



Christ Church Junior School Bookworms Newsletter



Welcome to the very first edition of our reading newsletter, Bookworms. This newsletter is designed for both adults and children and we hope you enjoy sharing it. Our aim is to keep you up to date with what is happening with regard to reading at our school. You will find lots of information here about what we are doing to promote reading for pleasure, as well as a round-up of favourite books and new releases. Whether your child is an avid bookworm, or if your bookworm-to-be has to yet to discover the book for them, enjoy this newsletter. Happy reading! Miss Cox

Miss Cox Recommends

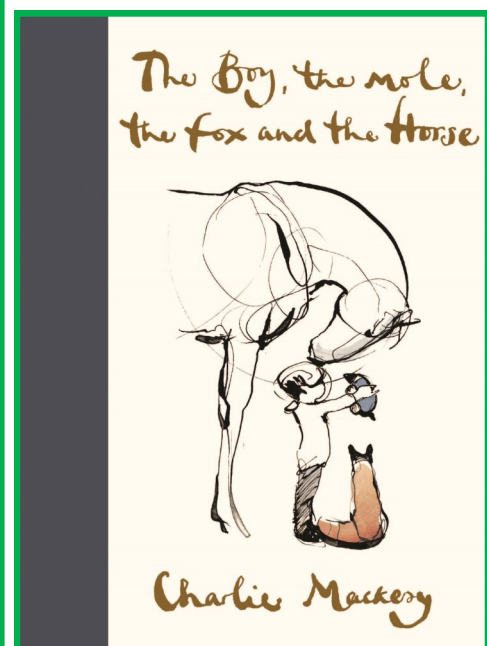
The Boy the Mole the Fox and the Horse.

By Charlie Mackesy

Year Three and I enjoyed using this text as a focus in one of our English units this year. As we have spent time this week reflecting on the past year, we discovered it has become a favourite book for a lot of us.

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse is a charming tale that tells the story of a boy who discovers three new friends as he journeys through the countryside on a spring day. Filled with beautiful artwork, the book explores some of the important stuff of life: self-acceptance, courage, friendship, love.

I thought this was a touching story that remains to be one of my favourites.



Book Reviews

Have you read a good book lately? Which book would you recommend to your classmates? Could you write a review for the next edition of Bookworms? If so, send your book review, along with your name and the title of the book, to Miss Cox.

Ready, Set, Read! Summer Reading Challenge



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

At Christ Church Junior school we strive to develop and nurture children's love for reading. Our aim is for this to continue whilst the children are not at school during the summer holidays. This is why we would like to invite children to the Summer Reading Challenge. This year the theme is 'Ready, Set Read'.

The Summer Reading Challenge is flexible for reading of any level and encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's FREE to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.

Why should my child sign up?

They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.

The challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.

Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.

The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.

Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

How do we take part?

At the library

1. A child will visit their local library and sign up to the Challenge for free. They receive their Ready, Set, Read! core pack folder.
2. They set a personal reading goal for the summer.
3. Borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks of their choice.
 - They can read anything they like: fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, graphic novels, audiobooks...
4. Collect special incentives from the library each time they finish a book.
5. Receive a certificate and/or medal* for taking part, or for reaching their Challenge goal.

In addition, libraries offer a wide variety of events and activities for families to enjoy throughout the summer.

Online

Alternatively, children can participate in the Challenge online.

1. Sign up at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
2. Set a personal reading goal for the summer.
 - Receive book recommendations and tips for accessing books for free at home.
3. Each time they finish a book, the child adds it to their online profile and leaves a review. They unlock digital badges and online rewards along the way.
4. Unlock a certificate for reaching their Challenge goal.

Children can also play games, enter competitions, share book recommendations and more on our free, safe, moderated platform.



Celebrate with us!

We would like to invite children to share any of their achievements in the Summer Reading Challenge upon their return to school so we can celebrate their reading with them.

More information about the challenge can be found on the Summer Reading Challenge Website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



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Reading at Home



The 'Love Reading 4 Kids' website allows adults and children to access extracts from a range of texts for free. Children can have a sneak peak at brand new books.

The KIDZONE is designed especially for children and can provide activities, competitions, discussions and author videos linking to new books.

Love Reading 4 Kids also recommend books in specific genres and to specific age groups making it easy if you are looking for something specific or need some inspiration.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/kids-zone/>



Help your child with

reading

I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books magazines at easy reach.

Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Go Online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.



Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels...

anything that is close to hand!