

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are once again involved in the **Spark! School Book Awards**. The aim, if you are not already aware, is for children to read four shortlisted books in their age category over the next few months. Children can take part in live Q&A sessions with the authors, are able to enter competitions and finally vote on their favourite book which will be announced in an online awards ceremony in June. We hope along the way there will be plenty of opportunity for your child to be involved in discussions about the books and further interaction with the authors involved.

The shortlists were announced recently, as a result of submissions from publishers and a shortlisting process carried out by groups of teachers and librarians from across the country, including our very own Miss McFall!

Our school is ordering some copies of the shortlisted books, which we will make available to pupils in the library but if you would like to buy copies of any of the books for your child's personal use, Spark! offers schools the chance to purchase books at a significant discount for a limited time. Books will then be delivered to the school for distribution. This discount is only available by ordering through the school and not the wholesalers directly.

To order these books and access the discount, you will need to:

Click on the link to indicate which books you would like to order by Friday 6th February. Book order form: [Spark! Book Award order form 2026 – Fill in form](#)

We will then add your order to ParentPay where payment can be made before the payment deadline of Wednesday 11th February. All orders will be made following that payment.

We will let you know when the books are available for collection - orders will not be processed until after the final date for orders.

Below are the books and details of the discount available.

	Usual price	Discounted price
7+ Fiction		
Grumpfort by Jamie Hammond (Usborne)	£7.99	£5.19
Marty Moose: First Class Mischief by Claire Powell (Walker)	£6.99	£4.54
Solving Crimes Is Not My Superpower by Nathanael Lessore, illustr. Simran Diamond Singh (Little Tiger)	£7.99	£5.19
Wild Magic: Legend Of The Black Lion by Abiola Bello, illustr. Emma McCann (Simon and Schuster)	£6.99	£4.54
9+ Fiction		
Running My Own Race by Abena Eyeson (Nosy Crow)	£7.99	£5.19
Shrapnel Boys by Jenny Pearson (Usborne)	£7.99	£5.19

Small Wonder by Ross Montgomery (Walker)	£7.99	£5.19
WOOD: Taller, Older, Wiser by Tanya Turner, illustr. Blanka Szonda (Troubador)	£9.99	£6.49
11+ Fiction		
I Dare You by Tamsin Winter (Usborne)	£8.99	£5.84
Nettle by Bex Hogan (Zephyr)	£7.99	£5.19
The Uninvited by Ross MacKenzie (Andersen)	£7.99	£5.19
Thirst by Darren Simpson (Pushkin)	£9.99	£6.49
Guest Category: Non Fiction		
Choose Your Own Evolution by Jules Howard and Gordy Wright (Nosy Crow)	£14.99	£9.74
Pets Tell Tales: Ancient Egypt by Rik Worth & Jordan Collver (Wren and Rook)	£9.99	£6.49
The Great Pollination Investigation by Deborah Hocking (Templar)	£14.99	£9.74
The History of We by Nikkolas Smith (Rock the Boat)	£8.99	£5.84

You can see the change from Recommended Retail Price above. *There is no financial advantage to the school or Spark! Book Awards through this offer - it is simply to ensure that as many children as possible have the opportunity to access the books.* We want our children - whether in school or at home - to love reading and enjoy great books.

You can find out more about the Spark! Awards by following them across a range of social media: [Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Blue Sky](#) and our school will keep you updated when events and activities are announced.

Spark! also has a [Book Fund](#), if you would like to make a donation to purchase a set of books from the shortlist for a nominated disadvantaged child.

We really hope you will want your child to join us by taking part in Spark! which is being held in over 160 schools across the country this year.

With all good wishes,

Miss Wilson
Assistant Head