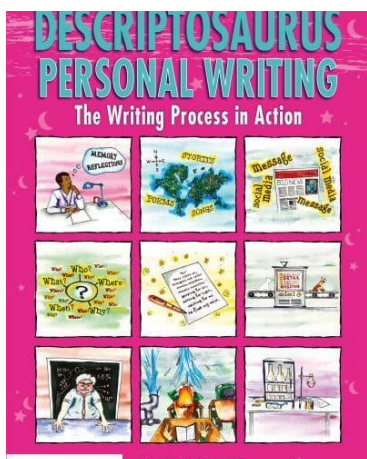# Godmanchester Community Academy
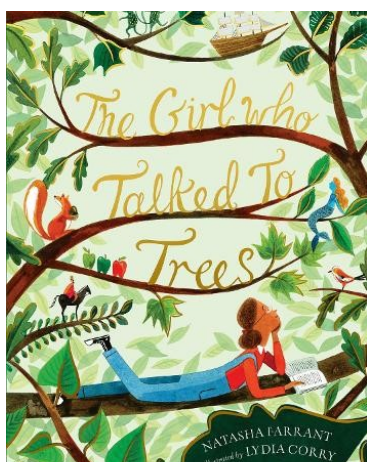# December 2021

NEW RELEASE

Non Fiction:

Descriptosaurus Personal Writing: The Writing Process in Action by Alison Wilcox

This immensely practical book provides advice, modelled ideas, writing prompts and inspiration for a wide variety of personal writing responses. Including recollections, narrative accounts, anecdotes, songs, social media; and planning techniques, style tips and examples, this is a must-have resource for KS2 and KS3 English teachers. With personal writing an increasingly important and engaging genre to focus on during the Covid/lockdown era, this new Descriptosaurus edition definitely fills a gap in the market.
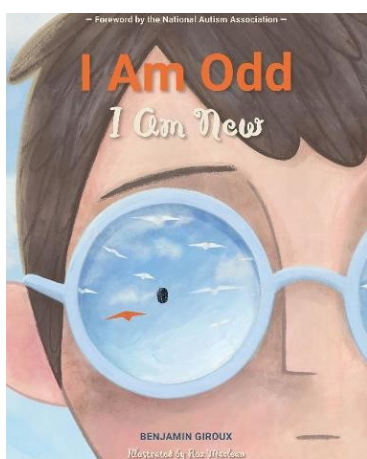
Fiction:

The Girl Who Talked To Trees by Natasha Farrant

When Olive's friend and soul-mate – a 400-year-old Oak tree – is in danger, she challenges the person who wants to cut it down to keep a promise. And so she begins a determined race against time, through magical lands, meeting heroic characters, and spanning seven unforgettable stories to save the Oak. With captivating illustrations throughout by Lydia Corry, and Natasha Farrant's evocative and timeless text, The Girl Who Talked To Trees is a truly beautiful hardback. It's the perfect gift for a book-loving child who cares about the world we live in, and one that will be kept, revisited and remembered.

Picture book:

I Am Odd, I Am New by Benjamin Giroux

When 10-year-old New York schoolboy Benjamin Giroux was asked to write a poem about himself for homework, he created this memorable and emotive piece that explains how he sees the world, other people, and his hopes for the future. Recommended by the National Autism Association, this illustrated book and its powerful message will be an invaluable resource for creative writing teachers. With unique clarity, it provides a child's perspective of the world that will inspire genuine empathy in KS2 children reading this independently, or discussing it as a class in PSHE lessons.