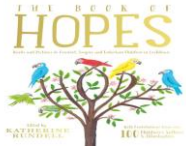


Reading Newsletter: December 2020

A book to read to make you feel happy:



Words and pictures to comfort, inspire and entertain us all during these strange times. It is completely free for all children and families to read online. It is a wonderful collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures which has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators. The link is below.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

Our class recommendations this term:

Year 5/6 have really enjoyed **'The Chamber of Secrets'** by JK Rowling. The themes of courage and bravery have produced some wonderful responses.

Year 3/4 have loved reading **'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'** by Louis Sachar. It really made them think about how other people's experiences and emotions.

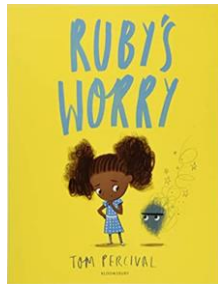
Year 1/2's favourite book has been a **non-fiction book about the Fire of London**. There were so many facts to find out!

Reception have loved reading **'The Room on the Broom'** by Julia Donaldson and joining in with the fantastic rhymes and the actions.

Nursery have loved giggling to **'The Bad Tempered Ladybird'** by Eric Carle. Their favourite bit was when the whale taught the ladybird a lesson with his tail!



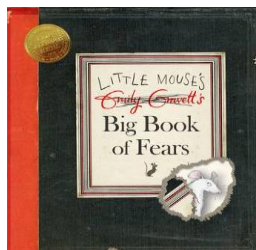
Books to read when you are worried:



This is a lovely picture book about a little girl whose worry begins small, but gets bigger and bigger, until she finds she is able to talk to someone about it. This could be very helpful for younger children who are sensing anxiety but finding it hard to express in words.

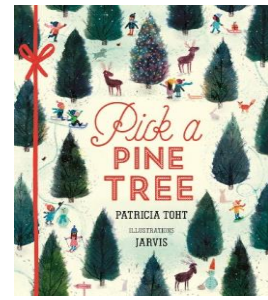


We love this in Year 3/4. It has lovely photographs and a wide variety of animals and birds that reflect human emotions.

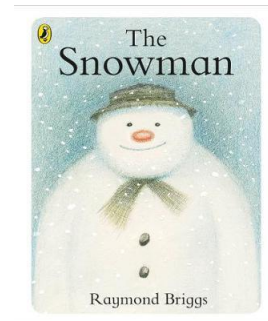


You can get hours of discussion and discovery from this book. All sorts of fears are examined – all with compassion and humour.

Festive Reads:



The tradition of choosing a tree is at the heart of this lovely rhyming tale. It follows a family as they select the perfect tree, bring it home, take out the tinsel and baubles and invite friends to help them. The book ends with a sparkling switch-on of the lights.



One winter's night, a snowman comes to life and an unforgettable adventure begins.

Videos of teachers:

The teachers have loved recording stories on our website for you to listen to over the Christmas break. Visit

<https://www.newparkacademy.co.uk/our-school/curriculum/reading>, grab a hot chocolate and enjoy 😊

Reading Quiz:

Have a go at the reading quiz we are sending home this week. There are some questions on books that lots of us have read this term.

Bring it back with you next term and we will be giving some prizes.