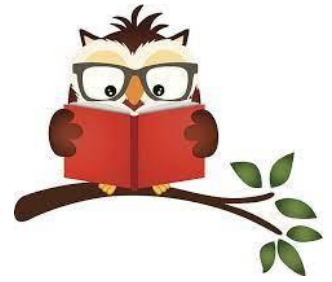




Reading Newsletter

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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/>

Meet the Reading Dogs



In KS1 we introduce the reading dogs to support pupils reading and comprehension skills. Each dog focuses on a different reading domain: vocabulary, inference, retrieval, predictions and sequencing. Your child should have brought home a book mark with example questions. Whilst reading with your child, try to choose one question from each section in order to make sure your child's equally confident in all the key areas of reading comprehension, and for children who enjoy a bit more of a challenge, you could ask more than one type of question per page. This will check that your child really understands what they are reading.

READING EVERY DAY....CREATES lifelong readers **TEACHES** children to find adventure, answers, ideas through books **STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity **OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves **AWAKENS** children to the world around them **ALLOWS** a child's imagination to blossom **GIVES** children the tools to be a successful writer **HELPS** children make connections **BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary **OFFERS** comfort and escape during times of trouble.



100 best children's books

The Book Trust have put together a list of the 100 best books for children from the last 100 years. If you are looking for inspiration for your child's next read or a gift idea check out some of these recommendations.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/>

Last term, every school child in the country received a copy of a special book commissioned by Queen Elizabeth to commemorate her platinum jubilee. Given her recent death, now might be an ideal time to have a look through the book together and reflect on the extraordinary life led by our Queen.



Reading Stars

At Christ Church (CE) 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.

Spot Light Author

Each term we shall have a different author focus in our library. This term our spot light author is children's author Sue Hendra. Sue is the wonderfully funny, award-winning author and illustrator of some of our favourite picture books, like *Barry the Fish with Fingers* and *Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell*.



To hear Sue read one of our favourite stories, Supertato, click the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7McKM0afAQ>

If you liked Supertato see below for some ideas of other books you may like to read

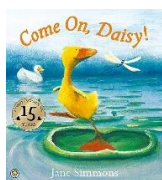
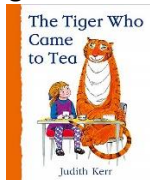
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Nursery

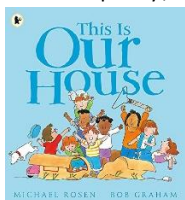
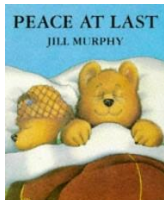
Nursery have been learning about Ourselves and Celebrations.

They have enjoyed learning about their senses, using puppets and props to retell favourite stories and rhymes and sharing stories with friends. These are just a few of the books they have enjoyed this term.

The Tiger who came to tea, Judith Kerr



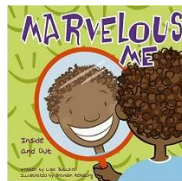
Come on Daisy, Jane Simmons
Peace at last Jill Murphy,



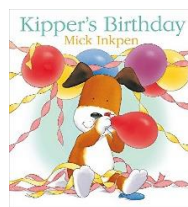
This is our house Michael Rosen and Bob Graham.

Reception

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



In Autumn 2 the topic is Celebrations. Children have enjoyed thinking about planning a party with Kipper's Birthday by Mick Inkpen and shall be writing letters to Santa and learning all about the Christmas Story.



Year 1

In Year 1 the children have enjoyed learning about adjectives and have focused on how each author uses them to bring a story to life.

A few of their favourite texts this half term have been Toys in Space by Mini Grey and The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson.



In PSHE lessons the children have also enjoyed a range of stories that have helped develop their understanding of friendship and respect. One of the class favourites is The Mega Magic Hair Swap by Rochelle Humes.



Year 2

This half term Year 2 are focusing on the story Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. This links to their topic of Arctic Adventures. The children have used this text as a basis to write some short letters and will also be developing their own story based around an arctic animal that becomes lost.

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, with children reading The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith and Fairs's Fair by Leon Garfield.