

St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Reading For Pleasure Newsletter



Thursday 14th July

This is the third edition of the Reading for Pleasure Newsletter for parents, carers and children. It has been so wonderful to see children enjoying books all across our school and sharing their book recommendations with others. This newsletter contains a summer reading challenge, recommendations from children in Year 2 and much more!



In this edition of our 'Reading for Pleasure Newsletter', Y6 and Year 2 will recommend some books for you to read from our school library. If you have any recommendations for good books, please send Mrs. Khan a picture of you with your book and a message explaining why you recommend it via Class Dojo. You may even feature in our next newsletter.

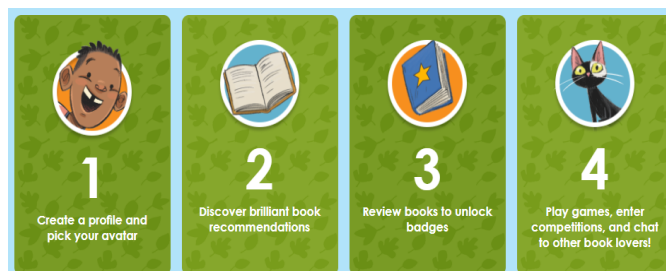
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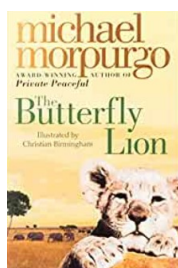
This year's theme 'Gadgeteers' will spark children's curiosity about the world around them. With resources and activities from the Science Museum Group, the Challenge focuses on inspiring children to see the science and innovation behind everyday objects, showing that reading and science are for everyone.

Join the Gadgeteers for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how **your curiosity can be sparked!**

To get involved, check out:
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/



Feature Author - Michael Morpurgo

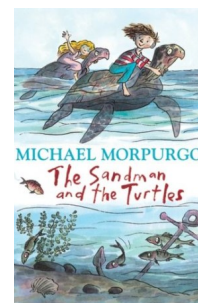


Michael Morpurgo, best known for being a Children's Author, was born in St Albans, Hertfordshire, England, UK on Tuesday, October 5, 1943.

Things You Didn't Know About Michael Morpurgo:

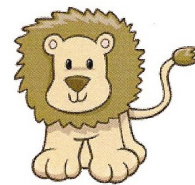


- He has written over 100 books. Private Peaceful was his 100th title.
- After graduating from university, Michael became a primary school teacher in Kent.
- He writes all of his books in exercise books. He doesn't work on a desk, instead he sits on his bed, propped up with pillows.
- His favourite animals are elephants.



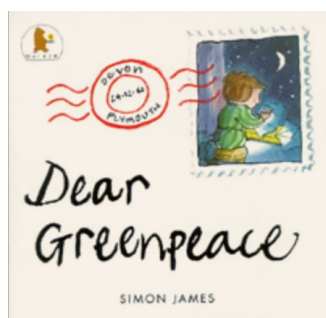
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Y2's Book Recommendations:

Zayaan - Beast Quest Series— I have really enjoyed reading the Beast Quest books. I'd recommend this book to anyone who likes adventure stories and dragons. There are lots of Beast Quest books in our school library so I have enjoyed reading all about the brave knight's adventures.

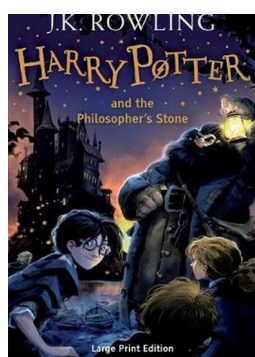
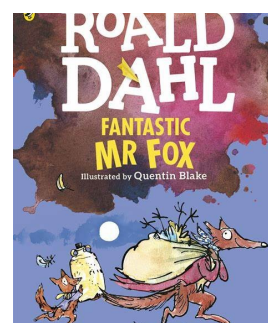


Mia - Dear Greenpeace

We read this book in class and I really liked it. It is all about a girl called Emily who finds a whale in her pond. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes whales.

Thomas - Fantastic Mr. Fox

We read Fantastic Mr. Fox as a class and I really enjoyed it. This story is all about a cunning fox who is always up to no good. One day, he finds himself trapped by the three farmers Bogis, Bunce and Bean. I would recommend this book to everyone. Especially people who have already read Roald Dahl's books.

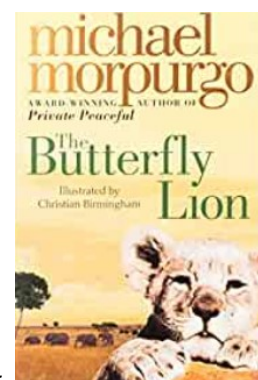


Brady - Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

I would recommend this book to everyone! I loved the main character Harry and I loved that there's magic in the story. When you have read the book, you can also watch the film. You won't be able to put it down!

Mrs. Khan - The Butterfly Lion

I would recommend this book to everyone! The main character is a boy called Bertie who grows up with a lion for a pet. Unfortunately, Bertie has to come to England to go to school and is forced to leave his lion behind in South Africa. He then sets about trying to find his beloved lion who has joined the circus. This book is such a page turner and I read it in a day!



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Suggested texts for each year group:

Reception—[100 picture books to read before you are 5 years old | EYFS \(schoolreadinglist.co.uk\)](https://www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk)

[Books for Reception pupils aged 4-5 in EYFS | School Reading List](#)

Year 1—[Books for Year 1 pupils aged 5-6 in KS1 | School Reading List](#)

Year 2—[Books for Year 2 pupils aged 6-7 in KS1 | School Reading List](#)

Year 3—[Books for Year 3 pupils aged 7-8 in KS2 | School Reading List](#)

Year 4—[Books for Year 4 pupils aged 8-9 in KS2 | School Reading List](#)

Year 5—[Books for Year 5 pupils aged 9-10 | School Reading List](#)

Year 6—[Books for Year 6 pupils aged 10-11 in KS2 | School Reading List](#)

Ways to support you child's reading at home:

Reading is such an important skill. Life can be very hectic but try to make time for your child to read for at least 20 minutes each day. Ensure that your child has a calm environment to read so that they can focus on the book.

It is also important that you take time to share a book or a part of a book with your child regardless of their age. Children need to hear what a good reader sounds like and having discussions around a book aids their understanding.

Ensure that you immerse your child in a range of text types. This can include newspapers, nonfiction books and magazines.

Check out the library website to get your child signed up to the library this summer:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/9065/joining_form

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



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