

# St Bridget's Autumn Term Reading Newsletter

Welcome to our celebration of everything reading. In school, the children are read to everyday and we make sure that we prioritise a daily opportunity to read independently. In this newsletter, we'd like to share some of the texts we have read so far in school and hopefully introduce you to new reading material which you may want to enjoy outside of school, too.



'I like where the dog's home was.'

Reception



'It has lots of unexpected twists and turns and although it's about the war, parts are very funny.'

Y6

'It tells you all about the olden days when God made the world.'

Y1



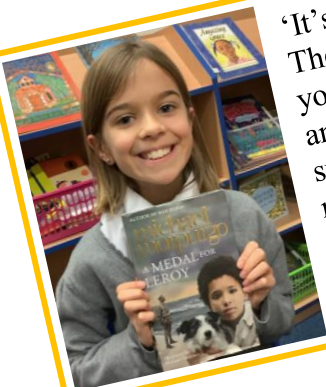
'Fantastic Mr Fox has a farm with a chicken in and I like chickens.'

Y2



'Christmas According to Humphrey is about a class pet hamster who goes home with a different child every night. He gets up to lots of funny things'

Y3



'It's incredible! The story takes you back in time and has lots of surprises. It makes you feel like you are there inside the book.'

Y5



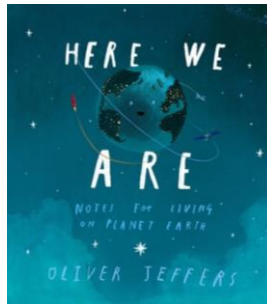
This book has an extra comic at the end. It's funny with lots of adventure.'

Y4

Many of the children followed the COP 26 in Glasgow this term and feel passionately about the need to protect our planet for future generations. There are some wonderful books which touch on this important topic:

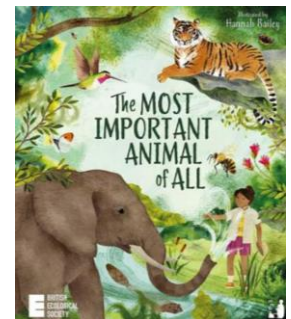
For older readers, 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold is a touching story about how humans are responsible for the sustainability of life on earth.

'This is an important first novel, important for us, for polar bears, for the planet. It is deeply moving, beautifully told, quite unforgettable.'  
- Michael Morpurgo



For younger readers, 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers explores all our planet has to offer and celebrate. It contains beautiful illustrations and a heartfelt message for readers of all ages.

If non-fiction is more your cup of tea, 'The Most Important Animal of All' by Penny Worms is a gripping picture text which contains many facts about animals and challenges you to consider which is the greatest of all - a truly lovely book to enjoy discussing together.



Reading in all forms is highly beneficial for your children, and not all children are motivated to read books. Here is a selection of magazines, journals and newspapers published especially for children. They may be just what a reluctant reader needs!

The Week Junior



Whizz Pop Bang (Science)



National Geographic Kids



First News Weekly Newspaper

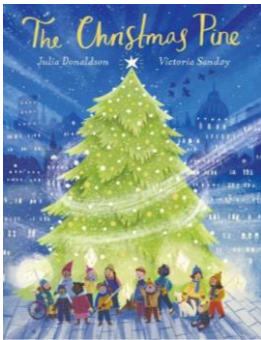


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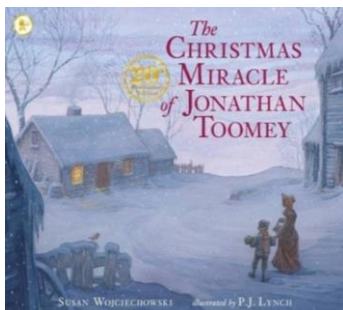
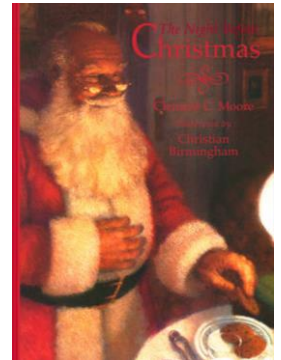
Finally, with Christmas around the corner, I thought I'd gather a collection of both new and classic Christmas stories. Wintry Christmas nights are the perfect excuse to snuggle down and enjoy a book together. Books provide a unique way to celebrate the magic of Christmas.

J.K. Rowling has released a new book this year: 'The Christmas Pig'. It is a magical adventure story of a boy's quest to find his most beloved toy before Christmas Day. It also deals with themes such as family relationships/separation, so is more suitable for children age 8+.



Another favourite author, Julia Donaldson, has written 'The Christmas Pine'. It is packed with her trademark rhyme and is beautifully illustrated throughout. It is based on the tradition of Norway gifting a tree to the British people - a symbol of peace and friendship and a thank you for support given during World War II.

Clement C Moore's classic poem 'The Night Before Christmas' is retold with stunning illustrations by Christian Birmingham. A perfect poem for Christmas Eve.



*The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey is a true classic - a heartfelt and touching story of how Christmas heals the heart of a lonely woodcarver*  
*A timeless Christmas favourite for the whole family to enjoy.*

To remember the real meaning of Christmas, these books retell the events of the birth of Jesus in a special way, just for children. All are a beautiful reminder of the reason we celebrate Christmas.

