



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

January Reading Newsletter

Mrs Heald is reading: I have just started my January book from the Year of Books I have purchased from a local bookshop. I have one book per month to unwrap and read! The first one is called *Fearless* and seems like an action book which is a little out of my comfort zone but has already hooked me in. Fingers crossed it continues to be good.

Welcome!

Welcome to our January edition of our Reading Newsletter.

School Reading News

Spring Term is here and we are super excited as it is the term when the book fair arrives! The book fair is extra exciting for me as a reading leader because it is lovely to be able to recommend books to the children across school but also to see the excitement children have for reading. Our school really is a reading school! Keep an eye out in next month's newsletter for more book fair news.

We also have World Book Day this term so the next newsletter (February) will have all of the information you need for the day.

Do not be alarmed if you see our new Reading Den empty. Due to the cold temperatures, we have removed the books to stop any damage to the beautiful books in there. You will be updated as soon as we feel it is warm enough to return the books to their rightful place. We wish we could fast forward to summer so that we can really enjoy and appreciate this space.

Anyway, I could talk all day about the book fair and World Book Day but I will keep that for next month.

January is the start of a new year and a good time to start good habits. My good habit will be to try and read most days, even if it is just a chapter! Why don't you join me and start a new reading habit this year? Come and tell me about your new habit, I would love to hear about it! You never know, it could be a one that I want to start myself!

Reading Ambassador News

This month, the Reading Ambassadors have all given a top tip for reading, we hope you enjoy them!

Jonty – Never judge a book by its cover!

Anna – Always try new genres of books – you might find something you like!

Kaja – It is not that you don't like reading, you just haven't found the right book.

Minnie – Read the blurb to help you decide if you want to read the book.

Millie – I read the first page of the book to see if it is interesting.

An Hong – Talk to other children about books so you can recommend them to each other.

Ella – No matter how thick the book is, give it a try.

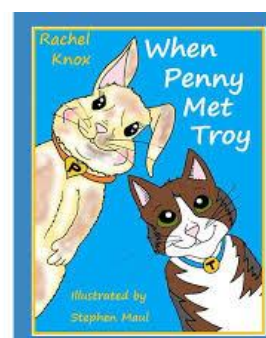
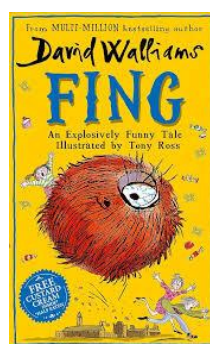
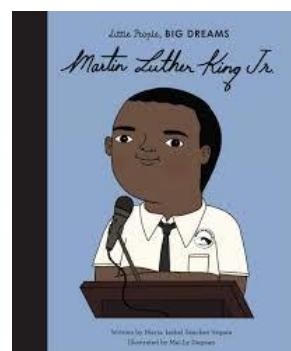
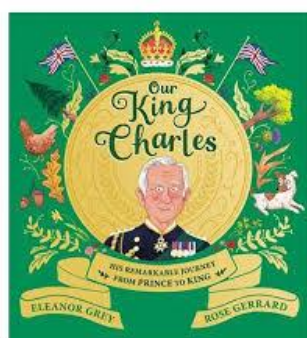
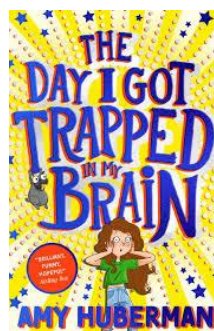
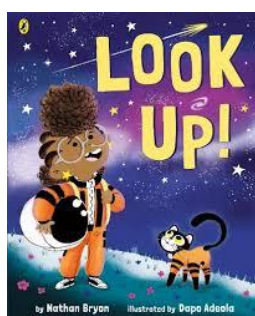
Our Amazon Wish List

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

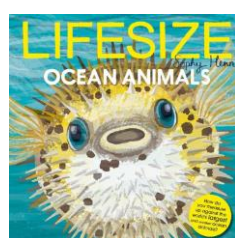
Our books of the month are texts that you can find in our school library!



Virtual Author Visits

We are excited to start the Spring Term virtual author events which are organised by the Read.Holmfirth book shop in Holmfirth. Louise joined us for the opening of our Reading Den and we are grateful to her for organising these FREE events for the children in our school.

Year 2 will enjoy a virtual visit with Sophie Henn author of the Lifesize Animals books on 3rd February. Reception and Year 1 will enjoy a virtual visit with Catherine Cawthorne author of 'Oh No Flo' on 18th March.



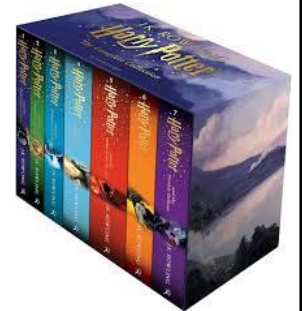
As always, children in the class taking part in the event will be sent a letter home with information about the event and how to purchase a copy of the book. Whilst there is no obligation to purchase the book, these FREE events can only take place with the support of our families by purchasing a copy of the book to support the book shop.

January's Guest Speaker

Mr McInerney – Year 4 Teacher

Reading has always been something close to my heart and I truly believe it can open up endless opportunities for us!

When I was younger, I couldn't get enough of the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. I loved immersing myself in the magical world and following Harry's journey.



Nowadays, I still enjoy reading fiction, but I also love diving into books about history too and really enjoy reading about the Ancient Greeks and the Romans. There's something so captivating about learning from the past!

One of my favourite things to do at home is to read a bedtime story to my little boy, Oliver. He's just starting his reading journey, but he already loves the 'That's not my...' series. I can't wait to introduce him to Varjak Paw when he's a little older. In my opinion, this is one of the best children's books out there and it's a firm favourite of mine to read to my classes.

