

Happy New Year everyone and welcome to our Spring Term edition of the SMAS Reading Newsletter. At SMAS, we are passionate about reading and want our children to enjoy and love books as much as we do. We aim to create a whole school culture of a love for reading and to develop independent readers who have a good understanding of texts - both fiction and non-fiction! It has been lovely to hear about how so many of our classes have become engrossed in their class novels. Story time is definitely one of our favourite times of the school day.

Fair Shares

By Pippa Goodhart & Anna Doherty

EYFS



When Bear and Hare try to reach some juicy pears, they realise they need some help. Hare finds three chairs but is it fair that Hare has two chairs and Bear only one?

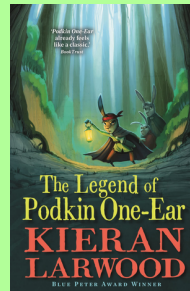
A little friend teaches them that fair isn't always everyone getting the same thing...with hilarious results! A beautifully simple picture book that considers, what is fair? The answer is not always as simple as you'd think!

Book Recommendations

KS2

The Legend of Podkin One Ear

by Kieran Larwood



Winner of the Best Story Blue Peter Book Award. The first Five Realms adventure.

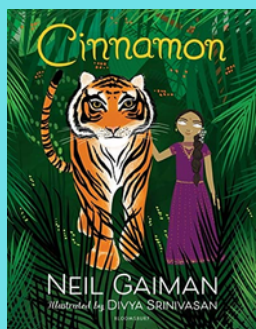
Podkin is the son of a warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger. But for now, he's quite happy to laze around annoying his older sister Paz, and playing with his baby brother Pook.

Then Podkin's home is brutally attacked, and the young rabbits are forced to flee. The terrifying Gorm are on the rampage, and no one and nowhere is safe. With danger all around them, Podkin must protect his family, uncover his destiny, and attempt to defeat the most horrifying enemy rabbitkind has ever known.

KS1

Cinnamon

By Neil Gaiman



A mighty fable from Neil Gaiman, winner of the Newbery and Carnegie Medals, illustrated in vivid colour by up-and-coming talent Divya Srinivasan

In a hot, hot country, ringed with mountains on one side and jungle on the other, lives a princess called Cinnamon. Her eyes are made of pearls, which means that she is blind. And, for reasons her parents the Rajah and Rani cannot fathom, she will not talk.

So they offer a reward to anyone who can teach Cinnamon to speak. People travel from far and wide to attempt it, but nothing works. Until a mighty tiger, huge and fierce, prowls into their palace and announces that he is here to teach the girl-cub to talk. ...

AN INTERVIEW WITH....MRS MALLETT

What is your favourite children's book and why?
Once Upon a Time by Nick Sharatt because it's interactive and the children love joining in when you read it to make strange, silly and disgusting combinations! For older children it would probably be Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick - it's funny, pacy and has lots of suspense.

When and where do you like to read?
I like to read in my garden in the summer when the sun is out and on my sofa or in bed in the winter. I read everywhere though and love my Kindle as I can read it on the train, in the car or while waiting for things to start!

What are you currently reading?
The second book in the Thursday Murder Club series by Richard Osman. The characters are very engaging and each write in a very different style when it's their turn to tell part of the story. It makes me laugh out loud in places too and then a few pages later can make you want to cry - I like a book that can do that.



Reading Cafe November '22



What are we reading in class this term?

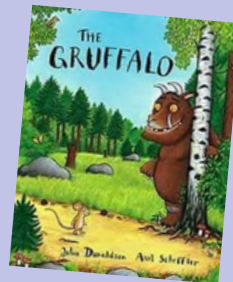
Beech (Y2)



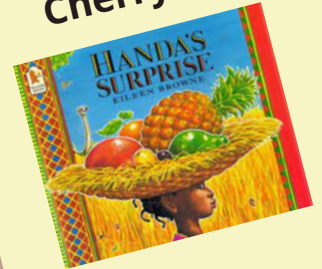
Willow (Y4)



Hazel (YR)



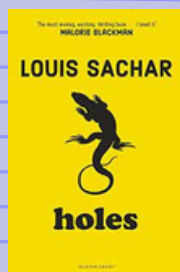
Cherry (Y1)



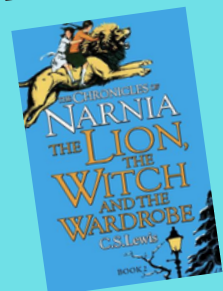
Rowan (Y5)



Hawthorn (Y6)



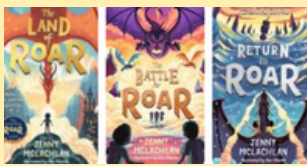
Ash (Y3)



Exciting news from Willow Class

"In Willow class last term, we read and thoroughly enjoyed Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan. We all thought it was really funny especially the character of Win. The scarecrows were terrifying, and sometimes when we were walking around school we tried to be super quiet as we pretended the scarecrows were watching us. At the end of term, we received a personal message via video from Jenny, who had heard how much we loved The Land of Roar and she answered some of the questions we had about her inspirations for her books.

We all loved the book so much, that many of us in Willow Class asked Father Christmas for the next books in the trilogy and we are now reading them ourselves and keeping our class updated on news of Rose and Arthur's next adventures."



Magazines and newspapers for children



Story Box

With comics, short stories and reading discovery for children aged 3-6, this is a great magazine to introduce children to reading short bursts of longer material. Each magazine contains over 50 pages of adventures, engaging characters and comics. The text is split into short accessible paragraphs and children can 'dip into' the text. The bright, colourful format, makes Story Box ideal for reluctant readers aged 3-6, particularly in KS1.



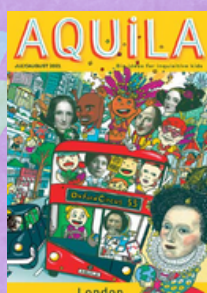
National Geographic Kids

Geography and the natural world in a child-friendly format. The articles are well-written and informative, and the photography is stunning. The emphasis on activities, projects and prompts for further research will appeal to inquiring minds. A fun and educational monthly magazine for children. Highly recommended for 7-11-year-olds in KS2.



First News

The leading newspaper for children and tweens in the UK. A fantastic, vibrant weekly newspaper aimed at children from 7-14. Ideal to use at home and is often used in the classroom. Weblinks and additional resources are included for online learning and research.



Aquila

Packed with science, history and geography, each edition aims to inspire curious children aged 8+. There's plenty in each issue to encourage independent learning at school or at home, and to stir KS2 children to think for themselves. We particularly liked the monthly topic approach. This makes Aquila a useful resource in the primary classroom, for cross-curricular work, and it will help teachers to provide extension ideas for gifted and talented pupils.

GODALMING

LIBRARY

More than just the place where books live, libraries are an integral part of any community. They provide information, resources and a connection to the world at large. Librarians are highly-trained professionals who can offer guidance to students, job-seekers and others conducting research on almost any topic imaginable.



HALF TERM CRAFTS

Come to Godalming Library where we will be making valentine's day paper flower bouquets. Who will you give yours to? What colour flowers will you choose?
 Tuesday 14th February 2:30 - 3:30.
 Tickets £1.50 and can be purchased at Godalming Library or by emailing godalming.library@surreycc.gov.uk
 Suitable for ages 4+

January 2023							Happy New Year
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 RhymeTime - 11am	4 StoryTime - 11am	5 RhymeTime - 11am Reading Group	6	7 RhymeTime - 11am Board Games	
8 CLOSED	9 Knit & Stitch Digital Buddy	10 RhymeTime - 11am	11 StoryTime - 11am	12 RhymeTime - 11am	13	14 RhymeTime - 11am Board Games	
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CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT

Local Author and Illustrator Susie Duranton will be visiting Godalming Library on Wednesday 15th February during our Storytime session at 11am to read her two books - *A dance in the moon garden* and *There's a sandwich on the beach*. There will also be the chance to talk to her about her books and we will be making animal masks inspired by the characters in her books.
 Free for all to attend but donations welcomed.



REGULAR EVENTS

Don't forget that Godalming Library now holds its RhymeTime session's 3 days a week - on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at 11am.
 For slightly older children you might like to come along to our Storytimes on a Wednesday morning at 11am, suitable for children from 18months and still containing some of our favourite songs!



Check out what is happening in our local library in Godalming. There are a range of regular family events taking place throughout the year.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/your-library/find-your-nearest/godalming>

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Things to Do at the Library (As Well as Reading!)



Read a Story

Libraries usually offer areas where you can sit together and share a story. Take the opportunity for some time together, or use this as an opportunity to decide if you like a book enough to borrow it.



Try out an Activity

Many libraries offer classes and other activities where you can learn a new skill or craft or try an activity. Great for mums and dads as well as the kids!



Learn a New Skill

Have a look in the non-fiction section for a book to help you learn a new skill - you can try anything, from knitting to cake decorating, gardening to motor mechanics.



Look for Homework Help

If there's a new topic coming up at school or you need a little extra help completing homework, try one of the information books in your local library.



Borrow a DVD

Instead of spending lots of money on cinema tickets, why not borrow a DVD from the library and have a film night at home. Just add popcorn!



Take a Reading Challenge

Most libraries run a summer reading challenge. Children are challenged to read as much as they can over the holidays, and can collect stickers and small rewards as well as completing book-related activities.



Notices

Reading Cafe

Thursday 2nd March
 9.30-10.30am



National Story
 Telling Week
 30 January to 5 February
 2023



World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March 2023



Safer Internet Day

14th February 2023

