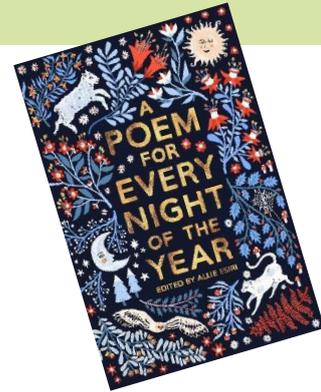




# Bredon Hill Academy Reading Newsletter Summer 5

'A Poem for Every Night of the Year' is a magnificent collection of 366 poems compiled by Allie Esiri, one to share for every night of the year. Below is a poem for you to read this Friday on the 9th July named 'A Boat, Beneath a Sunny Sky' by Lewis Carroll.



A boat beneath a sunny sky,  
Lingering onward dreamily  
In an evening of July —

Children three that nestle near,  
Eager eye and willing ear,  
Pleased a simple tale to hear —

Long has paled that sunny sky:  
Echoes fade and memories die:  
Autumn frosts have slain July.

Still she haunts me, phantomwise,  
Alice moving under skies  
Never seen by waking eyes.

Children yet, the tale to hear,  
Eager eye and willing ear,  
Lovingly shall nestle near.

In a Wonderland they lie,  
Dreaming as the days go by,  
Dreaming as the summers die:

Ever drifting down the stream —  
Lingering in the golden gleam —  
Life, what is it but a dream?

## Parenting Tip #5:

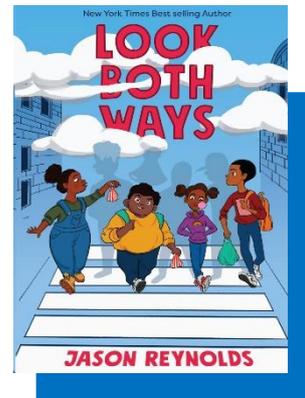
**Encourage your child to make predictions while reading.**

"What do you think will happen next?"

"Let's keep reading and see!"

## Look Both Ways

By Jason Reynolds



Book 5 is the **Carnegie winner**



We are in the process of updating our library and have recently made some changes to the boards. This is the new Bookflix display to keep children updated with the latest new releases in the library, as well as top recommendations. The children are loving this new addition to the library and like to offer their own opinions of what should be on the board next. Please discuss as a family what would be on your Bookflix queue!



**Website of the week:** <https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books#>

Website produced by the British Library. Explore centuries of stories, poems and illustrations with *Discovering Children's Books*. For children and book-lovers of all ages!



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## Reviews:



### 'The Ickabog' By J K Rowling

I was quite surprised when my daughter chose this whilst out shopping for a new book a few weeks ago. She told me she liked the front cover. I was worried it would be too 'old' for her but we purchased it anyway.

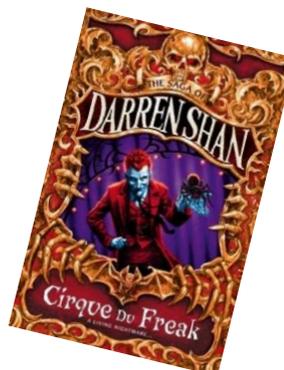
The supposed traditional tale written by JK Rowling for her children takes a while to get going and if I'm honest, we found the first few chapters quite hard going. My daughter and I read a chapter a night so it took us a while to get to the exciting parts.

The story depicts a traditional good versus evil tale where the King is the ruler of a land in which a blood thirsty monster, The Ickabog, is striking fear into the people who live there. The question that threads through each chapter is, is The Ickabog real? We are yet to find out as we haven't quite finished it!

If you like JK Rowling, then you'll love this book. It's a little bit scary, it's a traditional tale, and it's gory in parts but also gripping and hard to put down once you get to the good bits!

I'm still not convinced it's suitable for my 5-year-old daughter but she seems to be enjoying it and we have had no nightmares yet!

Mrs K Dunkley



### 'Cirque Du Freak – A Living Nightmare' By Darren Shan

Cirque Du Freak is an intriguing series about a boy named Darren Shan who goes to a freak show with his best friend Steve Leopard. During the show, Darren's life changes forever when Madam Octa and a creature of the night take the stage and perform their act. Each book in the series has its own plot that connect with each other. It is a mysterious read with amazing characters.

In particular, my favourite book is the first. I really enjoyed it as Mr Dalton (a teacher) reminds me of Mr Bailey. Also, I really like the friendship Darren and Steve have. It makes me love the characters even more!

All in all, Cirque Du Freak is an astonishing, chilling saga of twists that leaves the reader hungry for more.

Callie Year 7

**If you want to write a review to be published, please do so and hand it to Mrs Bartlett or Mrs Merrick for publication in this newsletter. There could be a reward!**