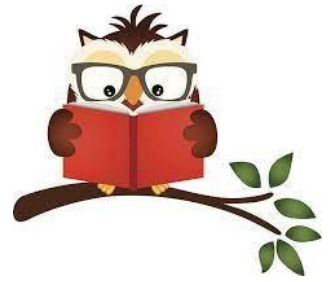




Reading Newsletter

Autumn 2023



Issue 6

Welcome to the Autumn addition of our reading newsletter.

At Christ Church (Church of England) Infant School and Nursery we want our children to be passionate about books that will open up new worlds and ideas for them. We aim for all children to develop a love of reading through listening to stories and sharing books with their teachers, family and friends.

Through this newsletter we shall share what we have been doing in school and give some hints and tips on how you can support your child at home.



Don't forget to visit your child's Oxford Owl account where they will find weekly pre-set homework tasks as well as a fantastic range of books to read at their level.

Also check out the parent's support pages for lots of hints and tips on how to support your child at home.

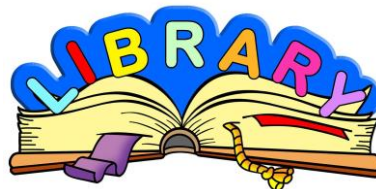
Your child's username and password is in their yellow Reading Record.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Phonics Workshop

If you were able to join us for our phonics workshop this half term we hope that you found it helpful and informative. We shared information about how we teach the children to read and ways in which you can support your child at home. We shall hopefully run a follow up session later in the year so you are able to see how the teaching is positively impacting on the children's reading journey.

As always, if you have any queries about your child's reading, please don't hesitate to speak to their class teacher or Mrs McHale (Reading Lead).

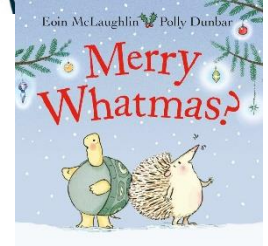
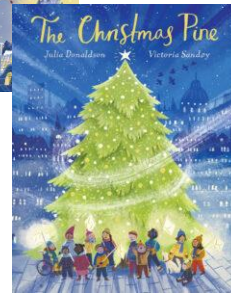
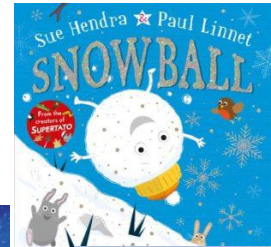
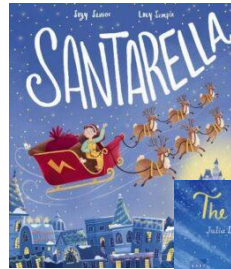


We are hoping to get our school library up and running from January for all children to access weekly. This will enable children to choose books to take home to share with an adult or sibling. Children will also bring home a book review to complete. These will be displayed in the library and the best ones chosen to be shared in our reading newsletters.

If you have any preloved, good quality books that you would like to donate to the library or if you would like to help out in any way please see Mrs McHale.

Christmas Reading Recommendations

Looking for some ideas of festive books to read over the Christmas period, or maybe some last minute gift ideas? Check out these seasonal book recommendations for Early Years/KS1.



SCHOLASTIC SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS READING EVERY DAY...

...**CREATES** lifelong readers.

...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.

...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.

...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.

...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.

...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.

...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.

...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.

...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.

...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

READ
Every Day
Lead a Better
LIFE

Celebrating Home Reading

Each half term we hold our whole school reading raffle. If your child reads three or more times a week they will be given a raffle ticket which is entered into a prize draw. At the end of every half term a raffle ticket will be drawn and one child from each class has the opportunity to win a book. In addition, all children who read three or more times a week over the half term will receive a reading certificate.

Congratulations this terms reading champs.



Reception



Year 1



Year 2

Reading Stars



At Christ Church Infant School, we celebrate our pupils progress in reading during celebration worship. Each week class teachers choose one child who has shone in reading. They may have shown great progress in phonics, developed great fluency or shown fantastic comprehension.

Nursery

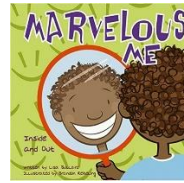
Nursery have been learning about Ourselves and Celebrations.

Nursery have enjoyed using puppets, props and story sacks to retell favourite stories and rhymes. They have also brought favourite stories from home to share with friends. Some of their favourite stories from this term are Owl Babies, Peace at last, Night Monkey Day Monkey, Hair Love, Kippers Birthday and Elmer's Birthday. Nursery have also enjoyed a range of non-fiction books on senses.

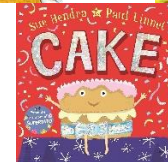
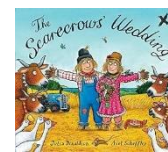


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During Autumn 1 as part of the Marvellous Me topic Reception looked at a range of texts celebrating diversity.



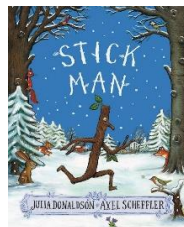
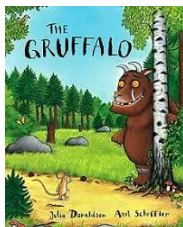
In Autumn 2 the topic was Celebrations. Children have learnt about a range of celebrations, cultures and traditions through stories, helping them to widen their understanding and develop an awareness of and respect for different festivals.



Year 1

In Year 1 the children have enjoyed listening to and acting out stories this term. Retelling stories in this way encourages children to use their imagination and expand their ideas. Acting out the stories also helps children with their sentence work later as well as being fun to do.

A few of their favourite texts this half term have been The Gruffalo and Stickman by Julia Donaldson.



You may like to explore some more books by this author on the link below

<https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/>

Year 2

This half term Year 2 have focused on the story Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. This linked to their topic of Frozen Worlds. The children have used this text as a basis to write some short letters from the penguin in the story and they have also created their own story based around a lost Arctic animal. For more great books from this author click on the link below

<https://www.oliverjeffers.com/books>



In addition, Year 2 Reading groups texts have been based around the time of year or topics. The children have read Pirates Ahoy by Sophie Smiley, Pirate Brother by Pete Johnson, The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith and Fairs's Fair by Leon Garfield.