where we celebrated “International Women’s Day”, we share some non-fiction texts which celebrate inspirational women from around the world.



Journey through history, from the Renaissance to the Second World War, and across the globe, from Cornwall to Manhattan, Nigeria, Japan and more, to discover the stories of women who changed the world with their incredible art. “The Story of Art Without Men” is a fascinating read.



Featuring 50 brilliant Indian women from history and from the present day, “Girl Power: Indian Women Who Took on the World” is a truly inspirational read, with clearly laid out text and gorgeous painted portraits by Niloufer Wadia.



Due for release on 9th April, Ellie Kildunne is the poster-girl for women’s rugby and her memoir “Game Changer” is sure to be an engaging read for all athletes and sporting fans. She tracks her journey to becoming an elite sportswoman, including those iconic cowboy hats!



International Women's Day