



READING NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2022

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go” — Dr. Seuss.

Hello and welcome to our first St Joseph's Reading Newsletter celebrating all things related to reading because it enables us to REACH and be the best we can be!

Stroud Reading Festival November 2022

All of our classes were able to take part in the festival virtually and the sessions were enjoyed across the school. Here are Year 4 and Year 6 taking part in the John Agard session; he is one of the most exciting, energetic and spellbinding readers you'll hear, breathing passion and energy into each of his poems when he speaks them aloud. Want to hear more... take a look at the link

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poet/john-agard/>



THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS

- „A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.” (Chinese Proverb)
- exercises your brain
- provides knowledge and information
- books are a good topic of conversation
- better writing skills
- improves concentration and focus
- great and free entertainment
- reduces stress, puts you in a better mood
- enriches the language and vocabulary
- develops creativity
- books are a window to the world
- increases your ability to empathize with others
- introduces to the unknown fantasy world
- books pose questions to stimulate further reflection
- good for memory
- correlation
- ambivalence
- confabulation
- hermeneutics
- misalliance
- turtledove
- decadence
- confused
- procrastinate

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Mystery Reader

Our Reception class have had some 'mystery guests' coming in to read...





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A place to relax and read...

We want to know where our children enjoy reading – is it somewhere special or unique? Is it comfortable, cosy, outdoorsy, adventurous or even on the move! Over the Christmas holidays, we would like you to take a picture of their 'place' and send it in with them when we return in January 2023 to be displayed on our DEAR time boards.



Local library

Don't forget to visit your local library during the Christmas break. They often have craft events on too.

Donations

Having a book clear out this Christmas? Why not consider donating the books to our school as we are always looking for good quality books to engage and interest the children.

Reception Class would also like any unwanted magazines please send them in to Miss Berry. Thank you ☺

A new club...

'Relax and read' at school. From January 2023 onwards, every Tuesday lunch time there will be books, blankets, cushions and a smiling face (Mrs Knight's) to welcome readers into the Year 6 classroom.

What can you do to help? Some top tips...

Supporting Readers at Home

Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.

Read Aloud
Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.

Family Reading Time
Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.

Book Chat
Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!

Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.

I wonder if...why... what...who...

For more ideas see the OU website: www.ourfp.org



What has your child's class been reading...

Reception



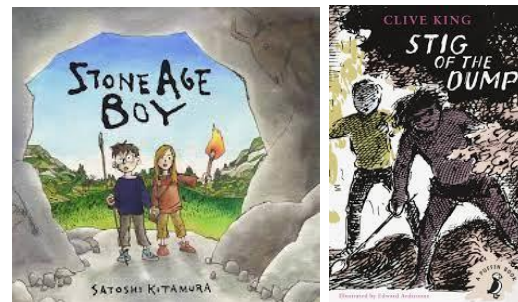
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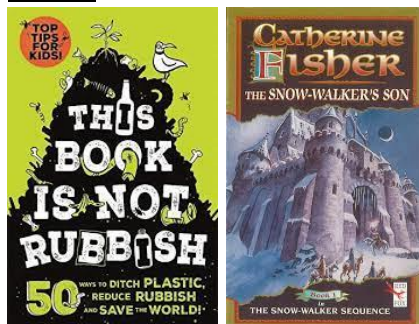
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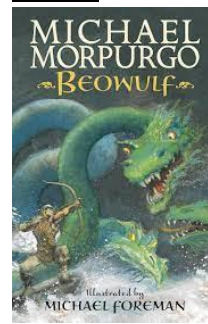
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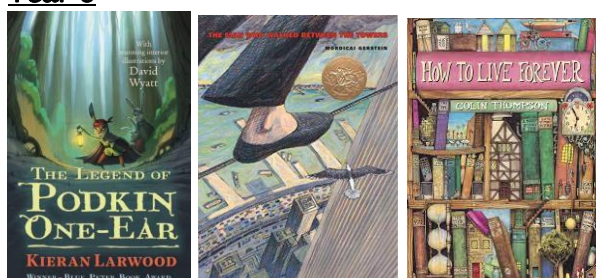
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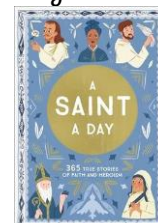
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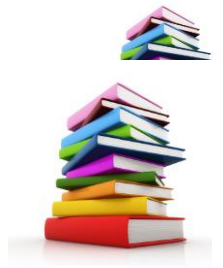


Year 6



Many classes have been learning more about the Saints using this beautiful book.





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Recommendations

Award winning

The Children's Book Award 2022 is the only national award voted for solely by children from start to finish. Over 1,000 new books are submitted to be read and reviewed by local Testing Groups across the country. When the shortlists are announced voting opens on the website for any child or school to participate in. Usually over 150,000 total votes are cast in the process.

Website: <http://childrensbookaward.org.uk>

Younger Children and Overall Winner: *Octopus Shocktopus!* written by Peter Bently and illustrated by Steven Lenton (Nosy Crow) ISBN: 978-1788002684

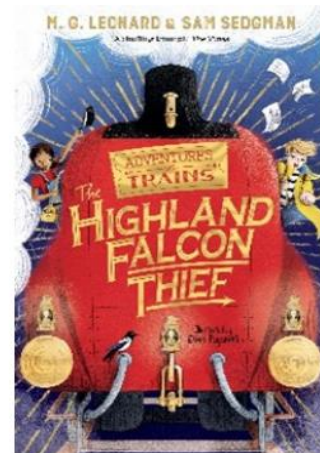
A brilliantly bonkers story about an octopus who lives on the roof. When a giant octopus arrives, the children LOVE their new friend; he makes the perfect slide and is fantastic at football! But some of the grown-ups aren't so pleased. Will they drive him away . . . or will they realise just how helpful an octopus can be?

A warm and witty rhyming story about welcoming newcomers.



Younger Readers: *The Highland Falcon Thief*, written by M G Leonard and Sam Sedgman and illustrated by Elisa Paganelli, (Macmillan) ISBN: 978-1529013061

A breathless train journey full of deceptions, puzzles and clues to solve. Harrison Beck and his Uncle Nat are enjoying the final journey of the Highland Falcon, Britain's most famous steam train. But when a precious jewel goes missing, Harrison and his new friend Lenny find themselves at the centre of the investigation. Thrilling and hugely entertaining



Our website recommendations.

On our school website in the reading section, there are lists of recommended reads for each year group <http://www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com/website/reading/357799> . These are taken from a great resource called Books for Topics, here you can find more recommendations to engage your children.

