



Skelton
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Newsletter - Friday November 28th 2025



Daily Reading

Reading for just 15 minutes a day can make a big difference! Setting aside a short, consistent reading time at home helps children build stronger vocabulary, deepen comprehension, and develop a lifelong love of books. Whether your child is reading independently, listening to you read aloud, or sharing a story together, these daily minutes add up to meaningful growth. We encourage families to find a calm moment each day - before bed, after dinner, or whenever works best - to enjoy a book and support your child's literacy journey.

Lots of ways to read

There are many wonderful ways for children to enjoy reading, and all of them help build strong literacy skills! In addition to traditional books, families can explore audiobooks, which allow children to listen to fluent reading. Graphic novels, e-books, magazines, and rereading favorite stories all count as valuable reading experiences, too. Whether your child is curled up with a chapter book, listening to an audiobook in the car, or flicking through a comic at home, each of these options supports vocabulary growth, comprehension, and a love of stories. The key is simply spending time with text in a way that feels engaging and enjoyable.

Reading Plus

Reading Plus is an online reading programme designed to build students' fluency, comprehension, and confidence by providing texts that match each child's reading level. As students work through the programme, it adapts to their needs, offering practice with vocabulary, comprehension questions, and guided reading tasks that help improve both speed and understanding. Families can support this learning at home by setting aside regular time for children to log in, complete assigned lessons, and read the stories provided. Encouraging your child to work carefully, discuss what they've read, and celebrate their progress will help them get the most out of Reading Plus and continue growing as successful, independent readers.

Donations from the Parish

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our local Parish Council for their generous donation

of Santa gifts for this year's Christmas Fair. Their kindness and support will help make the event truly magical for our children, bringing smiles, excitement, and a wonderful sense of community to the day. We are grateful for their ongoing partnership and for the Friends of Skelton for arranging this. Their contribution makes a meaningful difference, and we deeply appreciate their thoughtfulness during this festive season.

Reading Raffle Tickets - 3 weeks to go!

Our **Reading Raffle** will be drawn on the last Thursday of this half term. Pupils can collect a sheet from the office and return them to their class teacher to get a raffle ticket.

Every ticket is a chance to win a **new book and a delicious hot chocolate**, or a special **bookmark prize**! The more you read, the more chances you have to win!



Robins' Current Read

Owl Babies!

What is your favourite part of the story?

I like it when the mummy comes back! MS

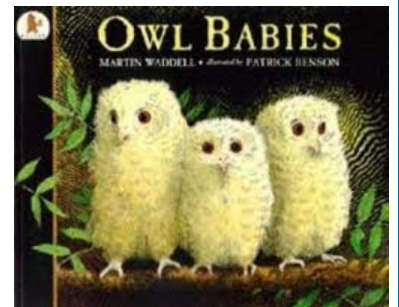
Bill says "I love my mummy!" RL

Would you recommend this book to others?

Definitely! It's funny! EM

I have a mummy too! RW

I wish I could be an Owl Baby! RL



Woodpeckers' Current Read

Year 1 Six Dinner Sid

What is your favourite part of the story?

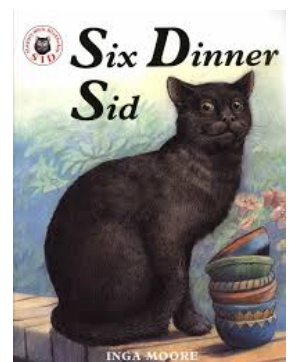
Sid goes to the vets 6 times because he has 6 owners! He also gets fed 6 times. We like the ending - he has a new street and the owners all shared Sid because they talked to each other, unlike in Aristotle street.

When he has six dinners!

He has 6 different houses!

Would you recommend this book to others?

Yes because it is really funny!



Y2 - The Journey Home

The characters sail in a boat to an island where a dodo is. The characters want to go home but they can't because dangerous things have happened.

What is your favourite part of the story?

The dodo explains when the animals can go home.

I enjoyed the whole story.

When they meet the dodo.

Would you recommend this book to others?

Yes because it's a little bit funny, and cool because it teaches us a little bit about endangered animals.

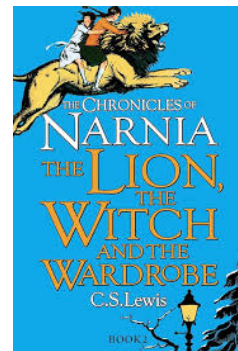


Owls' Current Read

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

What is your favourite part of the story?

Edmund and Lucy go into the wardrobe, and they ended up in Narnia where it is always winter but never Christmas (JD) We like when the White Witch appears in the carriage (BW). It's a good book because it's really interesting and there's loads of different characters. It is kind of like a mystery! (BW)



Would you recommend this book to others?

Yes because it's a really cool book and a really exciting story (AP.)

Yes - it's a fun book!

I'd recommend it is interesting and exciting and ends on a cliffhanger!



Kingfishers' Current Read

Tom's Midnight Garden

(AG) Tom has discovered that the grandfather clock, owned by Mrs. Bartholomew, struck 13 and Tom discovered a secret garden that was claimed to be full of garbage and bins. (JS) When Tom was in the garden, a ghostly, mysterious person was looking at him and from that room he heard a scream. (CG) In a previous chapter, Tom was about to show the garden to his Uncle and Aunt. Also, a tree



fell down in the garden on fire; however the next day it was not there. (LG) I like when Aunt Gwen gives him a lot of delicious food and when he is caught stealing bread Aunt Gwen thinks she isn't feeding him enough and feeds him even more.

What is your favourite part of the story?

(TN) When Tom discovers the garden - he was told there were only bins in there and it was empty but when he opened the back door, he saw a garden full of flowers and trees. (KB) I like when he sneaks into the kitchen as he is being mischievous but then Aunt Gwen thinks he was starving when actually he's actually trying to stop being bored. (GT) I like when he has been walking around and he feels as though someone is watching him and he looked up into a window, saw the maid and next to her was a pale face staring back at him.

(LL) Yes I would recommend this book because if you are someone who likes mysteries, this book has many mysteries to solve. Also, it becomes spooky. (AW) It is tense and to breathe you have to gasp for air. If you miss a couple of sentences you've missed the whole story. It is spine tingling and incredibly well-written considering it was written in 1958. (AG) I would suggest it to anyone who thinks scary elements in a story are fun but also who likes mysteries. For example when Tom presses so hard on the lock that his hands go through the door and he then goes through the door. It is shocking and cool.

We are delighted to invite you to our Christmas Fair on Thursday 4th December, from 3.30 - 4.30pm. During the fair, the Friends of Skelton Primary will be running Story Time with Santa.

- Cost: £2 per child
- Gifts have been generously donated by the Parish Council
- A sign-up sheet for time slots are available at the school office, along with the honesty box

Letters to Santa

Friends of Skelton would like to invite you to write a letter to Santa and post this in a special post box in the school foyer by the office starting on Monday 1st December until Monday 15th December. Letter templates will be sent home as soon as possible - our printer is awaiting repair! Please remember to include your child's name and class.