



# Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

## March Reading Newsletter

Mrs Heald is currently reading: *The Lost Whale* by Hannah Gold. I love this series – they should be made into films!

### Welcome!

Welcome to our March edition of our Reading Newsletter.

Wow! What a successful month we have had; the book fair went exceedingly well and we thank you all for your generous purchases. The money raised at the book fair will provide many high quality texts for our school through Scholastic's rewards programme. The teachers have already chosen some wonderful texts to use in the classroom along with multiple copies of existing teaching texts to allow children to use them in lessons.

Thank you to the Reading Ambassadors who helped at the book fair by assisting customers, working on the tills and keeping the book fair looking great!

### School Reading News - World Book Day

World Book day was a roaring success! Our first ever 'dress as a word' was amazing! The ideas that the children came up with were honestly incredible and we will be sure to repeat this next year! Thank you to everyone (including the staff) who embraced this change to our usual book day outfits.

Here are just a small selection of the pictures taken during the day:



Congratulations to the winners and runners up of the Reading Ambassador selection of the best 'dress as a word' outfits.

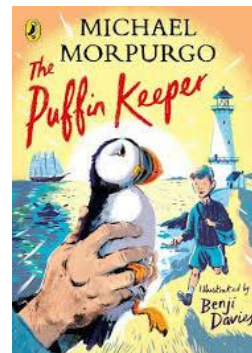
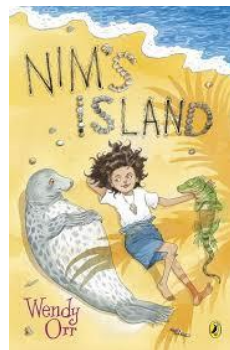
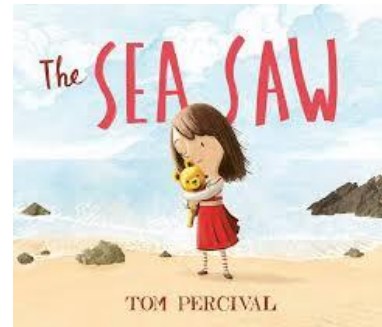
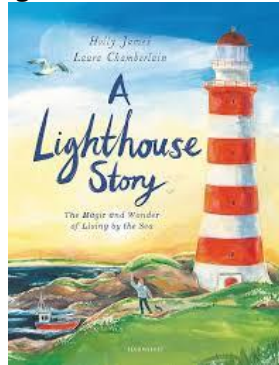
## Our Amazon Wish List

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. There are a few texts on there to support our Y6 children with their SATS. 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 the seaside! Fingers crossed they brings us some nice weather!



# 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!