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Our Reading Ambassadors

We are excited to introduce our Reading Ambassadors, who will play an important role in promoting a love of reading across our school. Our ambassadors will help to encourage others to discover new books, share their favourite stories and celebrate the joy of reading. To give as many children as possible the opportunity to take on this special role, our Reading Ambassadors will change each half term. This will allow a wider range of pupils to develop their confidence, leadership skills and enthusiasm for reading, while inspiring others to enjoy books and reading too.

Reception Phonics Morning

We are delighted to invite our Reception parents and carers to our Phonics Morning on Wednesday 7th October, from 8.45–9.30am. This is a lovely opportunity to spend some time in the hall with your child, share a book together and find out more about how we teach phonics at school. You will also learn some simple and practical ways you can support your child's phonics learning and reading at home. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this important part of your child's learning journey!

Reading Plus

We are pleased to remind families that children can access Reading Plus to support their reading fluency, comprehension and confidence. We have recently made a change to the way pupils log in: children will now access Reading Plus through Google Classroom, rather than using their previous login details. Simply log in to your child's Google Classroom account and follow the Reading Plus link provided. If your child has any difficulties accessing the programme, please speak to their class teacher, who will be happy to help. We encourage children to use Reading Plus regularly at home as part of their reading routine.

The Importance of Reading at Home

Reading with your child at home is one of the best ways to support their learning, language and imagination. This is just as important for older children too – even when they can read independently, sharing a book, talking about the story and listening to them read can make a big

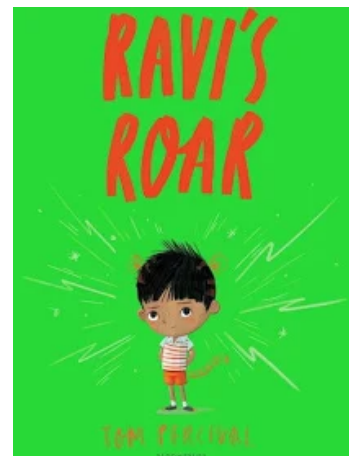
difference. Try making reading fun by letting your child choose the book, reading in funny voices, taking turns to read, discussing the characters and making predictions about what might happen next. Most importantly, enjoy the time together and make reading a positive part of your daily routine!



Robins' Current Read

Ravi's Roar

Ravi couldn't reach the monkey bars so he felt sad. He couldn't go over the stepping stones or down the big slide. He 'came' into a tiger. When he said sorry everything felt a bit better. (RT) When he went to get an ice-cream there was none left and he felt angry. He turned into a tiger, he took in a huge breath and he roared. (GG)



What is your favourite part of the story?

My favourite part is when Ravi turns into a tiger. (AB)

When he was playing hide and seek and he couldn't find anyone. (EH)

Would you recommend this book to others?

Yes because it has a tiger in it and he turns into a tiger. (SW)

Yes because it has exciting bits in it and there's lots of favourite parts and they can explore their own favourite parts.(CH)



Woodpeckers' Current Read

Year 1 - A Little Bit Brave

The rabbit Logan is not very brave but goes to find Luna the brave bunny. Luna is nearly eaten by a wolf but Logan says "Eat my biscuits!" Then they treat him like a dog. RL



What is your favourite part of the story?

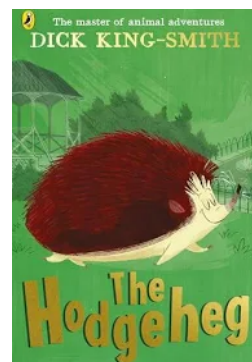
When Logan says "Eat my biscuits!" RW I like when Logan wonders where Luna's gone. Logan, who's not the brave rabbit, does things to try to feel happy but she doesn't feel happier so she goes to find Luna and she has fun adventures.

Would you recommend this book to others?

Yes it has parts that are funny. The rabbit Luna stomps off and they apologise and it will help other kids learn to say sorry.

Year 2 - The Hodgeheg

The Hodgeheg is a really old book, the author wrote it before the Second World War. So far many of the hedgehog family members have been squished including aunt Betty. The Hodgeheg gets run over by a bike and has a big bump on his head. That's why he's called the Hodgeheg, because he mixes his words up. He has 3 sisters called Peony, Pansy and Petunia.



What is your favourite part of the story?

When Max tried to get over the busy road. I like when he mixes up his words and he says I bumped my bread instead of my head. The mum and dad said did you go out and Max said the Hodgeheg went away instead of I went out.

Would you recommend this book to others?

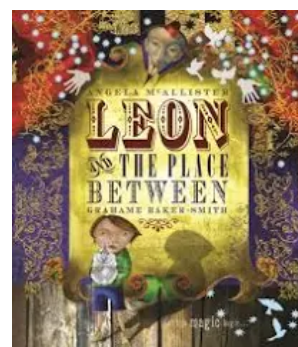
Yes I really would. I think lots would laugh and Max has a long name.



Owls' Current Read

Leon and the Place Between

A boy called Leon goes to a magical tent and he meets a magician who asks him to go inside a box called the place between and he meets a boy. (AA) Leon enters a box and discovers the magical place between! (LP)



What is your favourite part of the story?

LB - When he enters the box!

IR - When Leon found the magical bunny!

LG - When Leon returns and tells his friends about the place between!

JD - At the end he says you can only go in there if you imagine it.

Would you recommend this book to others?

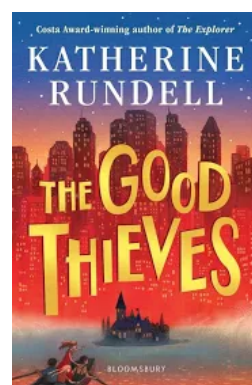
Owls - Yes! Because it's full of adventure, magic and mystery!



Kingfishers' Current Read

The Good Thieves

(PN) So far, in this story Vita is trying to get over a 15-foot wall and she's trying to get some help from a character called Samuel to do this. (SW) Vita has travelled to New York to try and reclaim her grandad's stolen house and possessions. (MM) Vita has sneaked out at night time and gone to Mr Sorrotore's party and confronted him. (ERY) There are crows in the book. The first time we met them,



Arkady trained a crow to hear things and know a lot of things. (OL) Vita stole from Mr Sorrotore. (HWC) We met a boy who rode a horse without a saddle. (RL) Vita has stood up for herself against petrifying, dark-souled gangsters.

What is your favourite part of the story?

(BC) My favourite part of the story is when we found out that Sorrotore has two pet tortoises and one has "Vita" written on the back and he keeps hitting it. (LL) One of my favourite parts of the story is when Vita goes to the house and stands up for her grandad even though she is afraid she puts on a brave face. (RL) My favourite part of the story is where Vita is in the park and a guy pulls a gun on her. I think he did this as he wanted payback as her grandad threw a rock at her head. (TCT) My favourite part is also the part where Vita faces a pistol as there is lots of tension in that part.

Would you recommend this book to others?

(MM) I would recommend this book because it's very complicated and intense because Vita keeps sneaking out and going at night time to build a team so she can reclaim her grandfather's possessions. (WS) I think that I would recommend this book to other people because it is exciting, fast-paced, full of action and overall it's an exciting book that people would like. (BM) I think that this book would be very good for kids no younger than us because it's quite addictive. It makes you want to read more to get through it. It's a fascinating book with lots of action and interest.

Looking ahead: key messages and reminders

Kingfishers Trip to Eden Camp

Kingfisher's trip to Eden Camp is on Monday 5th October. Please ensure your child arrives on time and brings everything they need for the day.

Individual Photographs

Individual photos will be taken on Tuesday 6th October. Please ensure children come to school looking smart and ready for their photographs. Sibling photographs will also be taken for children in school (not including Nursery.)

Early Years Trip to the Shop

Our EY children will be visiting the local shop during the afternoon on Tuesday 6th October as part of their learning. This will be a fun opportunity for them to explore the shop and practise their real-life skills.

Woodpeckers Trip to the Castle Museum

Woodpeckers will be visiting the York Castle Museum on Tuesday 13th October as part of their learning. The children will have a wonderful opportunity to explore the museum and discover more about the past.

Early Years Trip to the Church

Our EY children will be visiting the church on Thursday 15th October as part of their learning. They will have the opportunity to explore the church and learn more about its role in our local community.

Harvest Donations

We are kindly asking families to donate food items for our local food bank this Harvest. Any non-perishable food donations would be greatly appreciated and can be brought into school on Friday 16th October. Thank you for your support and generosity!