



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

April Reading Newsletter

Mrs Heald is reading: *The Lost Whale* by Hannah Gold

Welcome!

Welcome to our April edition of our Reading Newsletter.

This month has been a busy one in school and we are looking forward to the rest of the summer term, which we know is filled with lots exciting things for the children in school. The reading ambassadors are excited to get back into classrooms as they have been very busy studying for their upcoming SATs in May. They will soon return to their classes across school to support children in their reading lessons and listen to our wonderful teachers read class novels.

This month the reading ambassadors have run a tombola stall at MOTO in the Community and raised over £300 for the charity MIND. In exchange for our hard work, the charity donate books to school.



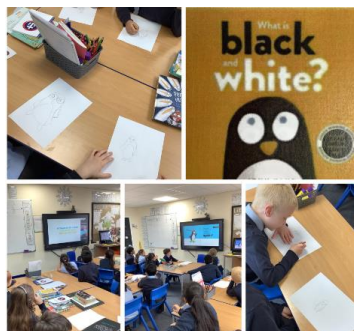
School Reading News

We have been so lucky this month as some of our classes have enjoyed some wonderful author events!

Thank you to the Read.Holmfirth bookshop in Holmfirth for organising these events.

Year 5 took part in an event with author A.F.Steadman focusing on her Skandar series of books.

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed an author event with John Kane and took part in some drawing activities during the session.



Our Amazon Wish List

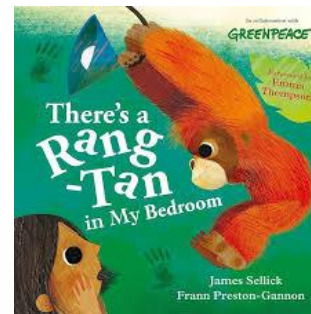
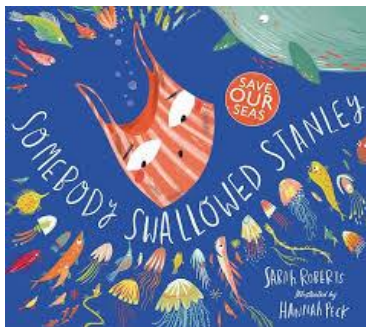
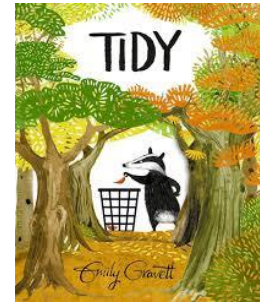
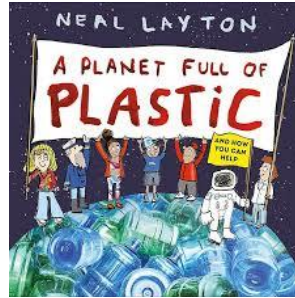
We have recently updated our Amazon wish list and filled it with texts we would love to have in school. There is no expectation for a contribution but if you would like to purchase a book on our behalf, we would be very grateful.

Please see below for the link

<https://amzn.eu/gW01ELw>

Books of the Month

This month our books of the month are all themed around Earth Day, which has taken place this month.



20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them

Will have better general knowledge

Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year

Will improve critical thinking skills

Will improve their communication skills

Will have a broad vocabulary

Will have reduced stress levels

Will learn how to develop empathy

Will improve their test results



Reading is so important for children for a wide variety of reasons. Children are encouraged to read for just 20 minutes per day as there are so many benefits.

There is no such thing as a child who does not like reading, it is just that they may not have found the right book!

Children who may find themselves in this situation, please see Mrs Heald or the Reading Ambassadors and we will be happy to help you to find a book you will love. In the meantime, keep trying the different texts from the 50 recommended reads for your year group - they will help you to find a type of book you like!

March's Guest Speaker

Well, we have a bit of a change this month and rather than a guest author, we are going to have a guest speak and who better to start this trend than me (Mrs Heald)!

I am just here to have a bit of a chat about books this month and hopefully other teachers may want to write in our newsletter next month. I am not going to lie; I really wish I had more time to read but being a busy mum and teacher means that there is not much time left in the day! I plan to try reading just a few pages each day and this will hopefully lead me to read more books as I have so many in my 'to be read' pile (or shelf as there are so many of them).

If you see me around school, please do ask me how I am doing with my reading as this will not only give us lots to talk about but will nudge me along with my reading.

A book that I have read this school year and thoroughly enjoyed was *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold: it really hooked me in and this was one book that I just could not put down!

At the end of this month, I attended a Reading Conference and I sat with a room of 100 teachers and leaders who had each selected 3-4 books that they would recommend to others.

Well, it is safe to say, not only had my 'to be read' pile increased so has my shopping list for books to buy for school. I saw so many books that I knew would be perfect for the children in our school and hopefully I can get them into our reading areas as soon as possible.

Here are just a small selection of the books I saw and liked the look of:

