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Newsletter - Friday October 3rd 2025



Reading Ambassadors

We're very excited to introduce our brand new team of **Reading Ambassadors**! Two enthusiastic children from each year group have been chosen to help promote a love of reading across the school.

Our Reading Ambassadors have already made a brilliant start. They've even helped write parts of this very newsletter! From recommending favourite books to supporting younger readers and sharing exciting reading ideas, they're full of inspiration and energy.

We're proud of the way they've taken on this role with confidence and creativity, and we can't wait to see what they get up to next!

Keep an eye out for their book reviews, reading challenges, and top tips in future issues. Well done, Reading Ambassadors!

Reading Raffle Tickets

Our **Reading Raffle** is well underway, and we've been so impressed by the fantastic reading going on at home! Children across the school have been:

- Reading regularly at home
- Filling in their reading sheets
- Writing brilliant book reviews
- Drawing creative storyboards
- Recommending their favourite books to others

Every time a child brings in a piece of reading work, they earn 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. We can't wait to see even more amazing reading activities coming into school. Keep up the great work, readers!

National Poetry Day - Benjamin Zephaniah

We celebrated **National Poetry Day** this week. This was a wonderful chance to enjoy the power of words, rhythm, and creativity!

As part of our celebrations, children took part in a special **assembly all about Benjamin Zephaniah**, one of Britain's most well-known and inspiring poets.

Benjamin Zephaniah is famous for his energetic, thought-provoking poems that often tackle important themes like equality, justice, and peace. He grew up in Birmingham and left school at 13, but never stopped reading, writing, and believing in the power of poetry to make a difference.

His poems are known for their strong rhythms, Jamaican influences, and spoken-word style — making them perfect to read aloud and perform! Some classes have already been inspired to write their own poems in his style, and we look forward to sharing some in future newsletters.

National Poetry Day reminded us that everyone has a voice, and poetry is a brilliant way to use it!



Robins' Current Read

Ravi's Roar

Ravi is a little boy frustrated by being too small for things. His anger leads to him transforming into a fierce tiger, but he discovers that being a tiger isn't fun when it alienates his family and friends.

What is your favourite part of the story?

Biscuits the dog made a bad smell on the bus! (CY)

We all did a big roar like Ravi! (RL)

Would you recommend this book to others?

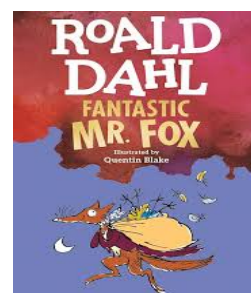
Yes because I like it when he turns into a tiger. (BM)



Woodpeckers' Current Read

Fantastic Mr Fox

After 12 years of bliss, Mr. Fox breaks a promise to his wife and raids the farms of their human neighbors, Boggis, Bunce and Bean. Giving in to his animal instincts, he endangers not only his marriage but also the lives of his family and their animal friends. When the farmers force Mr. Fox and company deep underground, he has to resort to his natural craftiness to rise above the opposition. The farmers tried to catch the foxes and Mr Fox had his tail shot off.



What is your favourite part of the story?

We like the rhyme- Boggis, Bunce and Bean, One fat, one short one lean, these horrible crooks so different in looks, were none the less equally mean. We like Mr Fox being sneaky.

Would you recommend this book to others?

It is a really good book and it is very funny. The farmers are very silly.



Owls' Current Read

Leonora Bolt - The Secret Inventor

There's a boy who has come to Crabby Island (where Leonora lives) on an inflatable lobster, clinging on for dear life. The inflatable lobster has a puncture so Leonora tries to save Jack using her zipline. They have a pet otter called Twitchy. Leonora has lots of inventions and the best one is a basket outside of her window, she gets in the basket and goes down to get breakfast.

What is your favourite part of the story?

Captain Sprout says his boat is unsinkable but it's not unsinkable, it always sinks. This time he didn't even do anything, he was just singing his songs. He wasn't steering and they were on the boat for 7 hours trying to get to the mainland. They thought they saw land but it was Crabby Island. They crashed into the Cave of Tremendously Terrible Terror. That's where we have got up to.

Would you recommend this book to others?

YES!!! It's a really good, funny story. It's a good mystery and lots of children like mystery stories.



Kingfishers' Current Read

The Island at the End of Everything

Our main character is Ami, we also have Nanay (AKA Tala) as well as Bondoc and his brother Capuno. There is also Dr Tomas and Mr Zamora who we thought was mean to people with Leprosy but in fact he is scared of people with the disease. So far, Nanay and Bondoc have made a petition to keep people with leprosy and their children together. They want the children to stay in Sano

areas (areas without Leprosy) but Mr Zamora has said that he will not accept the petition.

What is your favourite part of the story?

My favourite part is the attempted petition because it shows how much the people of Culion island are bonded together (KB). I like when Nanay and Ami walk into Mr Zamora's office and see that it is covered in dead butterflies. Mr Zamora says it is for decoration but it is not helping the environment. (JS)

Would you recommend this book to others?



I would recommend it. There are mysterious parts. I feel as though it has lessons to respect others. It can also remind you that even though your face may be different - we're all the same. It's what's inside that counts. (GT) I would also recommend the book to people as it can educate people about leprosy and people who suffer from it (PN). I would recommend this book to anyone who likes tragedy, drama and conflict. I enjoy books that involve conflict and complex friendship interactions. (AG)

Looking ahead: key messages and reminders

Reading Ambassador Prizes

Winners of the new Reading Ambassador Prizes will be selected at the end of the half term, on Thursday 17th July during the weekly celebration assembly. There's still time to complete one of the records and bring it into school to get a raffle ticket and have a chance of winning a book and hot chocolate.

You can complete:

- Reading List (every 10 books)
- Skelton Recommendation Card
- Drawing a storyboard (retelling the story)
- Book Review
- Drawing the front cover
- Drawing a character from the book
- Google Doodle (pick a word or the title and illustrate it in that style)

Reading Plus

In order to access Reading Plus from home, please enter via [this link](#) and enter the site code: **rpskelt1**.

Date	What did you read?	Review
Monday 10th May 2025	My Place Day 100	★★★★★
Tuesday 11th May 2025	100	★★★★★
Wednesday 12th May 2025	I like to read books about the world.	★★★★★
Thursday 13th May 2025	The long day	★★★★★
Friday 14th May 2025	The invisible boy	★★★★★
Saturday 15th May 2025	My Day 100	★★★★★
Sunday 16th May 2025	My Day 100	★★★★★
Monday 17th May 2025	My Day 100	★★★★★
Tuesday 18th May 2025	My Day 100	★★★★★
Wednesday 19th May 2025	My Day 100	★★★★★
Thursday 20th May 2025	My Day 100	★★★★★
Friday 21st May 2025	My Day 100	★★★★★

