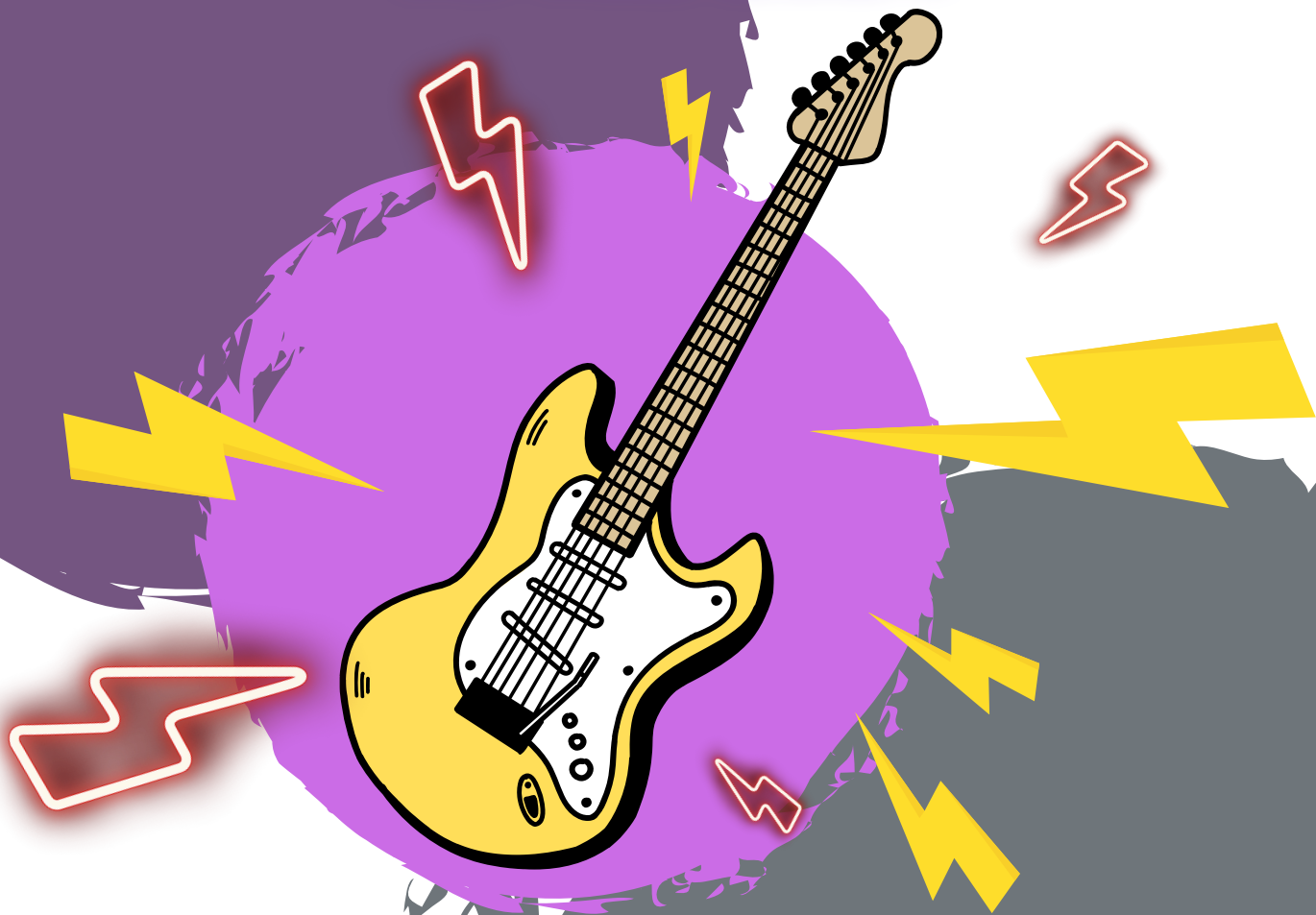




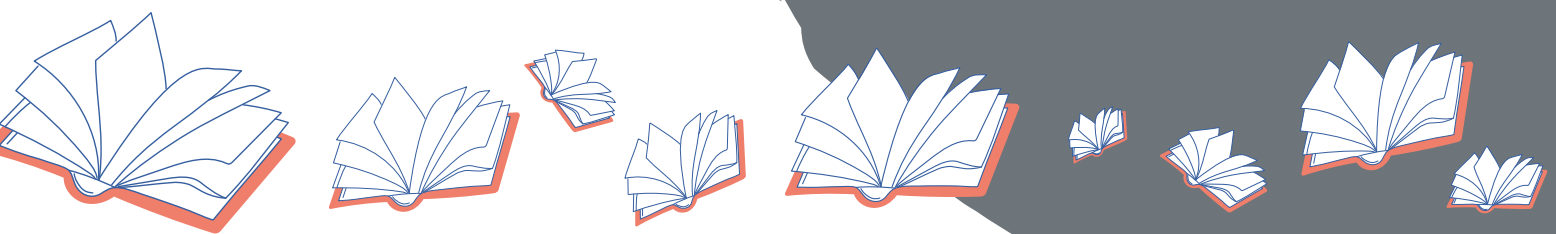
# READING ROCKS

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At Abbey Academies Trust, we understand the importance of encouraging children to read for pleasure. It might not seem like a particularly important task, but actually, research shows that reading for pleasure can be directly linked to children's success throughout their time at school and even into adulthood.

Reading for pleasure opens up new worlds for children. It gives them the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. Interestingly, reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy. It helps them to understand their own identity, and gives them an insight into the world and the views of others.





TIPS

- Set aside a special time – just a few minutes a day is enough to create a reading habit.
- Read to each other – if your child really doesn't want to read on their own, then read together. You read a page, then they read a page.

Check out some top reads for April.



by Mike Barfield & Jess Bradley  
History in the form of a graphic novel! A fantastic way to help children develop a broad and interlinked knowledge of human history in bitesize chunks with amusing illustrations. Not a book packed solely with facts, but a fun exploration of the life and times of the historical figures and events that have shaped today's world.

by Helen Scales & Illustrated by Rômolo D'Hipólito  
In this engaging and vibrant non-fiction book, we join a team of scientists on a research ship and follow their expedition to study and survey the wildlife of the Galapagos on land and in the sea. Each double page provides the reader with a variety of fascinating information about different aspects of these incredible faraway islands and their surrounding seas. Scientists in the Wild Galapagos is a book for young conservationists, budding travellers, geographers and naturalists. It is a rich and informative book suitable for upper key stage 2.



by Gaby Morgan & Illustrated by Chris Riddell  
'The danger of entering this maze of poetry is that you may enjoy yourself so much that you decide to stay where you are and never come out!'  
This collection contains quirky, thought-provoking, fun and wise poems by a wide array of children's poets. It is a book to dip into and return to, to share and to get lost in. Chris Riddell's distinctive, detailed drawings accompany the poems and we love it!

