

June INSPIRE BULLETIN



Theme:

This term, we are going to be celebrating the FIFA World Cup 2026, from 11 June 2026 to 19 July 2026, held once every 4 years. The first ever FIFA World Cup was hosted and won by Uruguay in 1930, with the World Cup hosting 13 teams at the time.



RECOMMENDED READING:

Years 3 and 4: The Creakers by Tom Fletcher

Year 5 : Home Ground by Alan Gibbons

OTHER FEATURES:

Words of the Week, Thinking Challenge, Maths Challenge and Thought of the Week

INSPIRING WOMAN - ALEX SCOTT

Alex Scott is an English sports broadcaster, pundit and former professional English footballer, playing for Arsenal and the England lionesses.



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Words of the Week:

Meticulous(adjective) - Extremely careful, and with great attention to detail.

Usage: The author's book was a result of **meticulous** preparation and research

Trepidation(noun) - A feeling of fear or anxiety about something that is about to happen.

Usage: She was filled with **trepidation** before she went on stage to perform.



Thinking Challenge

Years 3 and 4: Thirty men and only two women, but they hold the most power. Dressed in black and white, they could fight for hours. Who are they?

Year 5: What 4-letter word can be written forward, backward or upside down, and can still be read from left to right?

Maths

Years 3 and 4: You are in a roomful of 10 people. Everyone is asked to shake hands with everyone. How many handshakes will there be?

Year 5: Terry is half as old as Alice was when Alice was five years older than Terry is now. How old is Terry now?



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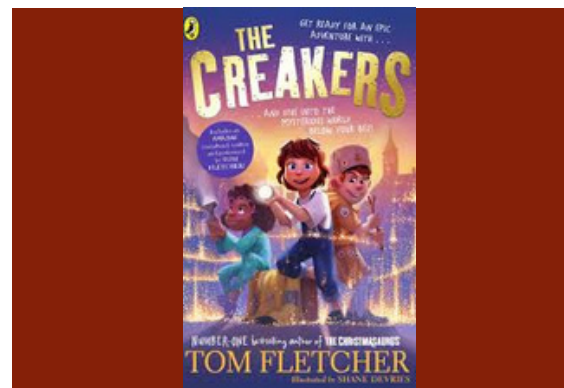
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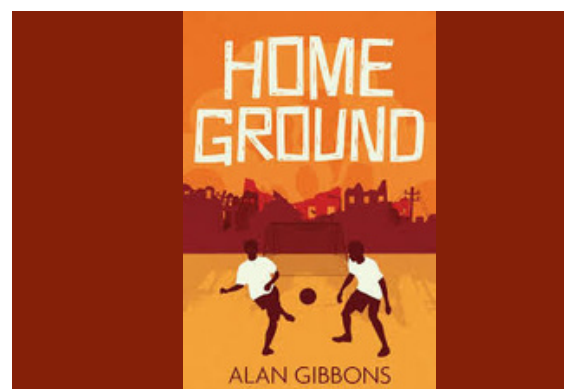
Years 3 and 4: *The Creakers* by Tom Fletcher

Lucy wakes up one morning and realises that all of the grown-ups in her town have suddenly disappeared. All the other children in her town Whiffington are excited that all the grown-ups are gone, as that means no more school and no more rules. However, Lucy is determined to get her mum back, and along with her friends Norman and Ella, she goes on an adventure to bring her mum and the rest of the adults back.



Year 5: *Home Ground* by Alan Gibbons

This story follows Sam, whose football team is struggling, but their team captain is uncooperative. To save their team, he invites 2 players Hasan and Faisan, however Jordan is unwelcoming of these 2 new players, even though their talent is saving the team. Sam must find a way to unite the team during the next football season, so the team can play at their best level.



WELLBEING:

Moon and Stars

Close your eyes. Imagine it's night time and everything is so still. The moon is big, and full and bright in the sky, and silver moonlight shines into your bedroom through the window. You are looking at the moon, and it doesn't seem so far away right now. You notice the stars too, scattered all around in the night sky. There are so many stars now – it feels like they are shining just for you. In your mind you take a big crayon and start to join up the stars like a giant dot to dot puzzle. What shapes do they make? Is it an animal? A unicorn? A house?

Thinking about the night like this, somehow makes sleep time extra special. The night sky is your friend. Take a second now to feel your body again. Where you are sitting or lying. Notice where it touches the floor, the bed or the chair underneath you. Take a second just to notice how you feel after that and be happy that you have given your body and mind this lovely time.

Well done you! Peace out.

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Inspiring Women: Alex Scott

Alex Scott is an English sports broadcaster and former professional footballer, joining the Arsenal squad, and making 140 appearances for the England lionesses. She is the second most-capped England player across both men and women's football at the time. She also won a bronze medal in the 2015 Women's World Cup, and represented GB in the 2012 Olympics. She is also an advocate for diversity and equality within sports, and in the 2022 BBC Documentary, she expressed concern over football's lack of diversity following the 2022 Euros, where only Nikita Parris and Demi Stokes came from ethnic minority backgrounds. She also inspires mothers in the football game, and advocates for more support for mothers who worry that their career may be affected due to having children.



Thought of the week

"The more difficult the victory, the greater the happiness in winning" - Pele



CHALLENGE ANSWERS

Thinking Challenge:

Years 3 and 4: They are chess pieces

Year 5: Noon

Maths Challenge:

Years 3 and 4: $9 + 8 + 7 + 6 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 45$

Year 5: Using algebra,

$A = 5 + T$, where A is Alice's age and T is Terry's age. So, $T = 1/2A$. Solving the 2 equations will give $T=5$, so Terry is 5 years old.