



St Mary's Reading Newsletter

Autumn 2

Welcome to our Autumn 2 festive reading newsletter. 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.

BookTime Bears

Our Booktime Bears are a big hit in Nursery! We now have 3! Children take home a bag at the weekend which contains a bear, storybook and a sachet of hot chocolate. The perfect combination to snuggle up with an adult and share a story!



Year 3 visits Newcastle library

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed visiting Newcastle library this half term. They were able to select and read some amazing

books with their friends.



Reading Buddies

At St. Mary's, we have a group of fully trained Year 6 tutors who read with some of our Year 3 children every day.

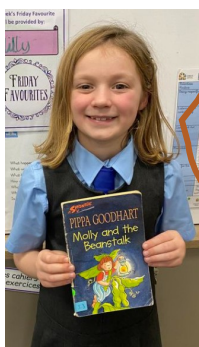


National Non-Fiction Day - 3rd November 2022

This year, St Mary's celebrated National Non-Fiction Day. Each class visited our enchanted woodland Library to immerse themselves in a range of non-fiction texts.



KS2 RECOMMENDED READS...



Milly in Y3 says, "I like the characters and illustrations in this story."

FRIDAY Favorites



Alfie in Y4 says, "I like this book because it teaches me that sometimes you have to make tough decisions like Peter stopping the wolf."



Did you know...?

In Iceland, books are exchanged on Christmas Eve and families spend the rest of the night reading. People generally take their books to bed along with some hot chocolate. Books are typically published around the Christmas season, leading to this surge in reading known as Jólábókafloð, which translates roughly to "Christmas book flood" in English.

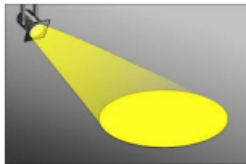
Jólábókafloð started during World War II, when paper was one of the few things not rationed in Iceland. Because of this, Icelanders gave books as gifts while other commodities were in short supply.

Why not start a Jólábókafloð tradition in your home this Christmas? Enjoy some festive stories together!



Reading Resolutions

As we head into a new year, maybe you could set yourself some reading resolutions? Why don't you try one of these?



Spotlight on...

Making Inferences

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

Inferences can be made by looking for clues in the text.

- How can you tell that...
- How does ____ feel at this point in the story?
- What was ____ thinking when ____?
- What impression do you get of ____?
- How does ____ make the reader feel?

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary
 Infer
 Predict
 Explain
 Retrieve
 Sequence or Summarise

KS1 Author of the Month

Allan Ahlberg



KS2 Current Author of the Week

Kirsty Applebaum



Reading Dog

Reception were so excited to be given the opportunity to have a visit from the reading dog this week. They listened carefully to how to safely approach dogs and shared a story together.

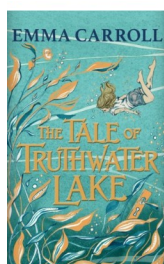


Looking for a Christmas gift for your child?

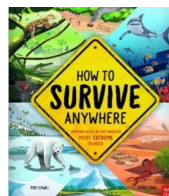
Why don't you head over to www.booksfortopics.com. Here you can keep up to date with the new book releases. Search for specific topics of interest or look at book recommendations.



New Children's Books we love



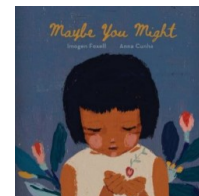
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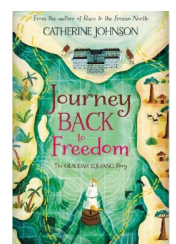
7+ years



8+ years



5+ years



9+ years

What we are currently reading?

Nursery



Reception

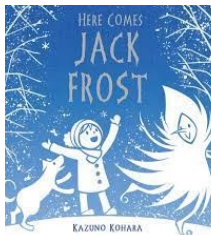


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OF THE MONTH

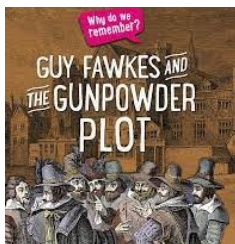
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Mindset**



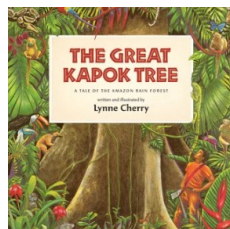
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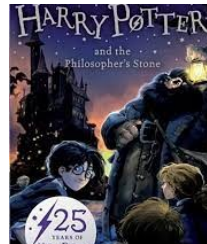
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YEAR 3



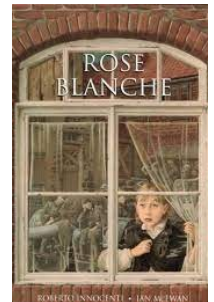
YEAR 4



YEAR 5



YEAR 6



Coming up next half term...

National Storytelling Week - 30th Jan - 6th Feb

READING TIP

Want to be a better reader? Watch the telly with the subtitles on!

Look up the 'Turn the subtitles on' campaign. Did you know, in India, it has recently become a law that at least 50% of children's TV must have same-language subtitles on by the year 2025, as it is so helpful for literacy levels.

Poetry Corner

LET EVERY DAY BE
CHRISTMAS

*Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others is good you do yourself.*

Norman Wesley Brooks

Storytime Online

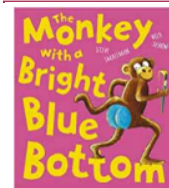
Why not have a listen to these stories read by their very own authors and illustrators!

3-5 years



<https://bit.ly/35L1PID>

5-7 years



<https://bit.ly/2L4Qwcc>

7-9 years



<https://bit.ly/2SL76dT>

9-11 years



<https://bit.ly/3bfLofx>

How good is your book knowledge? Play the 'Hidden Books' game for a chance to win £500!

<https://caboodle.nationalbooktokens.com/hiddenbooks/default.aspx?>

ADVENT READING CHALLENGE

Head over to our school website for the daily Bible

References to complete our Advent reading challenge.

<https://st-mary-cp-school.secure-primariesite.net/reading.../>



Meet our Ready, Steady, Readers

Every morning, some of our Year 5 children read with some of our Year 1s to support them with developing their phonics skills to enable them to read fluently and confidently.



We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. God bless.



KEEP READING! :)

This half term, we have signed up to the National Tutoring Programme to support some of our children in developing their reading skills. Mrs Pegg, our tutor, comes into school four times a week to deliver engaging reading sessions to selected children from years 1-6. Here are some of our Lightning Squad members:

