Skelton PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Reading Ravens

Reading Raffle

We love celebrating a love of reading at our school! At the end of each half term, we hold our Reading Raffle, where one lucky winner from each class is drawn. Winners get to choose a lovely new book to keep, along with a delicious hot chocolate to enjoy! It's a little way of rewarding our wonderful readers and encouraging everyone to keep turning those pages. Keep reading, as you could be our next lucky winner!

Non-Uniform Day Donations

A big thank you to all our families for their donations from our recent non-uniform day. We raised **£13.50**, which will go towards new books for our class libraries. We really appreciate your support!

Read Write Inc Phonics

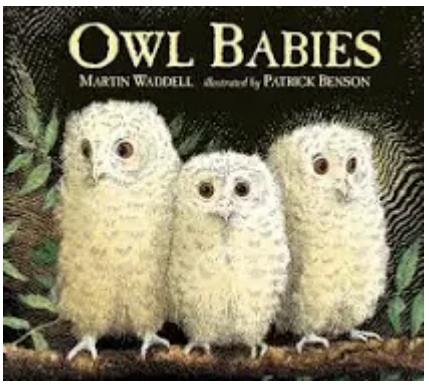
We are incredibly proud of the success of our Read Write Inc. (RWI) phonics programme across school. The children are making fantastic progress, developing their phonics knowledge, reading fluency and confidence. This was recently recognised during a visit from an external trainer from Ruth Miskin, who validated the quality of our provision and teaching. A special thank you goes to **Mrs Crump, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Gaskell, Mrs Wilson, Miss Lunn and Mrs Teasdale** for their amazing teaching, hard work and ongoing commitment to ensuring our children get the very best start on their reading journey. Your dedication really does make a difference!

Reading Every Day

Reading is at the heart of our school, and all children enjoy daily storytime with their class teacher. In Early Years and Year 1, we use *Talk Through Stories* and high-quality picture books to develop children's vocabulary, language and love of stories. From Year 2 onwards, children take part in whole-class reading lessons based around a class text. Throughout the year, they are exposed to a wide variety of genres, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Children also enjoy two Reading Plus lessons each week, alongside three further sessions focused on developing reading fluency and comprehension skills. Most importantly, our teachers read aloud to their classes every day, sharing wonderful stories, introducing new vocabulary and helping to inspire a lifelong love of reading!



Robins' Current Read
Owl Babies



There are three babies and their mummy is gone. They woke up and then their mummy was gone. They went outside their little home and looked to see if their owl mummy would come back. When she came back they bounced up and down on their little branches and danced. Bill said 'I want my mummy!' and when she came back he said 'I love my mummy!'

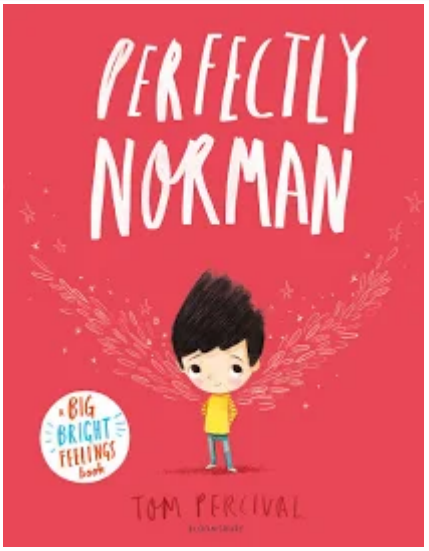
SC - The owls woke up and their Mummy Owl was gone!
HP - They waited together and made a wish that she would come back.
LH - Bill kept saying 'I want my mummy!'
EH - The Mummy Owl did come back!

What is your favourite part of the story?
EM-A - I like it when Bill says 'I love my mummy!'
AB - My favourite part was when they made a wish.

Would you recommend this book to others?
Yes - 20 thumbs up from Robins' class!



Woodpeckers' Current Read
Year 1 - Perfectly Norman

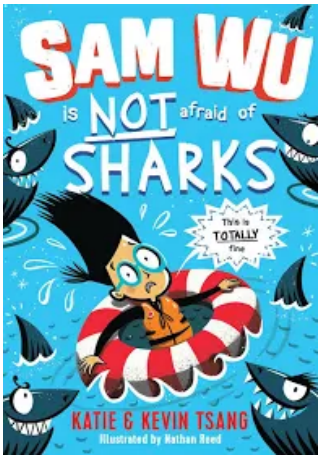


Norman grew a giant pair of wings but he didn't want anybody to see them so he hid them with a coat. The wings were rainbow coloured.

What is your favourite part of the story?
He zoomed off to try his wings. When he threw off his coat. When everybody throwed off their coats.

Would you recommend this book to others?
I would recommend this book because I like the bit when he throws his coat off. He is happy he doesn't need to hide his wings anymore.

Year 2 - Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Sharks



Ralph was mean, calling him a wu-ser. Zoe and Bernard were shocked that in China town you kill the fish in the aquarium to eat at a fancy restaurant. They say it's not the same as fish fingers. At the aquarium Sam thought it was like being in a space rocket with underwater aliens.

What is your favourite part of the story?

When he compared it to the space museum. When Ralph pushed in. When it said in cartoon writing about feeding the sharks.

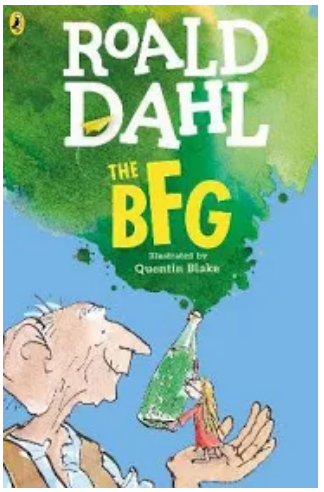
Would you recommend this book to others?

Yes because it's super funny and good. I like it teaches about good and bad. Ralph is being mean when Sam is being kind.



Owls' Current Read

The BFG



JG - The BFG has taken Sophie to the giant country, Sophie has tried some frobscottle and the giants have been bullying The BFG.

AA - The BFG blew his trumpet at the giant and he started having nightmares about Jack and the Beanstalk, he kept saying 'don't kill me I'm a faithful giant'.

TH - The bloodbottler came, Sophie was hiding in the snozzcumber, the bloodbottler took a bite and Sophie was in his mouth, then he didn't like it and he spit it out.

What is your favourite part of the story?

AA and OW - My favourite part of The BFG is when he gives the Fleshlumpeater nightmares.

TH - My favourite part was when the giants were throwing rocks at the BFG and they threw the BFG in the air.

JG - I liked when Sophie saw the BFG and then the BFG put his hand through the window and took Sophie.

Would you recommend this book to others?

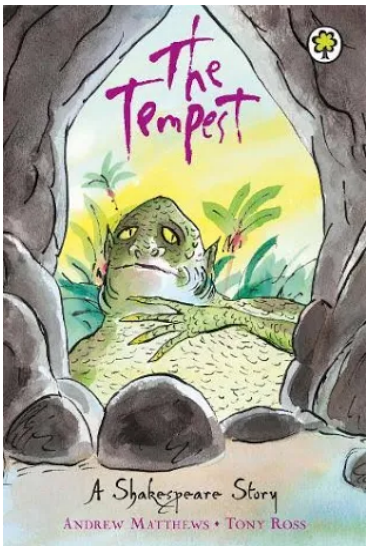
TH - I would recommend The BFG because it has a good story line.

Owls - We would recommend the BFG because they are funny and adventurous.



Kingfishers' Current Read

The Tempest



(RL) Prospero and Miranda are stranded on an island. (LG) Prospero has created a tempest and people on board a ship such as Alonso, Gonzalo and the sailors look as though they're going to die but they wash up on the shore. (ZM) Miranda and Ferdinand fall in love and Miranda tries to help Ferdinand. Ferdinand tries to show off to Miranda. (MM) Towards the start of the story, a great tempest occurs and some sailors end up on shore, where Prospero rules the island. (TCT) At the start of the story Prospero causes a maelstrom to terrify the people on the ship. They are washed onto the beach. Ferdinand and Miranda go out with each other. He makes Ferdinand work hard for Miranda's love but eventually he allows them to be together.

What is your favourite part of the story?

(SW) MY favourite part was when Antonio and Sebastian plan to kill Alonso and become king but they fail. (ZM) My favourite part of the story is when Gonzalo is saying that the island has everything we need - he's an optimist (HG). (LG) Where Prospero forces Ferdinand to pick up all those heavy logs.

Would you recommend this book to others?

(BM) I would recommend this book to people as it's quite interesting. It's very capricious as there is action which could interest people. I would recommend the book because it's good. (BC) I would recommend this book as there are lots of twists and turns - at the start Prospero sounds like a bad character but by the end, we realise that he is not. (WS) I would definitely recommend this book to others as it's very interesting. It has many different themes in it such as love, betrayal and that's why I really like it. (RL) I would recommend the book as it's very entertaining. I also like the fact that we are writing our own version with changed names.

Looking ahead: key messages and reminders

Non-Uniform Day

On Monday 30th November, children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a chocolate donation for the Christmas tombola. We would also welcome baked items for the cake stall - please can these be brought into school on Thursday 3rd December.

Christmas Decoration Workshop

Get into the festive spirit with our Christmas Decoration Workshop on **Monday 30th November, from 3.30pm–4.30pm**! Children will have the opportunity to get creative and make their own Christmas decorations to take home. The cost is **£2.50 per child**, payable on ParentPay. All children must be accompanied by an adult. We look forward to sharing some festive fun and creativity with

you!

Christmas Fair

Come along and join us for some festive fun at our Christmas Fair on **Thursday 3rd December, from 3.30pm–4.30pm**! There will be lots to enjoy, including fun games, a variety of stalls and, of course, a very special visit to Santa's Grotto! It's a lovely opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit, enjoy some festive activities and make some magical memories. We look forward to seeing you there!

Nativity

We are delighted to invite you to join us for our Christmas Nativity performances on **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December at 2.30pm**. Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children have been working hard to prepare a special festive performance, and we can't wait to share their singing, acting and Christmas magic with you! **There is no charge for tickets, but donations are very welcome.** Refreshments will also be available. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special time of year together.

Christmas Jumper Day

Get ready to spread some festive cheer! We will be celebrating **Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 16th December**, raising money for **Save the Children**. Children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper and bring a donation to support this wonderful charity. It's a great opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit while helping children in need. We can't wait to see all those festive jumpers!

Christmas Dinner

It's time to get into the festive spirit with our Christmas Dinner! Children will be able to enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch and celebrate the season with their friends. Please remember to **return your Christmas dinner letters to the school office** as soon as possible so we can confirm numbers. We look forward to a lovely festive lunchtime!

Reindeer Rush

Following a recent visit from St Leonard's Hospice, we will be taking part in a special **Reindeer Rush on Wednesday 16th December** to help raise money for this wonderful cause. Did you know that just **£20 could provide a Christmas dinner for a family**? Every donation, big or small, will make a difference and help support families in need. Sponsorship forms have been sent home, so please look out for these in your child's bag. Thank you for your support!

End of Term Arrangements

Our last day of term will be **Thursday 17th December**, and children can enjoy a festive **non-uniform day** to finish the term! School will then be closed on **Friday 18th December**. We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas break and enjoys some special time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 5th January**.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!