



Castlefield School
Lower School Reading Newsletter
Autumn 2024

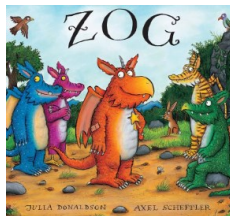
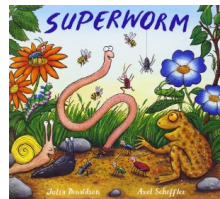
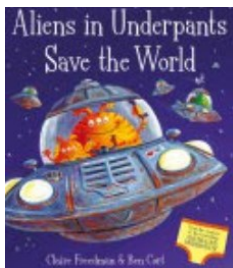


Welcome to our Reading Newsletter. This is a place for us to share reading recommendations and support your children in accessing and enjoying great books. One of the best ways families can support their children with their learning is to encourage reading at home. Regular reading is crucial - not only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

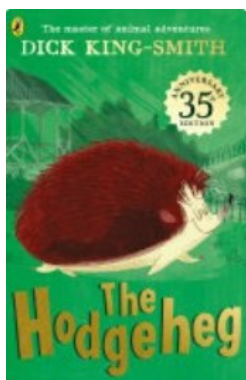
Year 1 We have been reading...



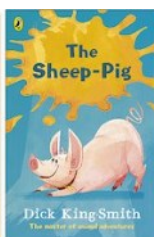
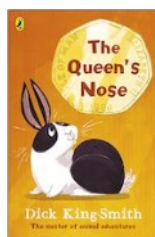
Next half term we will be reading...



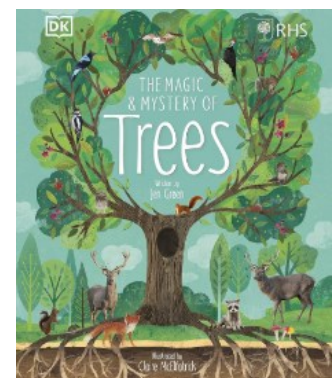
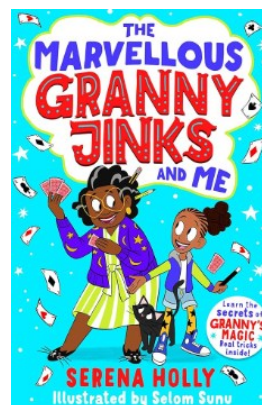
Year 2 This term we have read The Hodgeheg



If you enjoyed this book you may want to read some other stories by the same author.



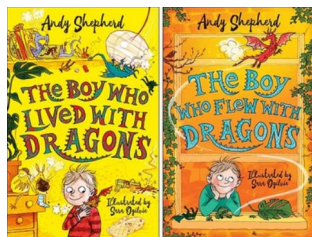
Next term we will be reading...



Year 3 We have read The Boy Who Grew Dragons.



If you enjoyed the story you could read the other books in the series.



Next half term we will be reading...

So You Think You've Got it bad? A kids Life in Ancient Egypt.

There are other books to read in the series too.



What could you read at home?

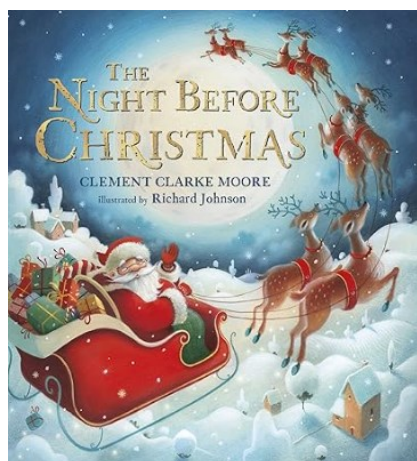
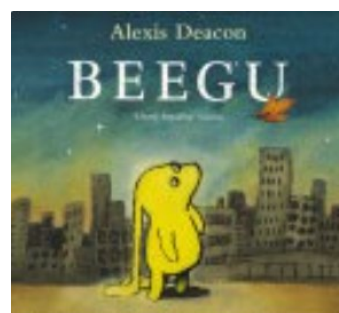
This term we held another of our Reading Recommendations assemblies. Each term all the teachers will suggest books that the children might want to take home from our class libraries. Find out below what the teachers recommend.

Year 1

Beegu by Alexis Deacon

She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter...

A thought-provoking and engaging story with beautiful illustrations.



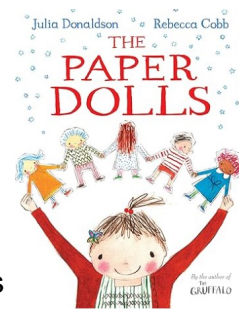
The Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore

This is the traditional and much-loved Christmas poem as a charming picture book. It is a magical rhyming story which reminds us of the importance of imagination, wonder, kindness, and respect. The book's main character, 'Saint Nick,' is kind-hearted and generous and emphasizes the value of family and friends.

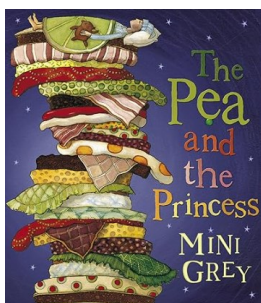
Year 2

The Paper Dolls By Julia Donaldson

A string of paper dolls go on a fantastical adventure through the house and out into the garden. They soon escape the clutches of the toy dinosaur and the snapping jaws of the oven-glove crocodile, but then a very real pair of scissors threatens . . . This is a lovely story about family time and making memories. It's about growing up and making family traditions. It has a memorable recurring



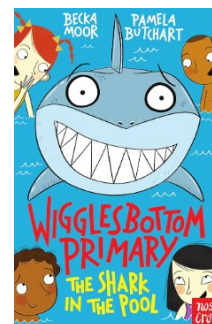
The Pea and the Princess by Mini Grey



Once upon a time there was an enchanting fairytale about a prince who was looking for a real princess to be his bride. The only way to tell whether the many princesses who applied for the post were really royal was to see if they would be able to feel a tiny little pea through dozens of luxurious mattresses as they slept. This is a twist on the traditional tale 'The Princess and the Pea', but from the point of view of the Pea. It is a funny story and I have never read a book from the point of view of a pea before!

The Shark in the Pool By Pamela Butchart

Anything can happen at Wigglesbottom Primary School and it always does. Is there a shark in the swimming pool? YES! Can a play parachute make Danny Jenkins invisible? YES! Is that a dinosaur buried in the playground? YES! There are 3 short stories in this one book: The Shark in the Pool, Dinosaur Bones and The Parachute of invisibility. This book is one of a series and they are all worth reading.



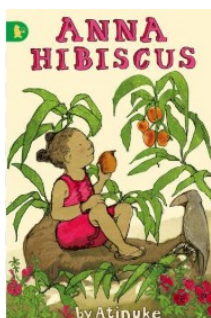
Year 3

The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook

Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk. Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang?

A story of Robin Hood but set in India - Chaya steals from rich people and helps the people in her village who are poor.

Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke



The story follows a young African girl, Anna, who lives with her large, close-knit family of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, including twin brothers. The family members lovingly help each other raise their families and share the workload. During a family vacation, Anna learns the importance of togetherness when her parents realise the value of their extended family. Anna also navigates cultural differences, such as her Auntie Comfort's life in America, and makes amends after unknowingly outcompeting local girls selling oranges. The story ends with Anna's excitement about visiting her Canadian grandmother to see snow, showcasing themes of family, identity, and belonging.

