

Welcome to the spring edition of our Reading Newsletter. We had a fun filled Autumn term and have lots to look forward to in the coming months.

The Joys of Reading

We had a great Autumn term experiencing the joys of reading! From dressing up as characters from our favourite nursery rhymes to a cosy Christmas story with hot chocolate, there has been endless fun and engagement throughout the school. Here is just a small snapshot of the fun we've had...



Year Four had fun in the Reading Café exploring a range of genres. They enjoyed juice and a biscuit whilst perusing the books available.



Reception celebrated World Nursery Rhyme week. They made a fantastic effort with their costumes and thoroughly enjoyed listening to and joining in with lots of rhymes.



Year 1 enjoyed listening to Year 4's Christmas stories.



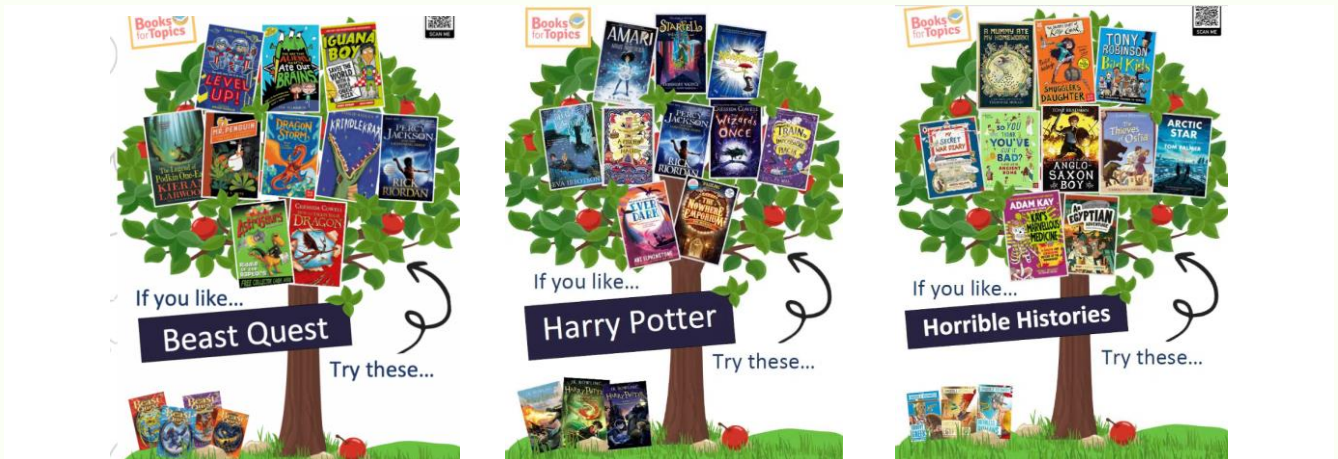
Year 2 Book Blanket



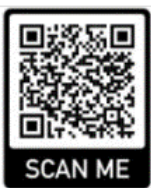
Year Two had fun exploring lots of different picture books.

Looking for something new?

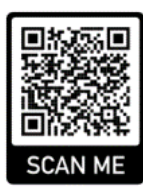
Sometimes we find an author that we love and become utterly invested in. It can then be difficult to find something new that can live up to the expectations already set. The fantastic 'Branching Out posters' by Books For Topics are designed to help readers find their next favourite read after finishing a particular series they loved. If your child is stuck for something new to read, have a look at the branching out posters for some inspiration!



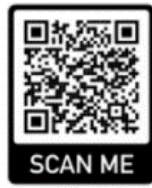
Below are some links to some of the more popular books in school but you can find the full set of posters [here](#).



David Walliams



Tom Gates



Diary of a Wimpy Kid



Rainbow Magic



Supertato



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Libraries



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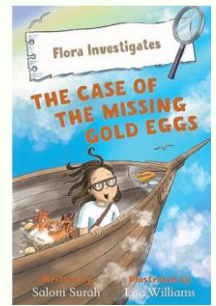
Mystery readers are special guests who join us via Zoom or in person to read the children a story.

Mystery readers can be parents, grandparents, older siblings or other relatives and the children adore seeing a familiar face pop up on the screen. If you would like to volunteer to be a mystery reader for your child's class, then please contact their class teacher. Remember to keep it a secret! The surprise is all part of the fun!



We've Got Mail!

We were incredibly lucky to receive letters from lots of children's authors over the holidays. Have a read of the one sent by Saloni Surah, author of Flora Investigates: The Case of the Missing Gold Eggs.



Dear Children of St Bede's,

Welcome back to another term of school. I hope it's going to be full of adventures, excitement, and magic for you all.

I hope you've all had a lovely Christmas. I've been very busy with my books. You see I'm trying to help Flora fly and share her adventures with as many children as possible and I'm wondering if you can help me? I love hearing from children about what they are reading and what they enjoyed about Flora's case: If it's the flying boat; the gold eggs; Pookie the talking parrot; Sergio the dancing, flying pirate; or Lorenzo the Hunter. Please let me know and don't forget to join the competition and send in your completed colouring sheets to Flora's very own website: florainvestigates.com as you could get a character named after you in the next book.

I'm currently working hard to get my second book out. This one is entirely different and about a forbidden friendship between a human girl and a flower fairy when the Fairy forest is under threat. Wings are at risk! There's a very naughty Bumble bee in it called Bailey, who is always getting into trouble. I bet you've all seen lots of bumble bees in the summer. My children and I went to a local event in Cholmondeley Castle where we did some Pond dipping and learnt about the many different types of Bumble bees we have in the UK. I was surprised to find out that not all bumblebees make honey.

I love reading, and I hope you do too. If I'm not writing, I am always reading. In my other job as a Doctor, I've looked after so many adults who couldn't read. You are all very lucky to be able to read and have so many books available to you. So, please never stop exploring, asking questions and being uniquely you. Because you are all wonderful.

That's all from me for now. I hope one day that I can visit your school, share my books, and that we can do some crafts together. But before I go, I wonder if I can ask for some more help? You see I have a very special book floating around about a little farty elf who lands up in the annual farting competition against smelly monsters and ogres. But I'm a little stuck with names for really stinky, disgusting farts and I wondered if you could help me and send on some names? I'd love to feature your farts in my book.

Please keep an eye out on my social media pages as I post readalouds of books and I'm going to do a special one for the return to school. I wish you all lots of fun, reading some truly magical and funny books this year. Keep on dreaming and reaching for the stars and don't stop being uniquely you.

Saloni Surah

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Recommended Reads

Each term, some of our Reading Ambassadors, along with a member of staff will be sharing their recommended reads. Perhaps you will choose one as your next reading book!

Age 8+



I really enjoyed reading 'The Last Bear' over the summer. It's a mystery adventure story about a girl called April who goes with her father to a scientific research base for 6 months. There, she meets the last bear on Bear Island. Can she help to save the bear? Determined to save him, April goes on the most important journey of her life...

Mrs Brady

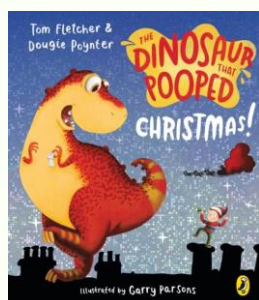
I like the 'Colours of the World' books. I love Blue planet because I love sea animals and it has lots of facts in it. Green Planet shows you how to make paper out of trees which made me feel like it was the coolest thing ever. Red Planet is all about deserts. I learnt that some people have really nice houses in the desert. If you like learning about the world, these are great books to read.



Age 8+

Sam Rowling Y3

Age 5+



I would recommend 'The Dinosaur that Pooped Christmas' because it is very funny and full of surprises. It is full of adventures too and has great humour.

George McDonald Y3



Useful Links

[Books for Topics Branching Out Booklists](#)

Do you feel your child is stuck on one author? Have a look at the branching out posters to find similar books that they may enjoy.

[Book Trust](#)

They have a great book finder tool to help you find books of interest for all ages and abilities.

Dates for your diary

18/01/24 – Thesaurus Day

14/02/24 – Book Giving Day

26/02/24 – Tell a Fairy Tale Day

07/03/24 – World Book Day