

Hello!

We're back with this year's reading newsletters, which we hope will celebrate and support the children's reading both at school and at home.



Reminder:

Our fantastic school library is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3:15-3:45pm. Please come in and choose new books or enjoy a story!

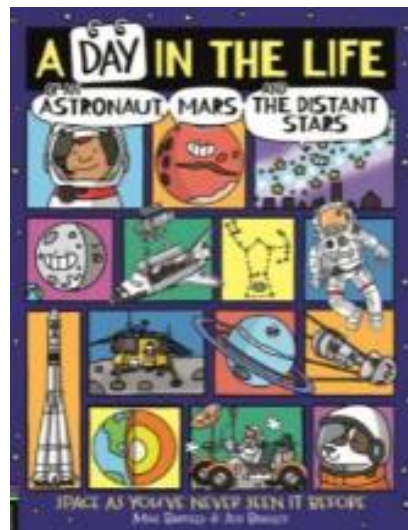


Reading linked to World Space Week – 4th-10th October

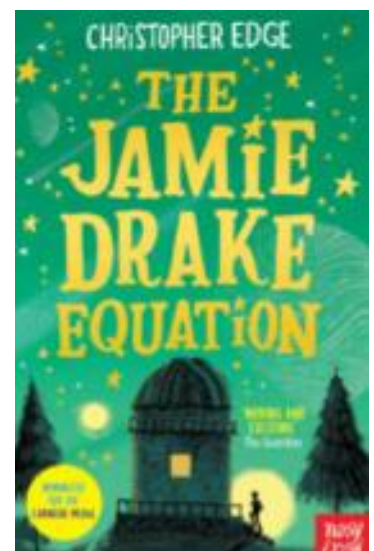
Books are a great way to help children celebrate and be curious about different events throughout the year. World Space Week was the 4th - 10th October and the following books are great for children across the school.



Reception and KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

Library event!

In the last week of this half term we will be having some Halloween themed activities in the school library. The activities will be available on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October from 3:15-3:45pm. Join us for some spooktacular fun!



Book Fair in school!

On Tuesday 24th October Derek and the book fair will be visiting school! Children will have the opportunity to visit the book fair during the day with their class and the book fair will continue after school in the music room for children to visit with their families. There are a range of fantastic books both fiction and non-fiction to choose from starting at £3.



Phonics!

At Dringhouses Primary School we use the FFT Success For All phonics programme in Reception and Key Stage 1 to support children in becoming accurate, confident and fluent readers and spellers. You can find out more about Success For All by watching the following video: <https://fft.org.uk/phonics/>



As part of our subscription there is a Parent Portal which contains videos, tips and resources for you to support your child with their acquisition and application of phonics skills and can be found on <https://parents.fft.org.uk/>.

Through the portal you can also access a Shared Reader Library which allows you to enjoy the texts that children are reading in school as part of their daily phonics and whole class reading sessions. To access the Shared Reader Library you will need the passcode **hio7bh**.

UKS2 Reading Padlets!

This year, the children in years 5 and 6 have moved to a different approach to reading records. Each week, children visit the Padlet website, which is an educational platform used to share text, documents and images on a collaborative 'board'. Children then write about the book that they have been reading outside of school including a summary of the text so far as well as their thoughts about the book. At school, we have a weekly reading lesson known as 'Book Club' where we share recommendations, discuss texts that we have been reading, and generally share a love of reading. We are all really enjoying this new approach to discussing books!



The grid displays 20 reading padlet cards, each with a book cover and a child's handwritten review. The books featured include Kane, Guinness World Records 2024, GrimWood, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Diper Overload, Arsenal for tea, I a reading FING, Matilda, Jackie Daydream, The great dream robbery, slime, Reading Week 5, Matilda, 13 story treehouse, THE BEST OF PIPPI LONGSTOCKING, Can You See Me?, the long haul, DIARY of a Wimpy Kid: THE LONG HAUL, Guinness World Records 2023, and ESCAPE ROOM. Each card includes a small photo of the book cover and a text box with the child's review.

Meet our school librarians!



Name: Katie

Favourite book series: The Murder Most Unladylike Series by Robin Stevens

I love books and really want to help out and keep the library tidy so that everyone can enjoy it.



Name: Isla

Favourite book series: The Scarlet and Ivy series by Sophie Cleverly

I like reading and I can help others to enjoy reading and being in a well-organised, tidy library.



Name: Addison

Favourite book series: The Percy Jackson by Rick Riordan

I love books and find it hard to pick just one book or series I like. I want the library to be for everyone.



Name: Faith

Favourite book series: Harry Potter series

I want it to be easy to find things in the library so people can quickly get what they want and I can help do that.

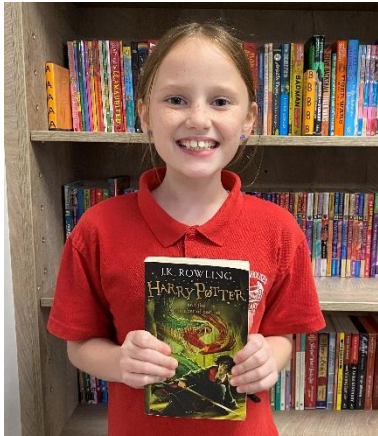


Name: Elsa

Favourite author: I really like the author Jacqueline Wilson

I want to help and encourage others to read and I thought by being a librarian I could do that.

Meet our school librarians!



Name: Lottie

Favourite author: I really like Roald Dahl and have read a lot of his books.

I read a lot, including Harry Potter and I want to encourage others to read more because it's really fun!



Name: Jatou

Favourite book series: The Rescue Princess series by Paula Harrison

I wanted to become a librarian to encourage people to read a real life book instead of reading through a screen



Name: Neve

Favourite book series: Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

It's important that librarians keep the library tidy for everyone in school.



Name: Isla

Favourite book series: The Dork Diaries by Rachel Renée Russell are very dramatic and funny. I wanted to do the book of the fortnight job in the library to help others know what they could read.



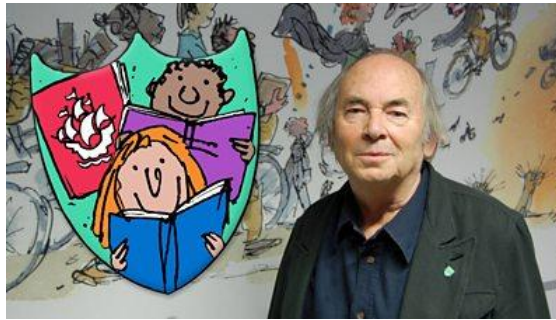
Name: Lilly

Favourite book: My Sister Jodie by Jacqueline Wilson

I am good at sorting out books so thought my skills would be very useful in the library.

Becoming a Blue Peter Reading Badge holder!

In September Blue Peter launched a very exciting and very special new Blue Peter Badge – the reading badge! The badge has been designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, just share your love of books with Blue Peter by answering the questions below! You can apply using the online form or by post.



To earn this badge, you must:

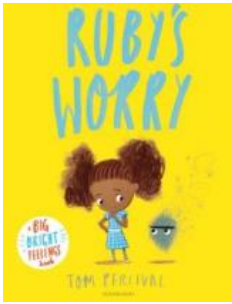
- Be aged between 5-15 years old.
- **Apply for your Book badge online using the uploader form,** or click the 'get the Book badge' button above, to download the paper application form.
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- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.
- If applying by post, send your application with the correct postage to: **Blue Peter, BBC Bridge House, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2BH.**



As well as the new Reading Badge, the Blue Peter Book Club is all about sharing the joy of reading! Each month they'll talk about a different book from their list and find out children's thoughts on it too! On their website they also have lots of fun activities, quizzes and cool challenges to try. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>

Let's talk about mental health!

On Tuesday 10th October, it was World Mental Health Day. Whilst it is important to always be looking after our mental health, this specific day to reflect, discuss and question what mental health is and how we can look after ourselves and others is an important learning opportunity for children. Books are a great way to kick start conversations these conversations.

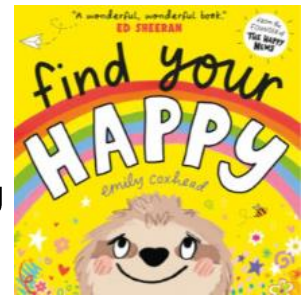


Reception Recommended Read - Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival

Ruby's Worry is an important and accessible mental-health-themed picture book that sparks meaningful discussions. Ruby has a worry and it continues to grow when she ignores, hoping that the worry will disappear of its own accord. When she meets another child with their own 'worry', she realises how to rid herself of worries – she needs to talk about them and understand that 'it's okay to not be okay'.

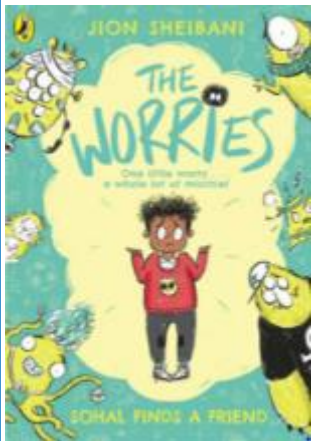
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Recommended Read – Find Your Happy By Emily Coxhead

Find Your Happy is a bright, welcoming book that is bound to get children talking about emotions. Despite being called 'find your happy', the book recognises that it is sometimes hard to feel happy all of the time and that every day can be different. A variety of emotions are mentioned in this book, including anger, worry and shyness. Each emotion comes with small tips and tricks that any individual child could easily use in real life to help make themselves feel better and to also help them to embrace the emotion.



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Recommended Read – The Worries by Jion Sheibani

Everyone feels worried sometimes. But what if your worries came to life and started following you around? Sohal worries about a lot of things: the dark, mutant sheep, being alone - you name it, he worries about it! So one night he tries drawing his worries to make himself feel better - and somehow they look a lot less worrying once they're scribbled down. But then imagine Sohal's surprise when he wakes up the next morning to find a set of funny, furry friends at the end of his bed! His worries have come to life, and it's not long before Hurt, Fail, Anger, Big and Alone have turned his world upside down. Now it's up to Sohal to work out how to keep his worries under control - and have some serious fun while he's at it!



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) Recommended Read – Cloud Boy by Marcia Williams

A superb book for upper KS2 examining the emotions Angie experiences during her best-friend Harry's terminal illness, including grief, anger, happiness and boredom. The lesson that all her feelings are valid is transferable to anyone experiencing stressful life events.



Book Match!

Children often find an author whose books they really enjoy but once they have finished reading everything that author has to offer they can get a bit lost when it comes to choosing what to read next. In every newsletter we will feature one of the Reader Teacher's book match poster that will help children to discover new books based on an author they love.

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Books for fans of The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis



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