



# Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

## June Reading Newsletter

**Mrs Heald is reading: Historical fiction based on World War Two - this is something I am very interested in and I enjoy reading fiction based on real events.**

### Welcome!

Welcome to our June edition of our Reading Newsletter.

This month (like many other months) has been a busy one with it being the final half term of the school year! This half term, children in year 5 have been invited to write application letters to Mrs Heald and the reading ambassadors to become the new reading ambassadors for next year. We have received some lovely letters so far and are excited to see any more that are sent to us.

### School Reading News

We were lucky enough to receive a visit from Matt Dickinson who has summited Mount Everest and has written a range of books under this theme. He completed assemblies with Y3/4 and Y5/6 before working with Y5/6. He showed the children pictures and video of his explorations to Everest and talked about his adventures there. He then carried out writing workshops with the children and they completed some lovely diary entries and persuasive letters. The writing is on display in the school hall.



### How to CHOOSE a book!

- Look!** Browse the bookshelves - it's a good idea to have a good look at the books.
- Check out the COVER!** Does it look interesting? What is the title? Who is the author? Is it like books you've tried before?
- READ the blurb!** The blurb is the short paragraph on the back of the cover and tells you something about the story. What does the blurb tell you? Does it make you want to read it?
- Think about the GENRE** This is the type of story found in the book. This could be comedy, adventure or fantasy! What other kinds of stories have you enjoyed?
- TRY it out** Read a few pages of the book. Do you want to know what happens next? It's fine to put it back if it doesn't feel right.
- The RIGHT One** Use the five-finger test to help decide if it's the right book for you. Open the book and read a page. Every time you find a word you don't know count one finger. If you get to five the book is likely too hard, so put it back and try another one.
- ASK** ...the school librarian, teachers, parents and your friends to recommend a book!

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### Choosing Books

<b>Too Easy</b>  I can breeze right through the book. I get bored reading the book. I have read this book many times before. I understand the book without having to think hard at all. I know every word.	<b>JUST RIGHT!</b>  The book is new to me. I understand most of the story. I can read most of the words and know what they mean. I can retell the major events or facts. The topic is interesting to me.	<b>Too Hard</b>  I get stuck often on difficult words I haven't seen before (more than 5 on the first 2 two pages). I get frustrated reading it. I have a hard time remembering the events or facts. When I read out loud, it sounds choppy.
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Lesson 3

### Our Amazon Wish List

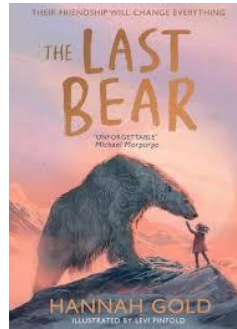
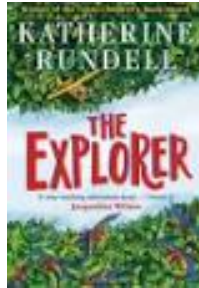
We have recently updated our Amazon wish list and filled it with texts we would love to have in school. There is no expectation for a contribution but if you would like to purchase a book on our behalf, we would be very grateful.

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 adventure!



## 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!

## June's Guest Speaker

### Mrs Cook - Office Manager at Holy Rood

Mrs Cook has kindly offered to be our guest speaker for June as she loves books as much as Mrs Heald!

I have loved reading ever since I was a little girl. My favourite book from my childhood is "Peace at Last" by Jill Murphy. My mum read it to me each night and now I read it to my children every night at bedtime.

Me and my daughter have just finished reading "The Last Bear" and "Finding Bear" recommended by Mrs Heald. The ending was so sad in the first book. I'm so glad April got to see Bear again and I hope there is another book on the way about April's new life in Svalbard.

There is nothing else I like to do as much as going book shopping or going to the library. I could spend hours looking for books. Reading is so important to me, the more you read the more you know. My favourite place in our school is the Library, I was so impressed by it when I came to visit the school and I love the enthusiasm our children in school have for reading.

I find reading a way to relax, I love that it teleports me to another world, to new people and places. I love getting to know each character, surmising what may happen next. I can easily get lost in a book and always feel a little sad when I have finished reading a book. I am challenging myself to read one book per week this year, so far I'm up to 18 books so I am a little behind.

If I don't have a book with me at all times, I feel like I've forgotten something and feel lost! Come and chat to me about books anytime!