

READING NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANCE OF READING FOR PLEASURE



Choosing to read

is the single most important indicator of a child's future success.



Book Chat

encourages readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!



Family Reading Time

Making time to read alongside one another helps develop reading stamina and interest. Choose what you want to read and relax together.



Read Aloud

Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure not a chore.



BOOK OF THE TERM

The Big Bad Wolf Murder
by P.G Bell



NOTE FROM TEACHERS

Children who read and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better in school. Reading unlocks the whole curriculum.

ACCELERATED READER



What is it?

A program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at their own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.)



How to support?

The program also has a special feature called Renaissance Home Connect, which the children can access out of school with their own log in. Encourage your child to read at home, discuss their books, ask questions about what they have read and complete quizzes. Child can track how much they have read and earn 'word' certificates.

DON'T MISS THIS!



MARCH 4

Book Fair



MARCH 5

World Book Day



Lots going on including author visit, shared reading, parents reading

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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS KS1



Anna Kemp's perfect lyrical, rhyming verse packs a punch, lots of laughs, and ends with a killer pay off line.

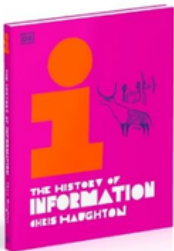
Dragons who drink tea, shredded princess dresses and exploding fairytale towers make this gorgeously illustrated picture book a guaranteed good time



Yazmin is excited to meet her grandmother for the first time but what happens when she realises that she and Nani don't speak to the same language?

This heartwarming, beautifully illustrated picture book is a book rich for conversation to develop empathy. Celebrating multilingual families and our own heritage, it is great to see how Yaz and Nani connect.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS KS2



Iconic picture book author Chris Haughton uses his dazzling colour palette and trademark style to demystify 50,000 thousand years of human communication in this accessible non-fiction book.

The History of Information pulls off the remarkable feat of conveying huge, complex concepts such as propaganda and AI in bite-sized chunks of text which are sprinkled with fascinating nuggets of "I didn't know that!".



Is Marcus' fate decided by his family or can he stand up for himself to become the person he really wants to be?

Fallout is bold, sensitive and shows the power of investing and believing in others.

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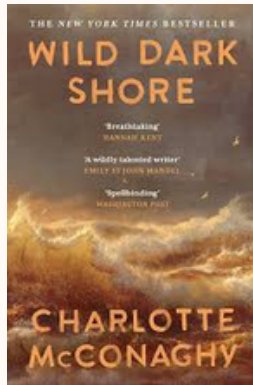


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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS ADULTS



A family on a remote island. A mysterious woman washed ashore. A rising storm on the horizon. A novel of breathtaking twists, dizzying beauty, and ferocious love, Wild Dark Shore is about the impossible choices we make to protect the people we love, even as the world around us disappears.



Finding My Way is a story of friendship and first love, of anxiety and self-discovery, of trying to stay true to yourself when everyone wants to tell you who you are. In this astonishing memoir, Malala reintroduces herself to the world, sharing how she navigated life as someone whose darkest moments threatened to define her - while seeking the freedom to find out who she truly is.

BRANCHING OUT BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Books for Topics

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If you like... **Horrid Henry** ...try these!

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Sometimes we can get stuck in a rut with our reading. Looking at similar styles, genres or authors can help to expand our reading range.

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