

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!



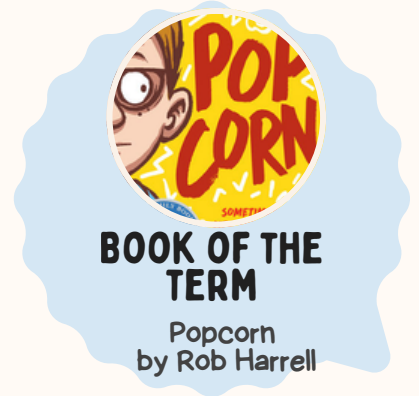
Family Reading Time

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

Popcorn
by Rob Harrell



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!



SEPTEMBER 6

Read-a-Book Day



OCTOBER 1

National Poetry Day



NOVEMBER 5

National Non-Fiction Day

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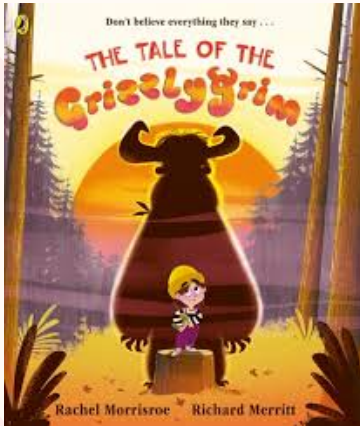


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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS KS1



Everyone's heard of the Grizzlygrim. They say it has terrifying talons and fiendish fangs. They say it likes to eat children up in one giant bite.

But when, one fateful night, a child finally meets the Grizzlygrim, they realise that not everything is as it seems...



Murray is a cat. Murray loves snoozing, fluffy blankets, and peace and quiet. Bun is a bun. Bun loves... EVERYTHING! And together they are unstoppable!

SOMETIMES Murray's enchanted cat flap leads to the garden... but mostly it leads to ADVENTURE! And when Murray and Bun travel through the cat flap and find that they've been turned into a pair of EXPLORERS, they're quickly thrown into their most daring adventure yet!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS KS2



With Dai missing, Chiri is desperately rallying her fellow adventurers on a quest to find him.

But with the darkness creating a fearsome army of creatures and planning on total domination of the kingdom, finding her best friend is starting to feel impossible.

With another dark herald hunting Chiri down, it's going to take every drop of magic she can summon to protect the friends she has left - and find the one she's lost.



Esme's mum would do anything for her, including trying to steal the expensive dolls house that Esme desperately wants. When Mum gets caught, Esme has to go into foster care.

When a placement proves hard to find, Esme has to stay with an elderly couple who have retired from fostering. She knows she only has to stay until Mum gets back, but she still has to deal with a new school, and a real idiot of a class bully.

Esme might like to cause trouble, but this time she is going to have to find a way to get along.

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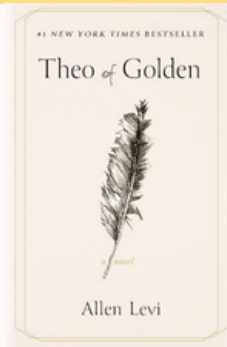


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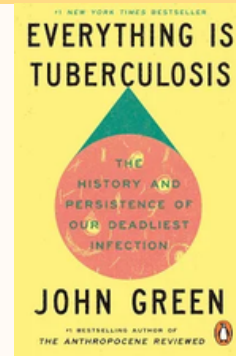
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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS ADULTS



One morning, a stranger arrives in the town of Golden. No one knows who he is or where he came from...

His name is Theo and he's arrived there by chance - or has he? He visits the local coffeehouse, where ninety-two pencil portraits hang on the walls, portraits by a local artist of the people of Golden. He begins purchasing them, one at a time, and putting them back in the hands of their 'rightful owners'. With each exchange, a story is told, a friendship born, and a life altered.



Tuberculosis has been entwined with humanity for millennia. Once romanticized as a malady of poets, today tuberculosis is seen as a disease of poverty that walks the trails of injustice and inequity we blazed for it.

In Everything Is Tuberculosis, John tells Henry's story, woven through with the scientific and social histories of how tuberculosis has shaped our world—and how our choices will shape the future of tuberculosis.

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.

