



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

December Reading Newsletter

Mrs Heald is reading: I have been reading Poppy and Sam books with my little boy at the minute and we love them!

Welcome!

Welcome to our December edition of our Reading Newsletter.

School Reading News

We were absolutely blown away by how many of you attending the launch of the Reading Den. Louise from the Read Holmfirth bookshop joined me to cut the ribbon and it was wonderful to make a morning of it and have various activities happening around school for the children to enjoy. The Lightbox Library, poet Duncan Thompson and author Rachel Knox all joined us to work with the children across school and parents were invited in to join the children for the morning.

We would like to thank Barnsley School Catering and Tesco for their kind donations of food and drinks.

This event really felt like the icing on the cake of our school's reading journey. We are a reading school and the children here definitely do love reading!

We are looking forward to getting in there in the new year to read for pleasure!



Reading Ambassadors

The reading ambassadors have drawn the reading raffle for this half term and helped their winners to find a book from the prize box. Keep reading everyone to get your tickets in the box!



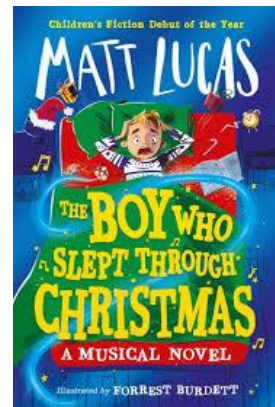
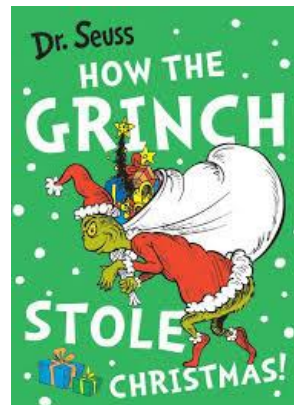
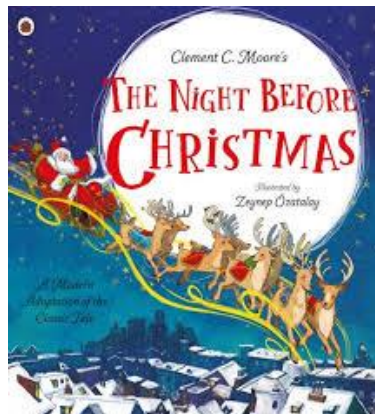
Our Amazon Wish List

We have recently updated our Amazon wish list due to another roof leak in the library! There is no expectation for a contribution but if you would like to purchase a book on our behalf, we would be very grateful. **Thank you to those who have purchased a book for us already!** Please see below for the link

<https://amzn.eu/gW01ELw>

Books of the Month

Our books of the month are all about Christmas as this is a time to enjoy with the people you love.



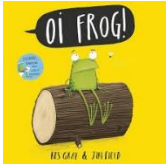
In Iceland, books are exchanged as Christmas Eve presents, then you spend the rest of the night in bed reading them and eating chocolate. The tradition is part of a season called Jolabokaflokkur, or 'The Christmas book Flood', because Iceland, which publishes more books per capita than any other country, sells most of its books between September and November due to people preparing for the upcoming holiday.

December's Guest Speaker

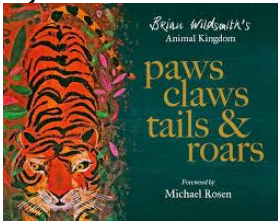
Mrs Sorsby – Year 1 Class Teacher

Wow, it's December already and a great time to settle in to read your favourite books all snuggled up in bed or on the sofa. Reading is one of my all-time favourite things to do, I love to read anywhere. Picking up a book to read gives me another world to live in and imagine.

In school I love to share books in class that excite and fire the imagination, funny books that make the children laugh and information books so that we can learn new topics. We have loved reading the Oi Frog books so much so that we even wrote our own class version, 'Oi Year 1', come in and have a look to see for yourself.



We love to share our stories at the end of the day and are currently sharing non-fiction facts about different creatures 'Paws, Claws, Tails and Roars' Lovely painted images with fantastic information.



When I was little, I loved to read the traditional tales from the ladybird books, my all time favourite 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' and then books by Enid Blyton, Mallory Towers.



I carried this tradition on when I read to my own children when they were younger. We also shared many books that I have shared in class, 'Room on the Broom' and our family favourite 'to the Family Toe'



Have a great Christmas, grab a hot chocolate and share your favourite book with your family.