



## Lings' Reading Newsletter

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### Author Spotlight



#### INTRODUCING .... JOSEPH COELHO

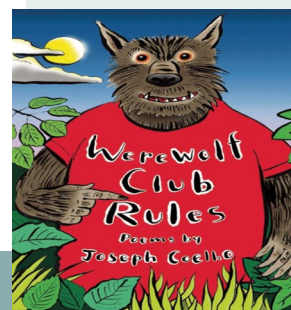
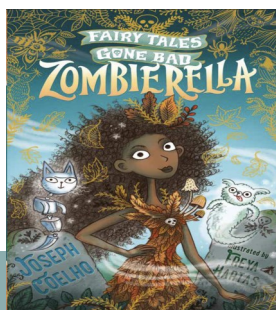
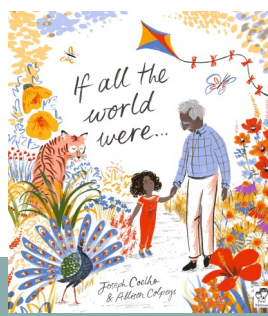
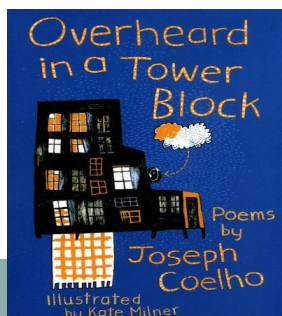
Joseph grew up in a tower block in Roehampton, London in the 1980s with his mum and little sister. Even though, Joseph enjoyed writing, he found reading and writing very difficult and said that he felt that writers were , “special people who existed in far away places.”

Joseph’s earliest memory of writing a poem was when he took part in a competition in Year 8. He unfortunately didn't win, however this competition helped to inspire him to write more poetry. Most of his earliest poems were based around feelings and he used to read them out (nervously) to his drama class.

After school, Joseph went to university to study archaeology. He then went on to have a number of jobs including: gym instructor, salesman and a film extra. He continued writing his poems throughout this time.

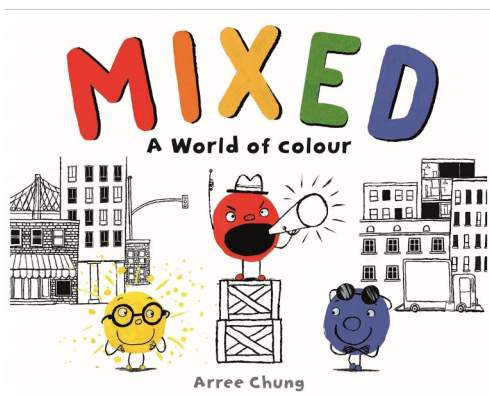
One day, Joseph discovered a performance poetry course at Battersea Arts Centre. Joseph shared some of his poems on stage—people enjoyed them and some schools asked him to share some of his poems in schools. Many years passed of him running creative writing workshops in schools and slowly he began to dream of being a published author. Joseph’s first poetry collection ‘Werewolf Club Rules’ was published in 2014.

#### Some of Joseph’s books:



# This term's recommended reads!

## EYFS—MIXED BY ARREE CHUNG



In the beginning, there were 3 colours but one day they fell out. Everyone decided to live separately until ...

2 different colours decided that they liked each other and they mixed.

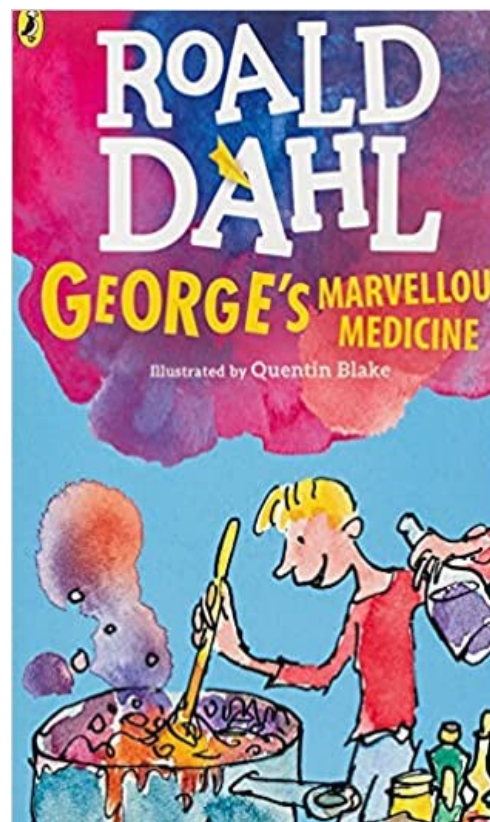
Everyone decided to be friends again and that mixing is a good thing.

*“The new city was full of colour. It wasn’t perfect, but it was home.”*

## KS1—GEORGE’S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE BY ROALD DAHL

Most Grandmas are kind and helpful but not George’s Grandma. She’s a grumpy and grizzly old grouch and George wants to teach her a lesson. So, when it’s time for her medicine, George concocts a bubbling, frothing, marvellous mixture, which is guaranteed to send her through the roof.

*“She was swelling! She was puffing up all over! Was she going to explode?”*





*“The garden was not tidy.  
The garden was a total  
wreck.”*

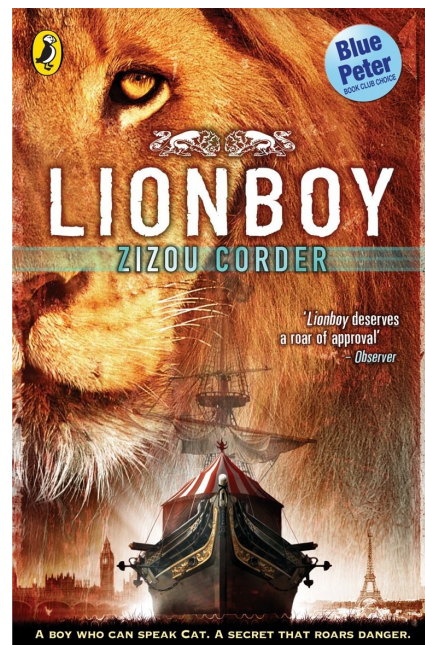
YEAR 3/4—MR GUM BY  
ANDY STANTON

Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals, fun and corn on the cob! However, he does have a beautiful garden ... until a dog called Jake, who loved nothing more than playing in gardens, discovered Mr Gum's garden! Unfortunately, a fairy had told Mr Gum that he had to keep his garden tidy, but Jake has other plans!

YEAR 5/6—LIONBOY BY ZIZOU CORDER

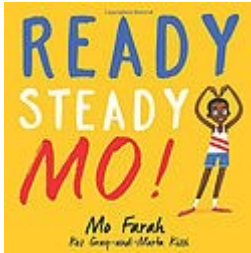
When Charlie arrives home from school one day and his scientist parents have vanished, he knows something is wrong. Charlie goes on an adventure to find his parents and ends up joining a circus boat in the heart of Paris. Oh, and 1 more thing .... Charlie can speak to cats. A great help for him when he encounters a group of lions!

*“All alone, in the heart of the city, this little  
queue of Lions and a boy walked slowly, care-  
fully, invisibly along a narrow ledge between  
the water and the wall, and nobody knew they  
were there.”*





# STORIES ABOUT SPORT

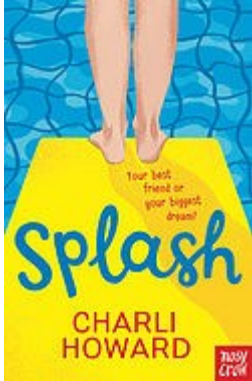
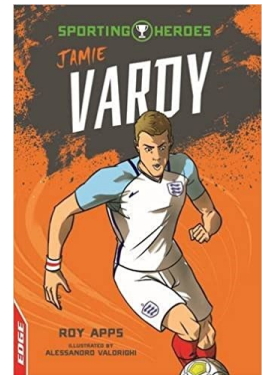


A rhyming text from the inspirational Mo Farah. Follow Mo on his mad-cap adventures as his running skills go from strength to strength. The perfect book to read and share.

Age 3–5

This inspirational biography follows the dream-come-true story of Jamie Vardy and his amazing rise to become a star striker in Leicester City's Premier League-winning side and top England goal scorer.

Age 6–8



Molly is in Year 6 and the biggest things on the minds of her classmates is the transition to secondary school and how to fit in well there. While Molly is a talented swimmer with Olympic ambitions, she becomes self-conscious about her body shape and worried about what her friends think.

Age 9 –11

A non-fiction text focusing on exceptional women athletes who became trail-blazers or game-changers in their chosen sport.

Age 9 –11

