

Whitegate Primary School

Autumn 2025 Reading Newsletter



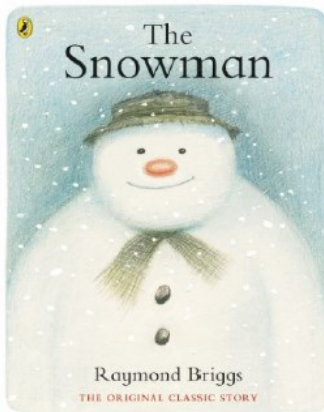
Wow! Our first term really has flown and it is nearly time for the wonderful Christmas break... a great time to do lots and lots of lovely reading! Please let us know what you will be settling down to read over the holidays—maybe along with a delicious hot chocolate whilst in some cosy pyjamas!

Our Wonderful Winter Reading Recommendations



'The Christmas Tree Mouse' by Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho and debut illustrator Farah Shah.

Reading Age: 3—6 years.

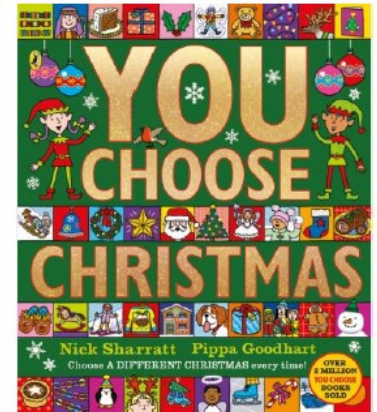


'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs. An absolute classic book for children (and adults) of any age to enjoy. It's great to read the book before enjoying the beautiful film.



'That Christmas' by Richard Curtis and Rebecca Cobb.

Another beautiful book for younger children (or anyone young at heart) to read.



A festive version of the wonderful 'You Choose' book by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart. Again, another book for children of all ages to encourage lots of discussion.

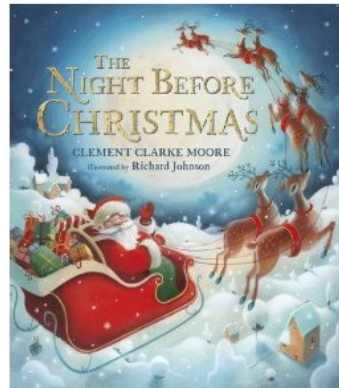


The bestselling 'The Snow Thief' by Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater.

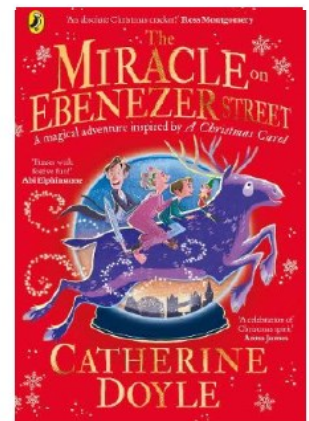
This laugh out loud book is suitable for reading ages 3—6 (or whoever wants to read it!)



'The Snowman Code' by Simon Stephenson addresses lots of important themes, such as anti-bullying, mental health and the power of friendship, and is great for children in KS2.



'The Night Before Christmas' by Clement C. Moore is a classic tale for all ages. A beautiful version of the wonderful story of the night before Christmas.



'Miracle on Ebenezer Street' by Catherine Doyle is great for KS2 children, and includes a mixture of mystery, magic and Dickens' A Christmas Carol. A great read to settle down with.

Please let us know if you enjoy reading any of our recommendations. Also, do you have any winter themed books that you love to read? We would love to hear about them!

Don't miss out - join the Winter Mini Challenge!



Again this winter, the Reading Agency are running a 'Winter Mini Challenge'. If you completed the Summer Reading Challenge, it would be great to add another reading badge to your belt! If you're new to the reading challenges, you'll have great fun reading! We'd love to hear from anyone who completes the challenge and we look forward to celebrating your reading when we return in January! Check out the link below for further information.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/join-the-winter-mini-challenge>

Lunchtime Reading Club

Yet again Mr Thomas' reading club has been a popular choice for lots of children on a Monday lunchtime (especially as we have been creeping closer to winter!) The children love the opportunity to read and share book recommendations with each other as well as listen to stories read by Mr Thomas with his engaging character voices!



Mystery Reader Reminder

We have loved welcoming in lots of mystery readers into Acorns and Rowan so far this year. The look on the children's faces when they realise that the mystery reader is someone that they know is really special! As always, we'd love more people to come in. It would also be great to see some mystery readers coming in for our KS2 classes - even the older children still love a picture book every now and again or even listening to a selection of poems! If this is something you would like to do, please get in touch with your child's class teacher by writing in their home-school contact book to arrange a time to come in and read.

It would be great to have some more parents/other family members taking part in the new year!