



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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READING NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2024



Reading Gives You Wings...

Hello and welcome to our Summer 2024 Reading Newsletter celebrating all things related to reading because it enables us to **REACH** and **be the best we can be!**

World Book Day 2024

Our World Book Day themes and ideas were partly chosen by our Reading Ambassadors and once again, we had lots of opportunities for Reading for Pleasure.

The hot chocolate stall (in collaboration with School Council) went down an absolute treat and helped to raise funds for our prayer garden and resources for our book corners – as chosen by the Reading Ambassadors.

Our work during the day was based around a book called **'Here We Are - Notes for Living on Planet Earth' by Oliver Jeffers**. This book links in with our catholic social teachings and virtue of **love**. Written as a manual to life on Earth from new dad Oliver Jeffers to his baby son, this simple, life-affirming picture book is both an overview of Earth and a guide to living well: concepts of kindness, tolerance and environmental responsibility flow seamlessly into the sparse but perfectly judged text. Each class produced work to share with the school during our whole school assembly in the afternoon.

Also, I'd like to say a big thank you to all parents/carers that made it in to our reading sessions at the start and the end of the day.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you such much for supporting our book fair during parent's evening week in March. Due to the money raised through selling books, our Reading Ambassadors suggested books that they felt their class would like and we also purchased some new Atlases for KS1.

Donations

During World Book Day children brought in books to swap and we'd like to encourage them to continue to do this in September – if they bring in a book they can take a book out of the book swap box in their classroom. Our Reading Ambassadors have been encouraging people to bring books in to swap too.

We would also love donations of good quality and appropriate children's magazines/comics as the children love to read a variety of texts.



At the end of the school year, we would like to thank all of the charities, volunteers, governors, parents and carers that come in to read with our children. Reading gives us wings and with your support our children are flying.



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Reading Club/The Reading Shed

Reading Club continued to be a hit with many children this year and during the summer term, we took this outside! Our Reading Ambassadors worked hard to revamp the Reading Shed and get it ready for the Summer months. We even came up with rules for the shed so that it could be enjoyed by all.



The Library Challenge

Coming Soon!

13 July - 14 September 2024

Suitable for children aged 3+

Head down to your local Gloucestershire Library...

THIS YEAR'S THEME: **SPORT**

Join in on all The Library has to offer this summer for **free**!

Sign Up at any Gloucestershire library or online at gloslibraries.uk.

Explore Tasks in the challenge – there's something for everyone!

Collect Stamps! Show completed tasks to our friendly library team.

Level Up! Special rewards await at each level!

What can you do to help?

Encouraging a love of reading <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/> As children get older, with lots of other activities competing for their time, how can you encourage them to make time for reading?

Here are some of our ideas:

- Read yourself! It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. And get your children to join in – if you're cooking, could they read the recipe? If you're watching TV, can they read out the listings?
- Give books as presents. And encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other – it'll give them a chance to read new stories, and get them all talking about what they're reading.
- Visit the local library together. It's always fun choosing new books to read, and keep an eye out for special author events at the library or local bookshops.
- Encourage children to carry a book at all times. That way, they'll never be bored (this is something you can do, too!)
- Have a family bookshelf. If you can, have bookshelves in your children's bedrooms, too.
- Keep reading together. Just because your children are older, it doesn't mean you have to stop sharing stories – perhaps you could try the Harry Potter series or *A Series of Unfortunate Events*.
- Don't panic if your child reads the same book over and over again. Let's be honest – we've all done it!



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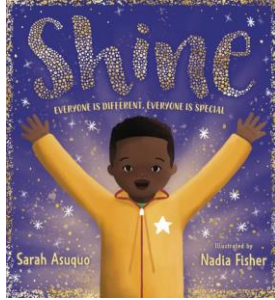
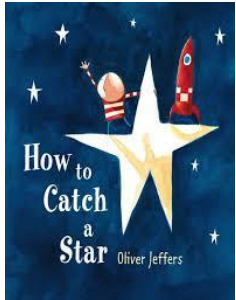
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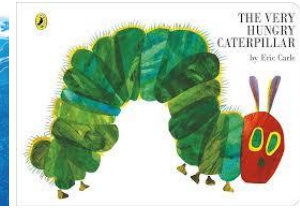
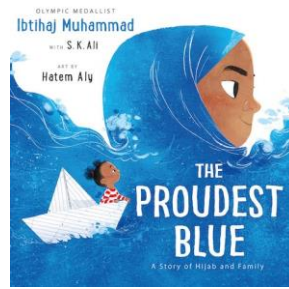


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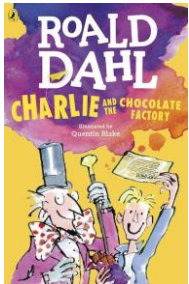
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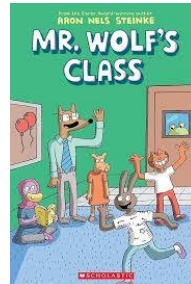
Year 2



Reading Ambassadors:

Edith – So You Want a Pet by Anne Rooney
Jemima – The Aardvark the Wasn't Sue by Jill Tomlinson

Year 3



Reading Ambassadors:

Bea – The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy
James – Worlds Worst Children 3 by David Walliams

Year 4



Reading Ambassadors:

Hebe – The Racehorse Who Wouldn't Gallop (series) by Clare Balding
Maraduke – Fighting Fantasy series by Various Authors

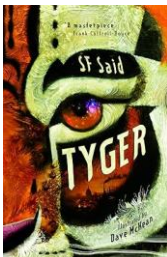
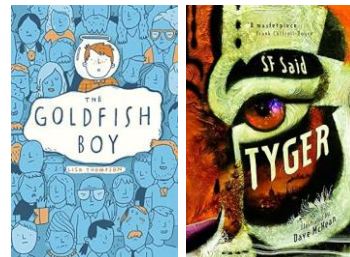
Year 5



Reading Ambassadors:

Annabel – Egyptology by Dugald Steer
Isla H – The Olympians by Rick Riordan

Year 6



Reading Ambassadors:

Finley - Beasts of Prey by Ayana Gray
Harmony – Lottie Brooks series by Katie Kirby

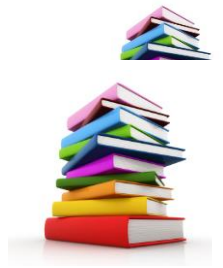


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Award winning – Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2024

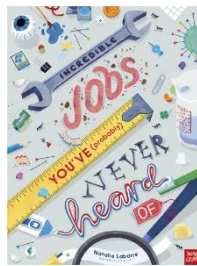


Illustrated Books Shortlist 2024



The Queen Next Door

Marcela Ferreira



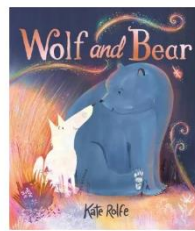
Incredible Jobs You've (Probably) Never Heard Of

Natalie Labarre



The Secret Elephant

Eilan Rankin



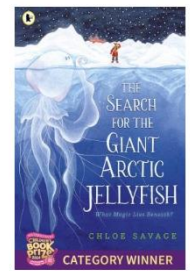
Wolf and Bear

Kate Rolfe



Whose Dog is This?

Andrew Sanders



The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish

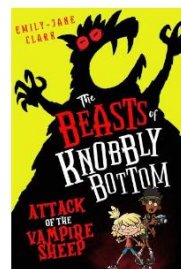
Chloe Savage

Younger Readers Shortlist 2024



Crookhaven

J.J. Arcanjo



The Beasts of Knobbly Bottom: Attack of the Vampire Sheep

Emily-Jane Clark



Vivi Conway and the Sword of Legend

Lizzie Huxley-Jones



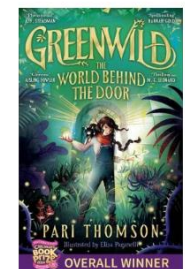
The Swifts

Beth Lincoln



My Name is Sunshine Simpson

G.M. Linton



Greenwild: The World Behind the Door

Pari Thomson

Our website recommendations.

<https://www.whsmith.co.uk/books/childrens/what-to-read-next/> If your little ones have finished their favourite book or series and are desperately looking around for something new to bury their noses in, look no further than our recommendations for what to read after. Based on best-loved books such as The Gruffalo and Harry Potter, we've picked out some fantastic books that we think your little book worms will love.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbxby9q> - Top tips to support your child's reading at home.

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/books-to-help-children-with-stress-and-anxiety> Scholastic have come up with a selection of reassuring stories and non-fiction for all ages to help children cope with stress and worries.