



St Mary's Reading Newsletter

Spring 1

Welcome to our spring 1 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.

National Storytelling Week: 28th January - 5th February

This year, St Mary's celebrated National Storytelling Week. We kick-started the week off with an assembly led by Miss Sahtali, who introduced the theme of the week - *When I Grow Up*. The children listened to a story, which was performed by members of staff, and thought about what makes good storytelling. We discussed how Jesus was a storyteller and thought about how parables were told to teach us lessons.



As part of our celebrations, our families were invited into classrooms to share in our story time at the end of the school day.

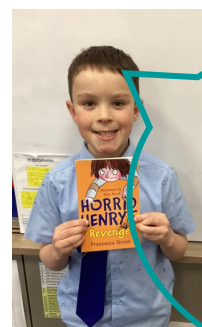


KS2 RECOMMENDED READS...



Dominion in Y6 says, "I like this book because I like learning about unusual things like how they use spider webs to fish!"

FRIDAY Favorites



Joshua in Y4 says, "This is my favourite book because it is intense and very funny. It makes you ache with laughter! I like it when Henry gets his brother in trouble by making him climb a tree at night!"



Well done to the winners of the reading raffle in St Paul.

These children have shown dedication to reading and are our superstar role models!

World Book Day Competition

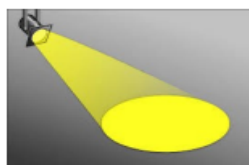
World Book Day is coming up on Thursday 2nd March. Over half term, we have an exciting competition for the children to enter – **BOOK IN A BOX**. Children will design a scene from their favourite book in a box e.g. cereal or shoe box. All completed entries are to be submitted to your child's class teacher by Monday 27th February. Three winners will be announced on World Book Day (Thursday 2nd March) when gold, silver and bronze prizes will be presented!



Don't forget to join us for our Big Booky Breakfast from 8:30 - 9:00am.

Wear your pyjamas and bring in your favourite book (and cuddly toy, if you wish!)

Nursery have been reading the text, 'Handa's Hen'. They went along to visit our school hens to see if there was a black one like the one in the story. They also found out about what our hens eat.



Spotlight on...

Vocabulary

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

- What does the word _____ mean in this sentence?
- Find and copy a word which means _____.
- What does this word/phrase tell you about this character?
- What other words could the author have used here?

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary
Interpret
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Sequence or Summarise



KS1 Author of the Month

Jill Murphy



KS2 Current Author of the Week

Sophie Kirtley



New Children's Books we love



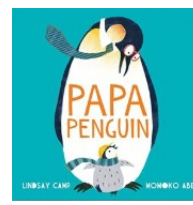
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7+ years



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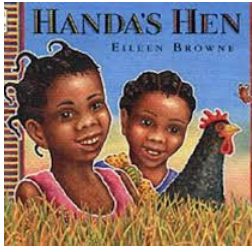
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What we are currently reading?

Nursery



Reception

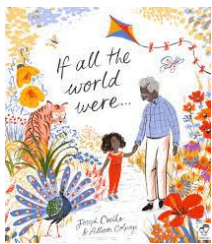


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OF THE MONTH

Growth Mindset



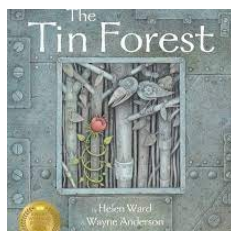
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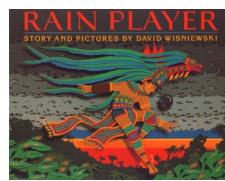
YEAR 2



YEAR 3



YEAR 4



YEAR 5



YEAR 6



Coming up next half term...

World Book Day - 2nd March

International Children's Book Day - 2nd April



Poetry Corner

When I Grow Up by Jack Prelutsky

When I grow up I think that I may pilot rockets through the sky, grow orchards full of apple trees, or find a way to cure disease. Perhaps I'll run for president, design a robot, or invent unique computerized machines or miniature submarines.

When I grow up, I'd like to be the captain of a ship at sea, an architect, a clown or cook, the writer of a famous book. I just might be the one to teach a chimpanzee the art of speech... but what I'll *really* be, I'll bet I've not *begun* to think of yet.



Storytime Online

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

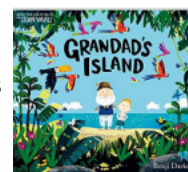
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