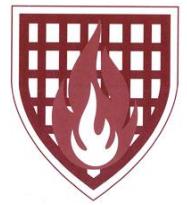


Gnosall St Lawrence Reading Newsletter

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Welcome to Gnosall St Lawrence's first reading newsletter! In this, and subsequent issues, we will be sharing updates about what is going on to promote a culture of reading for pleasure across our school. A love of reading is the most important gift that we can give our children; it builds empathy, strengthens vocabulary and is often a chance for our children to escape to another world! Hopefully, this newsletter will give you some ideas for exploring reading with your child.



EYFS

In Reception we have been learning about Fiction and Non-Fiction books. We have used Non-Fiction books to find out about Autumn, Hedgehogs and the Emergency Services.

Each day we vote for which story we would like to read together at the end of the day. We are learning how to be super listeners – The teachers say that we are fabulous at this!



Year 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 have been busy exploring a range of books, traditional tales and rhyming stories.

We have enjoyed reading "Once Upon an Ordinary School Day" by Colin McNaughton as part of our daily story time.

We have also been laughing out loud and discovering just how fun and exciting reading for pleasure can be by reading "The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet" by Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter. We've loved the rhymes and the alliteration in the story.



Year 3 & 4

All of our Year 3 and 4 children have been enjoying reading the classroom classic "Charlotte's Web" by E.B White. This book has been the focus of our end-of-the-day story times and we've loved hearing about the adventures of Wilbur the pig and his farmyard friends..

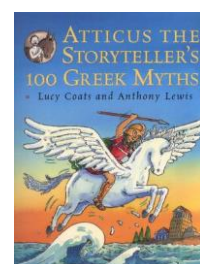
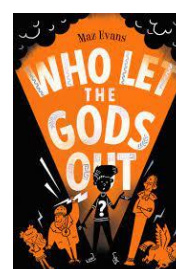
We've also been busy exploring a range of non-fiction books about the Stone Age and Prehistoric Britain.



Year 5 & 6

We've been reading a lot of Greek myths linked to our topic: Ancient Greece. In Year

5, we've really been enjoying reading 'Atticus the Storyteller's 100 Greek Myths' by Lucy Coats and Anthony Lewis. In Year 6, we have been reading 'Who Let The Gods Out' by Maz Evans, which has a modern twist on popular stories about the ancient Greek gods.



EYFS & KS1 Author Focus: Jill Murphy

The very talented Jill Murphy is an author and illustrator. She has produced many popular stories including the Large Family stories, *Peace At Last* and *Whatever Next!*

Jill Murphy is perhaps most famous for her collection of stories titled 'The Worst Witch'. These were first published over 40 years ago! The books have been so successful, that they have been read by several generations (ask your grown-ups if they read them when they were children) and have recently become a television series on the BBC. The Worst Witch series is a lovely story of friendship, mischief, perseverance, fun and magic! Lots of adventures and plenty of giggles!

Why don't you look in your class reading area or take a visit to the library to find other stories written by Jill Murphy.

In memory of Jill Murphy who died in August 2021 at the age of 72.



KS2 Author Focus: Katherine Rundell

Katherine Rundell is currently one of the UK's most-popular children's authors and she has been awarded many prizes for her books.

Miss Birtles' favourite from Rundell, *Rooftoppers*, tells the story of an orphan girl on the run from the authorities! In a desperate attempt to find out about her past, Sophie ends up meeting a network of Rooftoppers- children who live on the rooftops of Paris. But will she be able to find out about her past before she's caught?

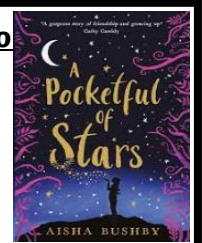
This classic story is about pursuing your dreams and never ignoring a possible.

Katherine Rundell "The only time kids fully understand the world is when they read."



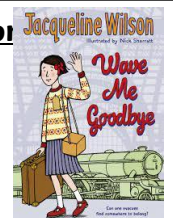
A Pocketful of Stars by Aisha Bushby - reviewed by Tegan, Y6 School Ambassador

The main character is Grace. She goes into the forest to find a golden chain that can turn time and change the world forever. This is a great book if you enjoy a mystery stories.



Wave Me Goodbye by Jacqueline Wilson - reviewed by Ava, Y6 School Ambassador

Shirley is asked to leave her home during World War 2 and visits a place she has never seen. Missing her mum terribly, she has no idea about the adventure she is about to go on! A scary and moving book.



Want to share a review?

If you've read a book recently and you'd really like to share it with everyone, we'd love to hear from you! Write a short summary (no more than 80 words) and deliver it to Miss Birtles in the Year 3/4 classroom. Open to children of all ages- parents/carers you're more than welcome to scribe for any younger children wanting to be involved.

Your review could feature in our next newsletter! ☺

An Interview with Miss Sweet!

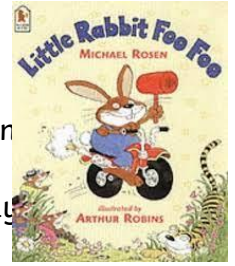
What are you reading at the moment? Ancestors by Dr Alice Roberts.

What is your favourite children's book? Little Rabbit Foo Foo by Michael Rosen

Where is your favourite place to read? On the sofa in front of the fire, with my dog snuggled in.

Which book character do you think you are most like? Hermione Granger... because we both love books!

Real book or Kindle? It depends... real when I'm at home, but Kindle on holiday because then I can have unlimited books to read by the pool!



Reading in cool places!

Have you got a strange or unusual place you like to read at home? Are you off out and about over half term and you're planning to take your book with you?

Take a photo of you and your book in your cool reading place and you could feature on next half term's newsletter!

Please send any photos to rbirtles@st-lawrence.staffs.sch.uk with a sentence about where you like to read.

Please only send photos if you give permission for them to be shared on our next newsletter.



Photos to be sent by Friday 26th November. ☺

Recommendations from The BookTrust

Illustrator Dapo Adeola – who is also BookTrust's Writer-Illustrator in Residence – is here to give a brilliant book suggestion for children who want to care for the planet. Loll Kirby and Aledina Lirius' ***Old Enough to Save the Planet*** is a picture book that features young people across the world making meaningful changes in their communities. This beautiful book would be engaging for children from EYFS to KS2 as there are stunning illustrations and real-life stories to read. Our school Eco Monitors will be reading and sharing this book across the school next half term.



Look out for the school copy of this book, if you'd like to read more!

