



# St Mary's Reading Newsletter

## Autumn 1

Welcome to the first of our half termly reading newsletters! We hope to keep you informed about what the children are reading at school, let you know some of the fantastic opportunities we provide for our children and how we are dedicated to promote a love of reading.

### Summer Reading Challenge

A massive well done to the children who completed the summer reading challenge at Newcastle library. They have shown their commitment and dedication to reading.



### CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

We are delighted with the KS1 and KS2 reading SATs outcomes that were achieved by Year 2 and Year 6 in the summer term. As a school, we achieved above the national averages in both key stages. Year 1 also achieved above the national average in the phonics screening check. Well done to our hardworking children!

### Meet our new library ambassadors

At St. Mary's, we have a new team of dedicated library ambassadors. These children help to look after our library and our cherished books!



### National Poetry Day - 6th October 2022

This year, St Mary's celebrated National Poetry Day. The theme this year was 'The Environment.' The children were able to talk, write and express what matters to them, how they feel about our environment and the factors that influence it and what they believe is the truth.

Some children also used this day as an opportunity to learn and recite one of their key year group poems. Have a look at some of our recitals.



### YEAR 2 RECOMMENDED READS...



Abel says, 'Dino danger is my favourite book because I love the rhyming words. I brought it in this week because we had been learning all about rhyming words in English lessons!'



Jimmy says, 'I like shark in the park because the picture tricks you into thinking that there is a real shark but it is lots of other silly things that are not actually scary!'

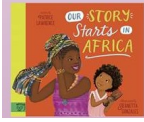


## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month, we have been celebrating Black History Month in school. We have been finding out more about inspirational black individuals. Here are some historical stories from black history that you may wish to look out for.

### Our Story Starts in

**Africa**  
Author: Patrice Lawrence  
Illustrator: Jeanetta Gonzales  
Interest level: 6-8



**Ella: Queen of Jazz**  
Author: Helen Hancock  
Interest level: 7+  
Reading age: 6+



**Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History**  
Author: Vashti Harrison  
Interest level: 6-11  
Reading age: 7+



**The Elemental Detectives**  
Author: Patrice Lawrence  
Interest level: 9-11  
Reading age: 8-9



**Windrush Child**  
Author: Benjamin Zephaniah  
Interest level: 9-12  
Reading age: 9+



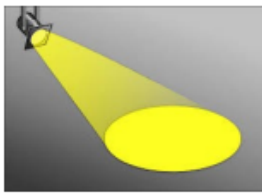
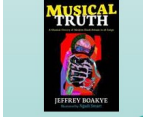
**Chains**  
Author: Laurie Halse Anderson  
Interest level: 12+  
Reading age: 10+



**Pirates!**  
Author: Celia Rees  
Interest level: 10+  
Reading age: 11+



**Musical Truth**  
Author: Jeffrey Boakye  
Illustrator: Ngadi Smart  
Interest level: 12+  
Reading age: 12+



## Spotlight on...

### MAKING PREDICTIONS

Each half term, we will include some questions that you could ask your child, focusing on one area of reading comprehension (VIPERS).

**Predictions can be made before you start reading as well as key points during a story.**

- From the cover, what might this book be about?
- What is happening now? What happened before? What will happen next?
- Do you think \_\_\_\_ might happen? Why/why not?
- What is there in this paragraph that tells us what might happen next?

### Reading Vipers

**V**ocabulary  
**I**nfer  
**P**redict  
**E**xplain  
**R**etrieve  
**S**equence or Summarise

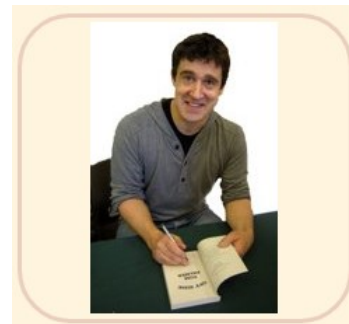
## KS1 Author of the Month

*David McKee*



## KS2 Current Author of the Week

*Tom Palmer*



**Sharing a book with an adult is a fundamental part of a child's development. Please remember to record any reading you do with your child in their reading diary. We ask that you read with them every night for a minimum of ten minutes.**

## New Children's Books we love



9+ years



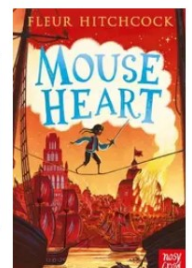
7+ years



8+ years



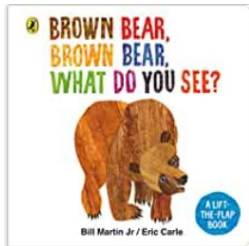
3+ years



9+ years

# What we are currently reading?

## Nursery

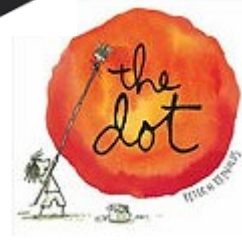


## Reception



**PICK**  
OF THE MONTH

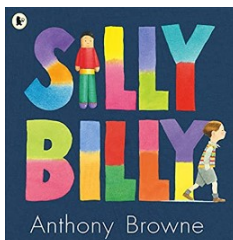
**Growth  
Mindset**



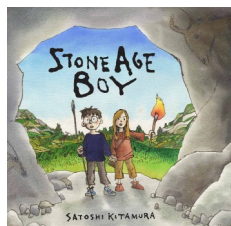
## YEAR 1



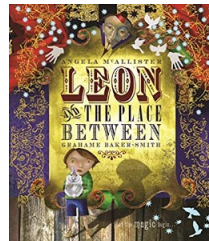
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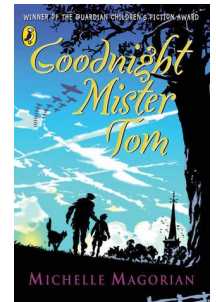
## YEAR 4



## YEAR 5



## YEAR 6



Thank you to our Reception and Year 1 parents who attended our phonics workshops this half term.



## Storytime Online

Why not have a listen to these stories read by their very own authors and illustrators!

## Poetry Corner



## Coming up next half term...

**National Non-fiction day**  
7th November 2022

The theme this year is  
**COMMUNICATION**



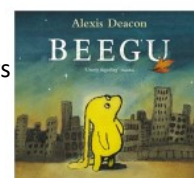
3-5 years



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5-7 years



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7-9 years



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9-11 years



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