



# Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

## February Reading Newsletter

Mrs Heald is still reading: Finding Bear

This book is taking a while as I am super busy but hopefully, I will finish it in half term!! I will also finish The Invention of Hugo Cabret which I have been reading with my class.

### Welcome!

Welcome to our February edition of our Reading Newsletter - this month is our 6-month anniversary of our newsletter!

Next half term is very exciting as it is book fair month! See the box below for all of the book fair details with even more information to be shared via our twitter page after the holidays. **We look forward to welcoming you to our book fair - let's make it the most successful year yet! Remember, for every two books purchased at our book fair, school receives one book back to have in classrooms. We are grateful for all of your support with keeping our school full of high-quality books for our children.** We have ended the half term with our reading raffle - the children who have read 4 times per week and recorded this in their planner received a raffle ticket and these are the lucky winners. They have each chosen a book from my reading prize box! Let's hope for even more tickets in the box next half term.



### School Reading News - World Book Day/Book Fair

This year for World Book Day we would like children to dress up as a word. This can be as simple or imaginative as the children would like  
e.g. PJs = comfortable, Football Kit = sporty, Party dress = magical

On World Book Day, we shall hold a selection of activities and there will be a timetable of events with each teacher in school for children to take part in. Children are welcome to bring in books they would like to share with others and will be provided with time to read and enjoy books with their peers.

The Reading Ambassadors will also hold a competition in the run up to World Book Day with there being 5 prizes of a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. There will be more information about this closer to the time.

### Book Fair Opening

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - The children will visit the Book Fair during school hours to make a wish list of books they are interested in

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day - Book Fair open 8:15am-8:45am and at 3:30pm

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Book Fair open 8:15am-8:45am and at 3:30pm

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** - Book fair open 8:15am-8:45am and at 3:30pm for final purchases

## Our Amazon Wish List

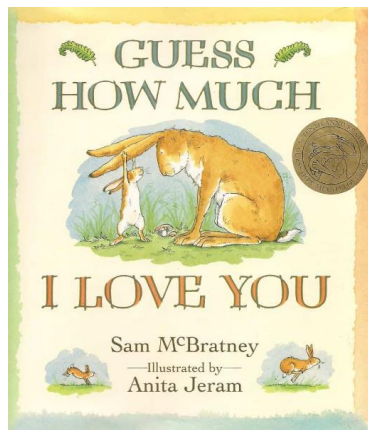
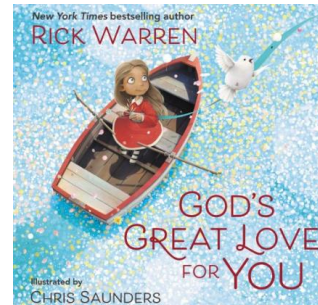
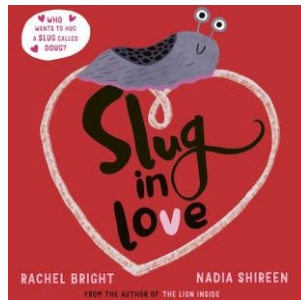
We have recently updated our Amazon wish list and filled it with texts we would love to have in school. There is no expectation for a contribution but if you would like to purchase a book on our behalf, we would be very grateful.

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 Love.



# 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!

## February's Guest Author



Dear Children

In the winter I love cosying up with a good book and getting lost in magical worlds but this year I've been busy working on my 2<sup>nd</sup> book. It will be out sometime in the spring. It's called the Last Fairy Guardian and it's about a forbidden friendship between a flower fairy and human girl. The fairy forest is under threat and wings are at risk! It's a book that's very dear to my heart as I love the fairies and spending time outside

I am also a doctor, and have looked after many people who had very difficult lives. Quite a few were not able to read and write. It has made me very grateful that I can read, and for books, because they open so many doorways. We are all so lucky to have so many books available to us.

Recently I have been working on detective workshops for school visits. In a few weeks I am running these workshops at a local scout group and school. So I've been busy putting together detective kits, clues and suspects. The workshops are based on my first Book Flora Investigates: The Case of The Missing Gold Eggs. Flora is a 10 year old detective who wants to hit the big time even though not many people want to employ girl detectives. But that doesn't stop Flora reaching for her dreams. She sets up her own agency and finds her first paid case: a gold egg laying chicken is missing. All she has to do is work out who stole her from the suspects: a dancing, cheese-losing, flying pirate; a crazy hunter; and a cat-loving neighbour. I do hope you'll take a look at Flora Investigates and reach for your dreams just like her, because you all deserve nothing but the best.

Anyway, I wish you all the best for 2024. I hope you read lots of fabulous new books (please consider leaving a review for us authors as it means the world to us). I've also sent Mrs Heald some colouring sheets from Flora Investigates for you all so please ask her for them if you would like them.

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Ps I post books readalouds on my social media as I looked after so many people who were not able to read and write so please take a listen.

Flora Investigates is available to purchase through:

<https://salonisurah.com/missing-gold-eggs/> or <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Flora-Investigates-Case-Missing-Gold/dp/1739448405>

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