

Tithe Barn Reading Newsletter

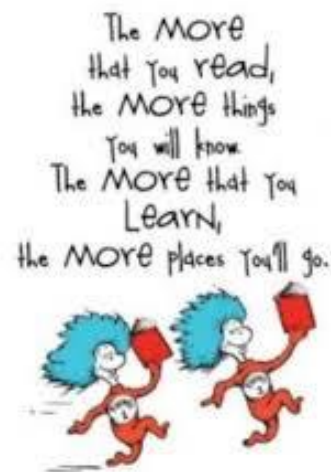
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The power of reading

Welcome to our latest reading newsletter. This term as a school we wanted our focus to be on developing a love of reading and providing parents with strategies on how they can support their child.

The pleasure that reading a book can provide, alongside the amazing learning opportunities is something to be cherished. We want to encourage all of our children to engage and enjoy more books!

In this newsletter you will find materials to support and encourage your child to read. There will be information on training for parents, exciting opportunities and book recommendations. We hope you find it useful.



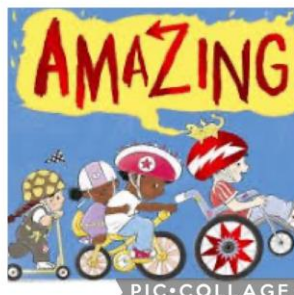
Virtual Author Visits

room and I think Lupo is confused by this.



Year 2 had an amazing visit from the author Steve Antony, he read some of his books, talked about being a writer and answered the children's questions. The children even had the opportunity to draw one of his favourite characters from his books.

We are currently in the process of arranging virtual author visits to take place this year. We will be sharing further details shortly.



Parent Workshop



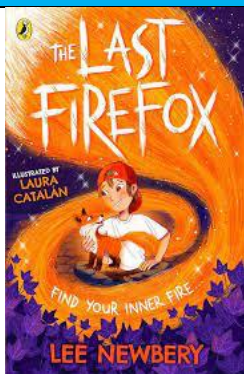
Developing a love of reading

On **Wednesday 29th November at 6pm at school** we will be hosting a workshop for parents of children in KS2. The session will be led by Dawn Robertson who is an amazing English consultant who will share her wealth of knowledge of children's books.

The session will focus on-

- **Supporting your child to read widely including recommended books.**
- **Practical strategies to support your child to develop their comprehension.**
- **Sustaining a love of reading with your child.**

Book Club- Years 5 and 6



This term we have continued with our book club for children in Years 5 and 6. We have been reading the wonderful book by Lee Newbery. We have been creating our own reading journals and having some exciting discussions about both the book and the devices the author uses.

Blue Peter Book Club



This year Blue Peter have developed a book badge which has been designed by the wonderful illustrator Quentin Blake. To earn this badge, you must;

- Be aged between 5-15 years old.
- Tell them about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the



characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.

- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let them know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

Librarians



We are currently in the process appointed a new team of librarians. All of the children who are interested in this role should complete an application form and return it to school after half term.

Our librarians will be receiving training on their new role and having a trip to the local library to learn more. We are looking forward to reviewing the applications.

Fiction- What's new?

Wish it could be Christmas every day? Well, for nine-year-old Holly Carroll and her family, it is! Living her merriest life in a house with year-round fairy lights and Christmas trees, a carol-singing toilet and a diva donkey who thinks he's a reindeer, home-schooled Holly tries to spread cheer wherever she goes.

But when she goes to a new school with a singing Santa backpack and first day Christmas cards (during a heatwave in September!), she realises not everyone shares her enthusiasm for spreading cheer. In fact, when the neighbours try to remove the Carrolls from the street and Holly discovers a group of children that may not get a Christmas at all, her snowglobe world begins to crack. Is the world's most Christmassy girl about to lose her Christmas spirit?

The Christmas Carrolls is a heartwarming, hilarious and inclusive tale about the power of spreading cheer, the magic of friendship and what really matters at this most wonderful time of the year.

This is our next Book Club book!



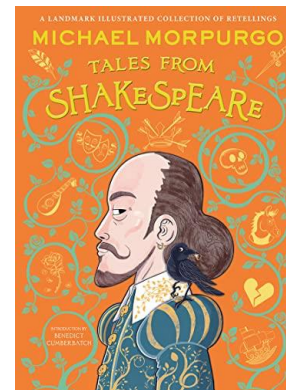
Luna loves living on the moon. She enjoys helping her father – a Moon Miner – on his search for precious minerals and rocks. But when a devastating meteor strike destroys their base, Luna is left stranded alone on the moon. With no shelter and few supplies, she must find a way to survive.

The problem is – any hope of rescue is at least 3 days and 400,000 kilometres away ... and her oxygen is fast running out!



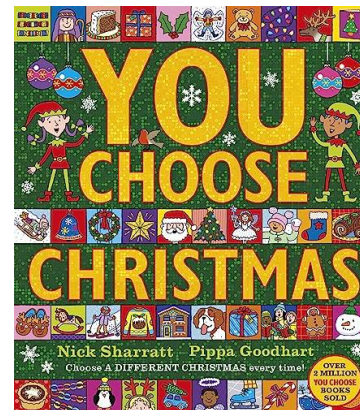
Ten stunning Shakespeare retellings from the master storyteller, with an introduction by Benedict Cumberbatch

Featuring re-tellings of ten of Shakespeare's plays, and beautifully written with Michael Morpurgo's warm, accessible and inimitable style, this wonderful collection offers a new generation of readers the chance to discover the magic of Shakespeare – the perfect introduction to the Bard and an unmissable book for children.

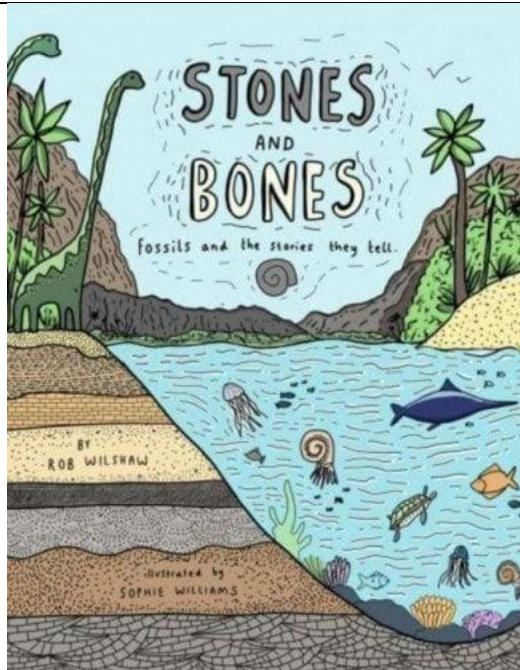


Make up your own Christmas adventure where YOU CHOOSE what happens. Which Christmas jumper would you like to wear? Which job would you choose to do in Santa's workshop? Where would you like to sleep on Christmas Eve?

The possibilities are infinite in this magical storytelling toolkit which will inspire children age 3 and upwards to make their own stories again and again - a brilliantly festive sequel to YOU CHOOSE, YOU CHOOSE YOUR DREAMS and YOU CHOOSE IN SPACE.

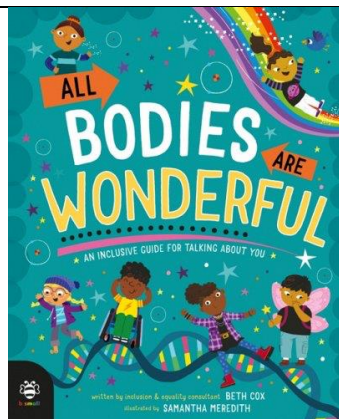


Non-fiction-what's new

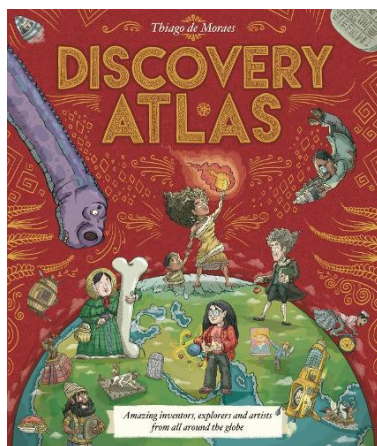


Over the past four billion years, life on our planet has evolved from microscopic single-celled organisms to the incredible array of flora and fauna today. In the course of this time, layer upon layer of life was buried in sediment, turning into a fossilised record of the planet's history.

This highly-illustrated, large-format book looks at all the incredible things that scientists have learned from the fossil record: The ways in which continents have drifted, merged and fragmented again. The life forms that have evolved and the great extinction events that wiped them out. Clear, concise texts are accompanied by Sophie Williams' warm and entertaining illustrations, making this a book to cherish and return to. A worthy follow-on from Earth-Shattering Events.



Your Body is Amazing is the central theme of this bright and engaging hardback that includes deep dives into genetics, DNA, discrimination, inclusivity and what makes each of us unique. Unrelentingly positive, All Bodies Are Wonderful is highly recommended



But this is no ordinary atlas. The 'maps' in Discovery Atlas are fabulous, imaginative scenes, packed with incredible inventions and dramatic discoveries.

There are twelve witty, fact-packed chapters to explore, which show how humans discovered everything from Medicine and Technology to Food, Space and even Sport.

As you travel through each gorgeously illustrated chapter, you'll meet amazing

	<p>inventors, explorers, artists and astronauts from all around the globe.</p> <p>You'll see how we invented writing, medicine, cars and chocolate (and everything else in between!)</p> <p>You'll bump into robots and dinosaurs. You'll spot tiny space probes, ancient cheese and the wreck of the Titanic.</p> <p>It's going to be an extraordinary journey. Are you ready to explore?</p>
	<p>In the Earthshot Handbook for Future Dreamers and Thinkers, young readers will travel round the world, celebrating the diverse and rich habitats, amazing animals and wonderful landscapes that make up our planet. They'll learn about the problems and challenges facing those habitats. They will meet Earthshot innovators, entrepreneurs and game changers from the past and present from Wangari Maathai to David Attenborough. And importantly, they'll discover how they can become the changemakers of the future, helping to develop solutions to the world's biggest problems. Because even the smallest idea or Earthshot, has the power to change everything.</p> <p>Full of simple practical things young people can do or make to help save the planet, even from home, as well as big ideas and contributions from people around the globe, this is the ultimate handbook for future innovators and activists who want to make a difference.</p>

Useful websites

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

A website full of book recommendations

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Free e-books for children to read at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>

A range of stories for the children to access.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

A wealth of information about children's books.

<https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/parents-and-carers/>

A wonderful website with books aimed at children with dyslexic tendencies, including those that are of an age-related interest level.

Finally...

I hope you have found our Reading Newsletter useful; we look further to seeing you at the upcoming workshop for parents.

If your child has a book that they enjoy and wish to share with their friends, please ask them to do a book review either on paper or a short video so we can share them with the children.

Thank you

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