



Castlefield School
Lower School Reading Newsletter
Spring 2025

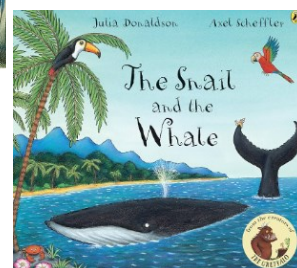
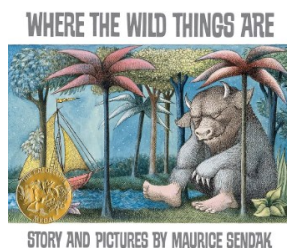
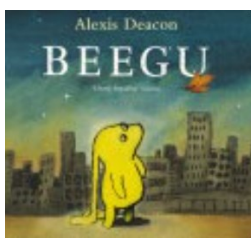
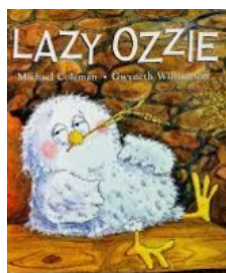


Welcome to our Reading Newsletter. This is a place for us to share reading recommendations and support your children in accessing and enjoying great books. One of the best ways families can support their children with their learning is to encourage reading at home. Regular reading is crucial - not only for academic learning, but also as a way to relax and escape.

It is not always easy to get hold of physical books, so this newsletter has some useful weblinks to ebooks and audiobooks. The hyperlinks give more details about the authors and where to buy the books. As with all media, please check you are happy with the content. Reading them yourself or with your child provides a wonderful opportunity to share and talk about your favourite characters and plots with your children.

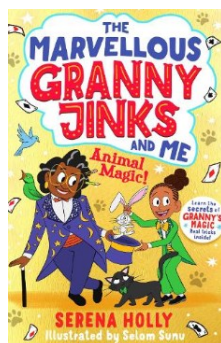
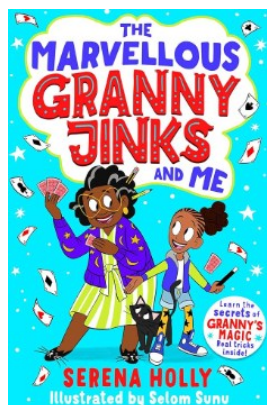
What are we Reading in Class?

Year 1 We have been reading...



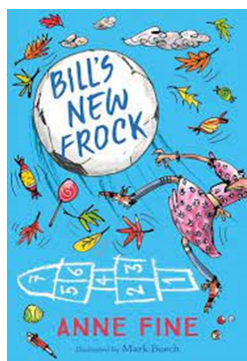
Next half term we will be reading...

Year 2 This term we have read

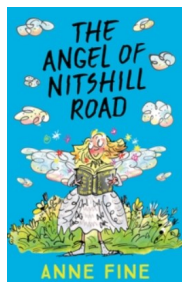
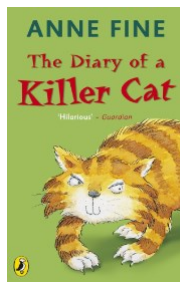


If you enjoyed these, you may want to read these...

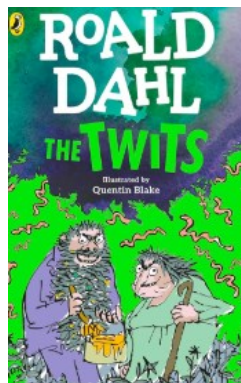
Year 3 We have read Bill's New Frock.



If you enjoyed the story you could read other books by Anne Fine.



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Have you read any other books by Roald Dahl?

What could you read at home?

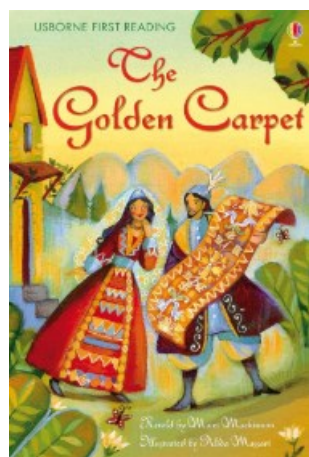
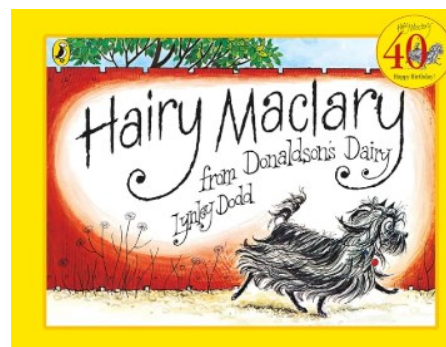
This term we held another of our Reading Recommendations assemblies. Each term all the teachers will suggest books that the children might want to take home from our class libraries. Find out below what the teachers recommend.

Year 1

Hairy Maclary by Lynley Dodd

Hairy Maclary sets off on a walk to town. One by one, his dog-friends join him until they meet Scarface Claw – the toughest Tom cat in town.

This is a fun rhyming book which can be enjoyed time and again by children and adults.



The Golden Carpet

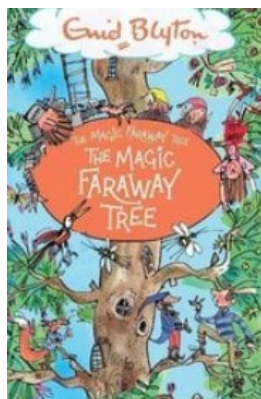
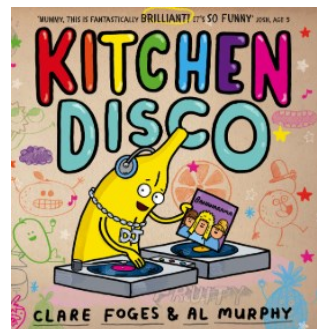
The Golden Carpet is a folk tale from Armenia. It is also known as The Golden Bracelet, from the idea that a skill is like a golden bracelet, a treasure you keep for your whole life.

Ani the shepherd girl does not want to marry a prince, or at least not until he has learned to do something useful... Will his woven carpet help her change her mind?

Year 2

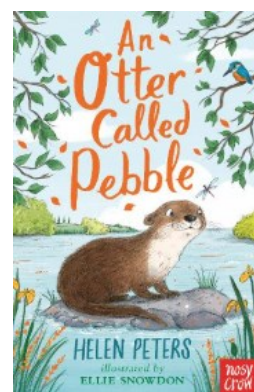
Kitchen Disco By Clare Foges & Al Murphy

This is a fun story about a bowl of fruit that comes to life when all the humans are asleep! The coconut is cheeky and makes the others laugh. The lemons are show-offs. They have a disco - a funky bash - and we're all invited to the party! It includes rhymes and you can even add actions to as you read. It's a whole heap of fun from beginning to



The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton

The next in a series which we have been reading in 2R. It continues the tales of all the fun lands at the top of a very special tree called the 'Magic Faraway Tree'. There are lots of interesting characters to meet, such as; Old Saucepan Man, Moon Face, Silky as well as the children who live nearby, Beth, Frannie, Joe and their cousin Rick who has come to stay. Even the trees talk to one another, in secretive 'Wisha-wisha-wisha' voices.



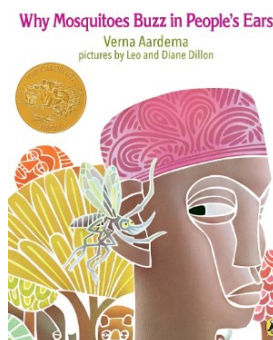
An otter called Pebble By Helen Peters

Jasmine and Tom are amazed to find a baby otter alone on the riverbank. When the otter is swept downstream, they risk everything to rescue her. Where is her family? Can they find Pebble's home before it's too late? This is part of a series of books about various animals. It is brilliant storytelling with lots of lovely illustrations throughout the book.

Year 3

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears By Verna Aardema

This vibrant African folktale, brought to life with stunning, stained-glass-like illustrations, tells the hilarious story of how a tiny mosquito causes a massive jungle panic! From a grumpy iguana to a slithering snake, each animal's reaction builds into a giggle-inducing chaos. I enjoyed the nonsense words used to mimic the funny animal sounds ("badamin badamin!" "wasawusu!") and learning why mosquitoes buzz in our ears. Beyond the laughs, this book subtly teaches about consequences and taking responsibility.



Usborne Spotter's Guides series, including: *Butterflies, Weather, Ponds and Lakes, Birds of Prey and Trees Bugs and Insects*

Weather, Birds of Prey, Ponds and Lakes, Wild Flowers - these non-fiction guides help me to learn about my surroundings and the world I live in, here in England.