

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

Donut Squad: Take Over the World
by Neill Cameron



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!



APRIL 23

Shakespeare Day



MAY 2

International Harry Potter Day



JUNE

Audiobook Appreciation Month

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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS KS1



Get ready to meet Barbara the beetle and Derek the squirrel who (through the power of poo) help a wise-cracking seed turn into a handsome tree . . . and become a wonderful book! A book to be loved, shared and cherished forever.



Is Penny the only one who sees the tiger on the subway train? An imaginative child and her daddy have a very different experience in this tale told in lively verse and bright, expressive illustrations.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS KS2



When Jack Digby is sent to Cyril Sniggs's Correctional Orphanage for Wayward Boys and Girls, he doesn't expect lessons in how to fire cannons and fend off pirate attacks. But perhaps he should, as the school, some say, was founded by a pirate.

Even stranger, at the end of each year, the four worst-behaved pupils are banished to the terrifying Sin Bin Island, where they must survive for a week. Legend has it, the island was once used to smuggle magic onto the mainland, but in over 300 years the magic has never been found.

Until now . . .



Can she win his trust ... and win the race?

April Wood is no stranger to adventure. But when April finds herself volunteering for the Polar Race - a long-distance dog sled race across the frozen tundra - even she wonders if this may be an adventure too far.

April will need all the help she can get if she's to make it to the finish line. And competition is fierce - with experienced dog sledgers, including new boy Finn, who will go to any lengths to win. But April has something the other teams don't: Blaze, a solitary husky with a troubled past, who may just prove to be her secret weapon...

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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS ADULTS



Every morning, Sybil Van Antwerp writes letters—to family, authors, and one person she never sends them to. Now, at seventy-three, letters from her past force her to confront old pain and finally seek forgiveness. Sybil's life of letters might not be an extraordinary one, but she also might be one of the most memorable characters you will ever read.



Comedian Pierre is heckled on stage by someone who says he's autistic—unexpectedly, the heckler is autistic and correct. This moment leads to Pierre's diagnosis at 31, helping him understand lifelong struggles. Blending humor and insight, the story explores autism and neurodivergence, offering both an accessible introduction and relatable observations for those who've wondered why they can't simply enjoy things.

BRANCHING OUT BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



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.

