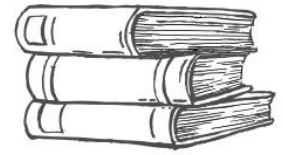


Christ Church C of E Primary School

Reading Newsletter



Autumn 1 2022

Welcome to the return of our reading newsletter. Whether your child hasn't been able to put a book down during summer, or if you've struggled to get them to pick one up, this newsletter is for you!

This newsletter will be released every half term. It's a chance to find out about new, high quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry as well as a chance to get tips and up to date information about helping your child with their reading journey.

As always, your support is hugely appreciated. We warmly welcome parents into school, if you would be interested in becoming a parent reading ambassador in our school, we'd be happy to chat over a brew and a biscuit!

Mrs J. Rayner (*English Lead*)

The Importance of Reading for Pleasure

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987

 **SCHOLASTIC**

There is overwhelming evidence that literacy has a significant relationship to people's life chances. Reading for pleasure is more important than either wealth or social class as an indicator of success at school.

If your child isn't a 'book worm' yet, don't worry! There are so many wonderful and exciting authors out there, that there's a book to engage and inspire your child out there... they just may not have discovered it yet!

A HUGE thankyou to our parent's association (FOCC) who have funded new home reading books for KS2 and our KS2 Phonics catch-up programme. We are eagerly awaiting their delivery!

Author Spotlight

Nizrana Farook



A special message from Nizrana...

A new year in school brings so many changes, and this one especially so. But some things always remain constant, and for me, reading is one of them. It's an escape into different worlds that are always there for me, and I find that so comforting.

Some of the new books I've read are Moonchild, Voyage of the Lost and Found by Aisha Bushby, The Beast and the Bethany by Jack Meggitt Phillips, The Unadoptables by Hana Tooke, Sky Pirates by Alex English, The Ship of Shadows by Maria Kuzniar, and Glassheart by Katharine Orton. Every one of them had a new world just waiting to be discovered.

In addition, I've been writing my next book, and that's taken me to a different world too. My first book, The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, is about a girl who steals from the rich to help the poor – getting herself, and her friends, into a lot of trouble over it! And yes she does steal an elephant. The second, which I'm editing now, is set in the same world and has some great new characters, including another gigantic animal...

I hope your term is filled with lots of good things – seeing your friends and teachers again, immersing yourself in your school activities, and I hope lots of new discoveries through your reading and writing.

Library

Colne Library is open every day with a whole world of books available for you to borrow- best of all this is free!

Why not pay them a visit? Like a book on our reading newsletter? Ask them if they have it! If not, they can get it in stock for you to borrow.



Junior Book Club

Colne Library

Every second Thursday of the month (16:00 PM to 16:45 PM) between 08/09/2022 and 30/06/2023

Reading is not just for school... it can be fun and take you to whole new worlds!

For the most up to date information and all the details you need, just visit! Tel: 0300 123 6703

Email: colne.library@lancashire.gov.uk

You can either visit in person or arrange to borrow a book bundle online, via telephone or via e-mail.

Our Non-Fiction Collection

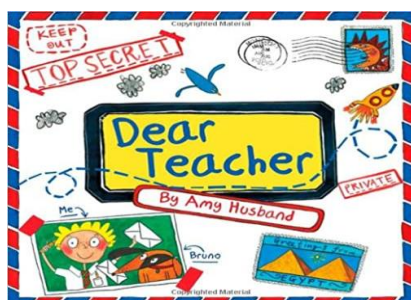


In July we had a visit from Lancashire Library Service to update our Key Stage 1 libraries- that have now gone into classrooms. In particular we have been looking at ensuring we have some engaging and informative Non-Fiction texts for children across the school. We

hope to continue adding to our collection this year.

Starting Reception and Returning to School

Dear Teacher by Amy Husband



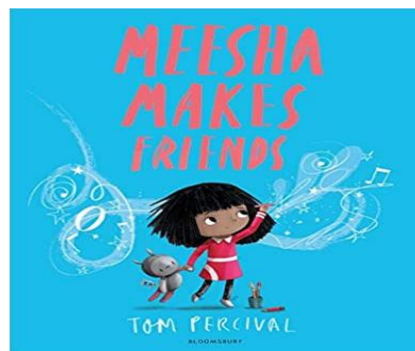
Dear Teacher is a hilarious collection of letters from Michael to his new teacher explaining why he can't go to class. From traveling to the pyramids of Egypt to getting attacked by pirates and going to the moon in a rocket ship, each letter is increasingly outlandish.

When Michael's teacher writes back telling him how sorry she is he'll miss all of the exciting school activities planned for the year, Michael realizes all the fun he'd really miss out on.

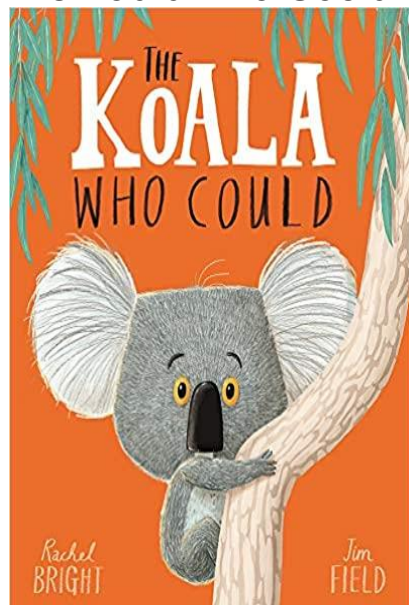
Meesha loves making things. but there's one thing she finds difficult to make - friends. She doesn't know quite what to do, what to say or when to say it, and she struggles reading and responding to social cues. But one day she discovers that she has a special talent that will help her to navigate challenging social situations and help her to make friends.

A warm and affectionate look at the joys and difficulties of making and keeping friends, relating to others, and finding your place in the world.

Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival



The Koala who Could by Rachel Bright



Meet Kevin. A koala who likes to keep things the same. Exactly the same. But sometimes change comes along whether we like it or not... And, as Kevin discovers, if you step outside your comfort zone and try new things, you might just surprise yourself! A funny rhyming story about dealing with change and overcoming worries, from the bestselling creators of *The Lion Inside*.

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<https://www.stonehillpress.co.uk/>



Perfect for Spooky October!

SATURDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2022 AT 11:00

'The Best-Kept Secret' is out!

Halloween half-term book event at Clitheroe Castle for KS2 children

Don't miss the opportunity to meet local children's author Sophie Stewart, illustrator Eli John and to find out more about, "The Best Kept Secret." A bittersweet tale set in and around Clitheroe and inspired by the Pendle Witches, folklore, fantasy and legend.

Get your copy signed by the author and doodled in by Eli John, listen to readings and discover the terrible

	truth behind the Clitheroe Castle ruins; the reason Stansfield's Deli opens early and the real reason why the workers have to wear high vis at the local Cement factory... 'Dragons don't often eat Lancashire folk. They try now and then, but the clothes make them choke. It may be the wellies, the flat caps or coats, The wet-weather gear gets stuck fast in their throats...'
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Have you seen the brilliant selection of children's (and adults!) books at Samaritans Charity Bookstall in Colne market? Open Monday to Saturday till 5.30pm, there is a super selection of books. Why not drop in?

Can you recommend another local bookshop? Get in touch with Mrs Rayner via e-mail and it could be mentioned in our next edition!

Poetry Page

To Celebrate National Poetry Day (last Thursday 6th October) why don't you listen to this funny poem with a friend or family member?

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/poem/everything-here-is-true/>

Word Origin WOW-er!

Did you know that the Old English word 'aeppel' (apple) was used to describe any kind of fruit? Peach was 'persicum' in Latin (Persian apple). Pomegranate was 'apple with many seeds.' Pineapple was named as a 'fruit' that looked like a 'pine cone.'

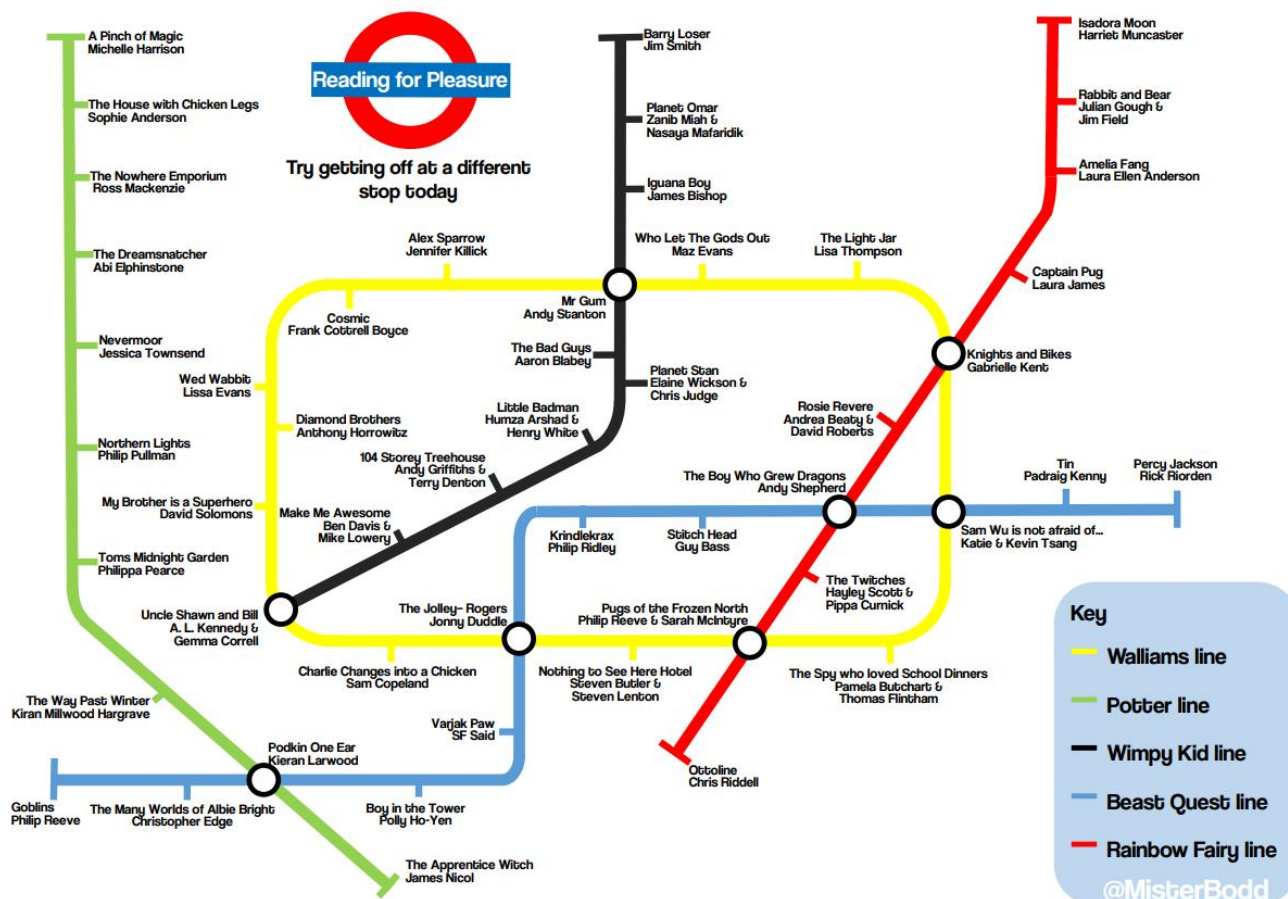
THE journey
OF A lifetime
STARTS WITH THE
OF A turning
page.
-RACHEL ANDERS

Guiding Children's Reading Choice

Does your child always read books by the same author or the same genre of book? Children's choice about what they read is really important, but it's also important that they know what's out there to be able to make an informed choice, with adults guiding them towards quality books wherever possible. Any reading is better than no reading, so it's not worth a battle, but children's series can often contain the same sort of style and vocabulary, making children read

more passively (especially if the book has been made into a film that they have seen.)

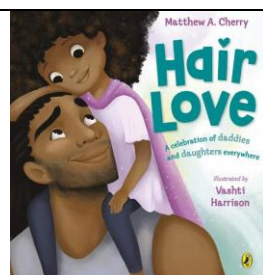
'Banning' books by certain authors can make the problem worse... so why not offer your child one of these alternatives if they have got stuck on one of the most common series of books? Get in touch if you'd like any further support with this and I'd be glad to help.



Reading for Pleasure Tube Map by @MisterBodd

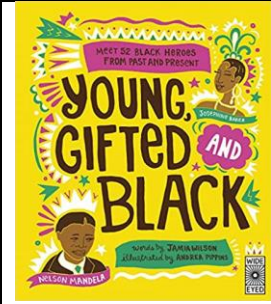
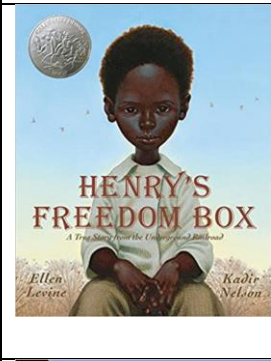
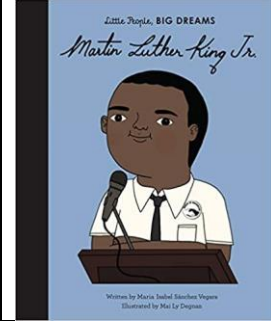
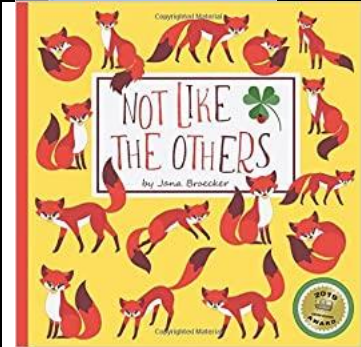
October: Black History Month

Each year, the whole month of October is dedicated to highlighting the importance of understanding Black History. There are many books available to open up discussions and these are just a small sample. For more about Black History Month, see the official website <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>



Hair Love by Matthew Cherry

Zuri's beautiful hair has a mind of its own! It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Mum always does Zuri's hair just the way she likes it, but Daddy is keen to learn to style it for an extra special occasion.

	Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson Meet 52 icons of colour from the past and present in this collection of stories about strong, courageous, talented and diverse men and women: the perfect read to encourage, inspire and empower children young and old.
	Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom.
	Martin Luther King, Jr – Little People, Big Dreams This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the inspiring activist's life.
	Not Like the Others by Jana Broecker This book about diversity promotes acceptance, understanding, and kindness for all by showcasing that each of us, irrespective of our own unique qualities, is an essential part of a bigger picture. Which fox has the fluffiest tail? Where is the squirrel that holds an acorn? Over 250 forest animals fill the pages of this beautifully illustrated book. Little eyes will be eager to spot the one animal that is <i>Not Like The Others</i>, little ears will cherish the fun, fact-filled rhymes, and little minds will learn that it's our differences that make us special.

Exciting dates, events and competitions to get involved with!

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/take-10-to-read-every-day/> **Take 10 challenge**



To inspire everyone to get reading and boost their wellbeing, we hosted a 'Take 10 national moment', inviting everyone to grab their favourite book and read for 10 minutes on Monday 10 October at 10am. Your 10 minutes can be any day!

Share your Take 10 moment with us on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook using #Take10ToRead so we can see what you get up to! The benefits of reading are endless. Sharing a book with a child is fun. It's a time for affection, laughing and talking together. And it can also give children a head start in life and help them become lifelong readers.

Reading for at least 10 minutes every day is great for your child's happiness, wellbeing and, of course, for improving their reading and writing.

Making time to regularly read with your children can help them to:

- Relax and unwind.
- Escape from the pressures of life.
- Improve memory, concentration and focus.

That's why we want everyone, from little ones and teens to parents and grandparents, to read for just 10 minutes every day!



The Solstice Prize 2022 is now open for entries from 7-17 year olds, until October 31st 2022.

This year's theme is 'Fight for Flight'. Entry is free!

There are prizes on offer for winners in three age groups: 7-10, 11-13 for us!

1st prize in all age categories is £100 cash, plus web publication.

Word count: Poetry – 40 lines

Short stories – up to 500 words.

Full details can be found here:

https://writingeastmidlands.co.uk/solstice-prize-2021-rules-of-entry/?fbclid=IwAR1FMTEIGHpTZeNUf_ys9u0dX6vLGsZbtYrUBy2f_pV9mnjGtKPO3Bxd4F8

November is National Non-Fiction month!

What book would you recommend? Why not choose a book from our new selection to share at home?

