



READING CORNER

THE LATEST BOOK AND READING NEWS FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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Book Worm

**Splat says Thank You by Rob Scotton
Recommended by Hattie - Year 2**

If you feel sad this book will help you. If you love cats, you will love it! It is easy to read but strange because cats and mice are not friends in real life, but in this story they are. Why not give it a try?

If you would like to listen to this story, why not use this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clqcjyu0-hM&ab_channel=HappyCultivated

Welcome to the first edition!

We have launched our very first half termly newsletter celebrating all things literary. Following feedback from the reading questionnaires, we wanted to keep everyone up to date with all the exciting things happening at school linked to reading and books!

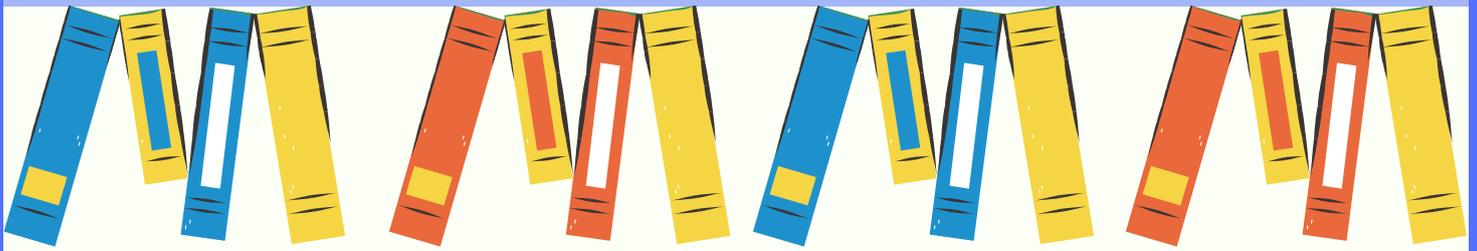
We have been busy during half-term, planning lots of exciting reading-related activities and improvements. Probably the most exciting development is in the classrooms, with each class now the proud owners of a reading corner or area. After a trip to IKEA and lots of furniture building, the classrooms have been made over ready to welcome some keen readers!

We are also excited to launch this year's World Book Day activities and have dedicated a whole day to all things reading and books; further information about some of the events that will be taking place on the day will be uploaded by the teachers to Google Classroom.

We will also be launching our 'Read Around the World' challenge this term, as well as our very own Stokeinteignhead Primary School Book Club. More information about these can be found later in the newsletter.

As always, we are keen for everyone to be involved, so if you have any more ideas, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for the feedback from the reading questionnaires sent at the end of last term; we are working hard to try and implement changes linked to the feedback we have received and can't wait to share the developments with you through the term.





Read Around the World Challenge

On World Book Day, we will also be launching our new reading challenge for the children throughout the school.

The 'Read Around the World' challenge will encourage the children to read more regularly. Each of the children will receive a reading passport which will be stamped for every 10 minutes of reading they complete. These can be signed by any adults, both in school and at home. For every 10 minutes of reading, the children travel 500 miles, working their way across the world and visiting different continents along the way.

In school, there will also be library themed displays of books linked to different places in the world, encouraging the children to read stories or non-fiction texts about different cultures.

The challenge will run for the remainder of the year with certificates and celebrations along the way as the children reach the different milestones on their epic round the world voyage! It is not compulsory

Library Developments

Work has started on the decoration of the library spaces!

We are really excited that the library spaces are beginning to take shape and hopefully it won't be long before they are completed! They are currently having a new lick of paint and some decorations linked to the forest theme chosen by the Key Stage 2 children. We will keep you posted and share some pictures once they have been completed!

Book Reviews

Staff are busy experimenting with different ways of encouraging the children to share their views about the books they have read. This includes short video presentations, the use of Google Jamboard and creating a virtual bookshelf on each of the class pages of the school website.

We are almost there with these and will update you once they are up and running. If your child is struggling to choose a book, what better way of helping them decide than encouraging them to see what other children think!

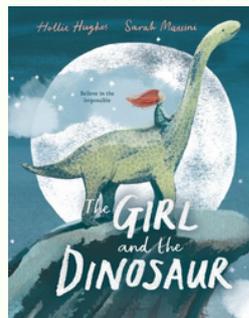
Book Club

We are also launching our very first Stokeinteignhead Primary School book club this term!

Every half term, a children's book will be selected for every class. Information about the book choices will be released in advance to allow those who wish to take part the chance to purchase or borrow the books we have chosen. There will be a copy of each title at school which the children will be able to share, and we will also be looking for audio versions to enable access for all who wish to take part, regardless of reading levels and ability. We also strongly encourage books to be shared as a family; if your child may not be able to read the book alone, we are encouraging parents or older siblings to read to the children - we really want all of the children to have access to age appropriate books and stories which they can enjoy. Again, it is not compulsory for them to take part, but is another way to inspire the next generation of readers.

Towards the end of the half term, time will be given in school for the children to attend a book club meeting to discuss the book and share their opinions with their peers.

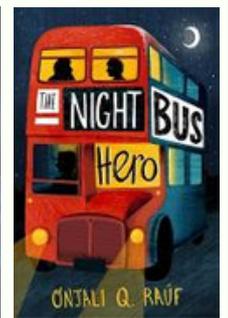
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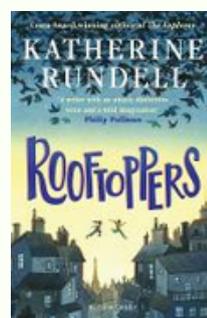
Ash: **The Girl and the Dinosaur** by Hollie Hughes



Maple: **Toto the Ninja Cat and the Great Snake Escape** by Dermot O'Leary



Willow: **The Night Bus Hero** by Onjali Q. Rauf



Beech: **Rooftoppers** by Katherine Rundell