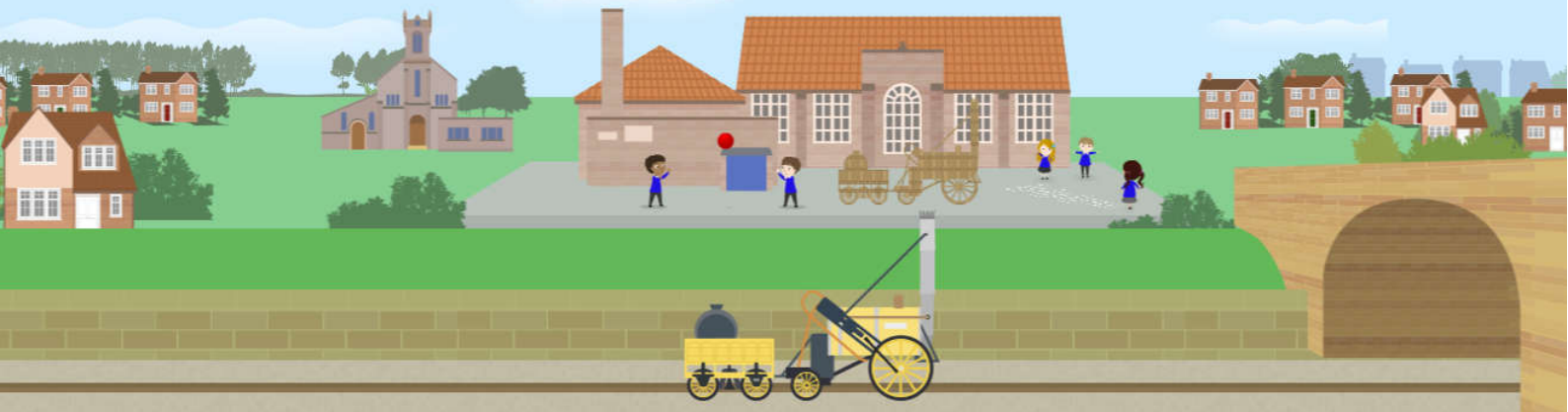




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Reading Round-up

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Welcome to the second issue of St Ann's 'Reading Round-up'. With summer approaching, this term's newsletter has a sports theme with great recommended reads for both fiction and non-fiction books. We also take a look at some suggested transition reads from Nursery to Early Years and from Year 6 to High School.

We hope you find it helpful in supporting your child on their reading journey.

The importance of daily reading

At St Ann's Primary School, we believe that reading should be a fundamental part of childhood and a skill which should be developed to support lifelong learning.

Our aim is to develop and embed a strong, sustainable reading culture within the school community. Confident and competent readers will foster a love of reading through a rich and varied experience of texts in which they are empowered to exercise freedoms of choice and independence.

Inspiring children to read is their fundamental right. It underpins all learning and secures a good trajectory for personal development and an understanding the world in which they live.

Whether you're reading a classic novel or fairy tales before bed, reading aloud to children can significantly benefit your child's life.

The impact of encouraging your child to read daily for just 15 or 20 minutes will make a significant difference to their learning in ALL subjects so please, please, please support your child in keeping it up.

How is your class doing?

This table shows how many children in each class have achieved Reading Awards this year. Remember, you get a sweet shop voucher with your Silver Award and a £5 book token with your Gold Award! Well done to all of our award winners so far!

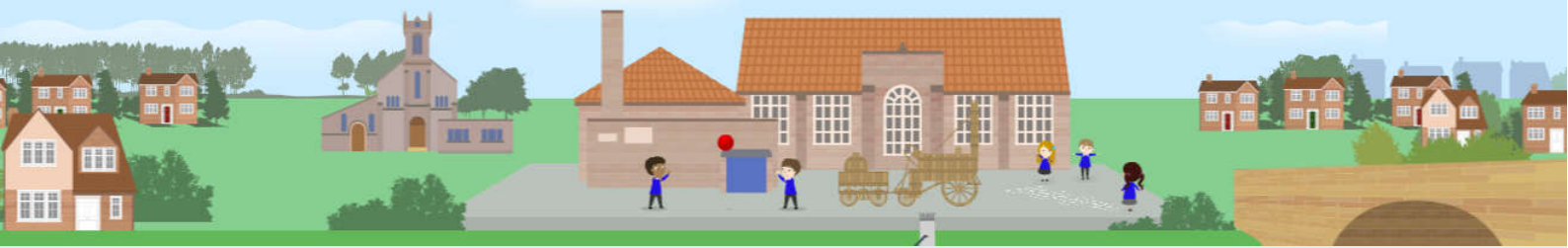
CLASS	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
EYA	25	22	n/a
EYR	25	22	n/a
1H	25	20	n/a
1R	29	23	n/a
2B	24	19	n/a
2T	27	23	n/a
3G	17	17	n/a
3H	26	23	n/a
4F	27	17	n/a
4P	24	22	n/a
5E	27	22	n/a
5H	28	23	n/a
6O	23	22	n/a
6P	30	30	n/a

WE ALL KNOW THIS:

A student who reads
20:00
minutes per day will be
exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and is more likely to score in
the
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests.

A student who reads
5:00
minutes per day
will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and is more likely to score
in the
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads
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Author spotlight

Tom Palmer



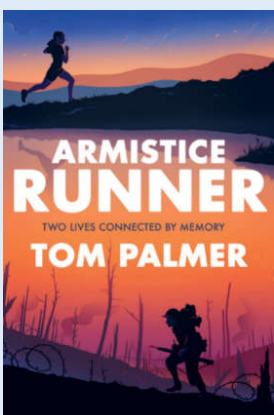
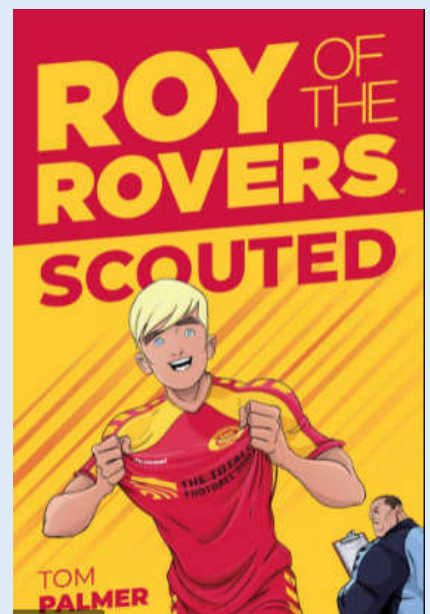
Hi guys!

I struggled with reading when I was young, I didn't have the stamina to read long books. My mum got me reading newspapers and magazines about football to build my reading up. I liked them: they were about what I was interested in— football!

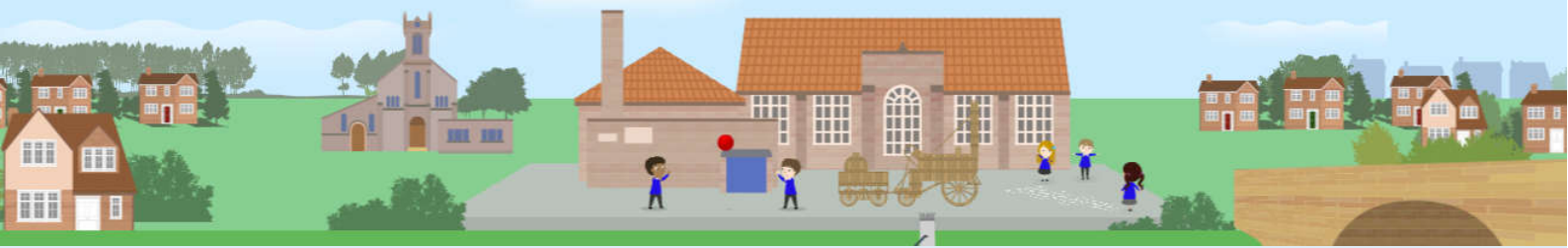
I have always loved football. That's why a lot of my books are set in the game. But I think football alone in a book can be a bit uninspiring, so I like to mix football with other genres: crime in *Foul Play*, spies in *The Squad*, ghosts in *Defenders* and *Ghost Stadium* and war in *Over the Line*.

I like rugby too. Being from Leeds I am into rugby league. I've done five rugby league books about fans and players.

Reading is important to me at the moment so I can get out. I'm reading a book about a ship sailing on the Arctic Sea at the moment. I've seen whales, icebergs and been attacked by a German U-Boat. It makes me happy to travel by book when I can't in reality. If Roy (the main character in my book *Roy of the Rovers*) was on lockdown he'd get a bit bored and argue with his sister. Then he'd get his act together and train. He'd run up and down the stairs, do work outs in the garden. He'd stay fit. He'd watch old football games to learn skills. He'd read biographies of footballers to learn how they coped with the pressures of their careers. He'd play FIFA too!

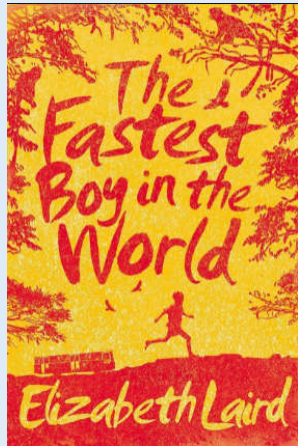


It's not been easy being in lockdown. There's good bits, but there's very difficult bits. I've tried to be helpful around the house: it makes everything a bit nicer for everyone. Try and contact older members of your family or people you know who are on their own. The more kindness we give out to others, the more we'll get back and the happier we'll be.



Recommended reads

Fiction



The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird

Appropriate for Year 5 & 6 readers

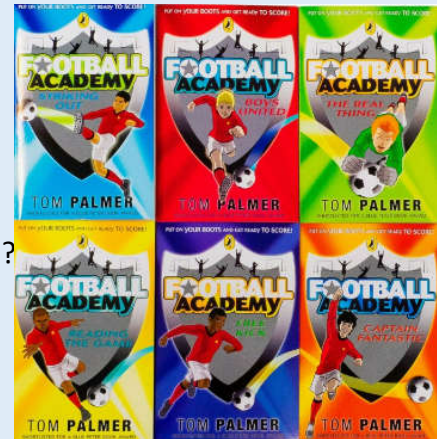
Eleven-year-old Solomon loves to run! The great athletes of the Ethiopian national team are his heroes and he dreams that one day he will be a gold-medal-winning athlete like them, in spite of his ragged shorts and bare feet. When his grandfather announces that he's going to take Solomon to Addis Ababa, Solomon cannot believe his ears. A trip to the capital? It's unfathomable. When grandfather collapses, Solomon knows that getting help from his village is up to him. It's a twenty-mile run from the city to home, and grandfather's life hangs in the balance. Can the small bare-footed runner with the big heart do it?

Football Academy Series by Tom Palmer

Appropriate for Year 3, 4 and 5 readers

Follow United FCs under-twelves through a season where they have to play at Liverpool, Chelsea and against Real Madrid, but who will make the grade?

Jake loves football but is bullied about his height- what if he is too small for football?
Ryan is the team captain – so why does he bully his team mates?
Yunis is the star player – so why does his dad want him to give up football?
James is the son of an England international – so why does he start making terrible mistakes?



Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

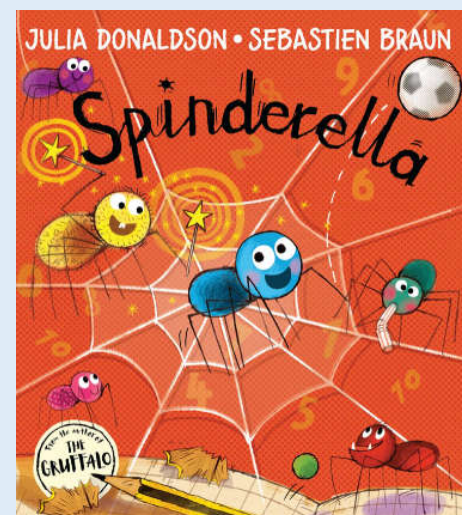
Appropriate for Year 4, 5 and 6 readers.

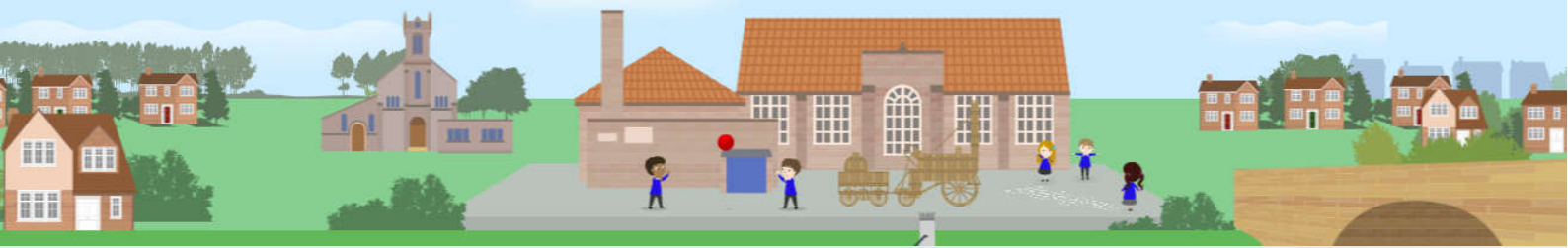
Twelve-year-old Astrid has always done everything with her best friend Nicole. So when Astrid signs up for roller derby camp, she assumes Nicole will too. But Nicole signs up for dance camp with a new friend instead, and so begins the toughest summer of Astrid's life. There are bumps and bruises as Astrid learns who she is without Nicole...and what it takes to be a strong, tough roller girl.

Spinderella by Julia Donaldson

Appropriate for Early Years, Year 1 & Year 2

Spinderella the spider has a passion for football! She tries to play a match with her brothers and sisters but she doesn't know how many spiders should be on each team. Even worse, she can't count the goals! Luckily for Spinderella, her Hairy Godmother has a plan . . .





Recommended reads

Non-fiction

It was British Science Week in March so why not give some of these science books a go?

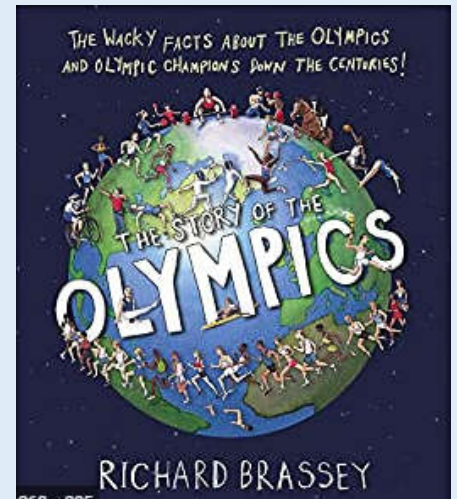
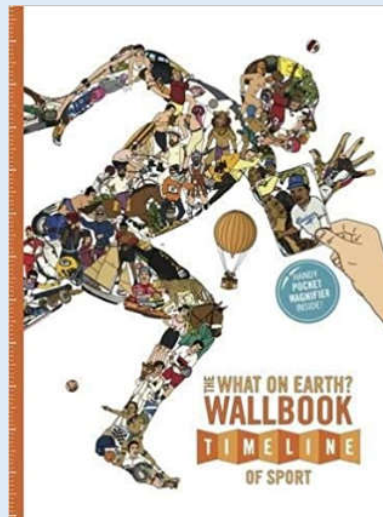


Great Adventures by Alistair Humphries

Hand-selected by Alastair Humphreys, read about the incredible journeys undertaken by twenty of the most heroic and impressive explorers who ever lived, including Ibn Battuta (14th-century explorer); Apsley Cherry-Garrard (a member of Scott's Antarctic expedition); Michael Collins (Apollo Moon mission astronaut) and Nellie Bly (who travelled round the world in less than 80 days).

What on Earth Wallbook Timeline of Sport by Christopher Lloyd

A glorious 2m-long fold-out timeline illustrating the story of sport from the ancient Olympics to the present day. Also includes a pocket magnifier and The Wallbook Chronicle that reports on more than 30 key moments from the timeline in the style of a newspaper.

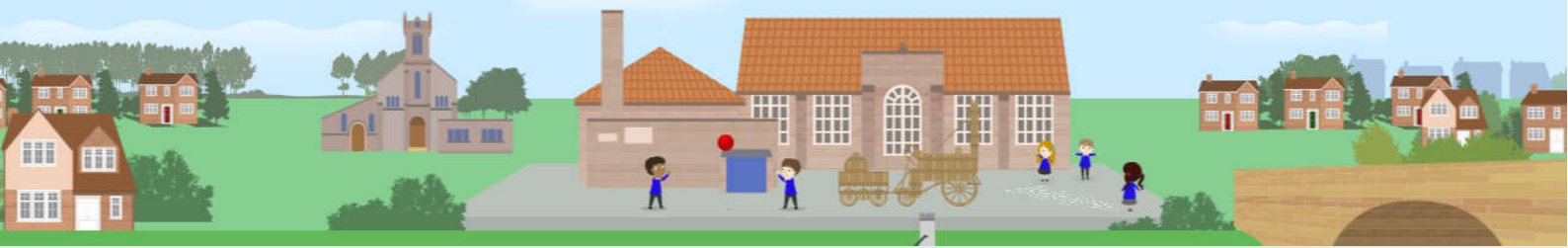


The Story of the Olympics by Richard Brassey

Records and reputations, cheats and champs, victors and venues - here's the lowdown on the modern Olympic games! From the games of ancient Greece to the twenty-first century, and with individual tales of heroes and heroines, this is a lively, witty and entertaining guide for young readers everywhere.

Fancy something else?

- Authorfy www.authorfy.com is free to join, has lots of videos of authors reading from their books, creative writing challenges and much more
- Borrowbox www.borrowbox.com if you have a library card registration is free and you can borrow audiobooks free of charge
- Michael Rosen has a YouTube channel where he reads a range of his poems and short stories
- Cbeebies online has a range of books read aloud by celebrities
- The Book of Hopes <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/> is a compilation of stories, poems and pictures from over 100 well-known authors broken down into topic including sport, magic, machines, self belief, friendship, aliens and wildlife (plus many more!)



Supporting your child at home

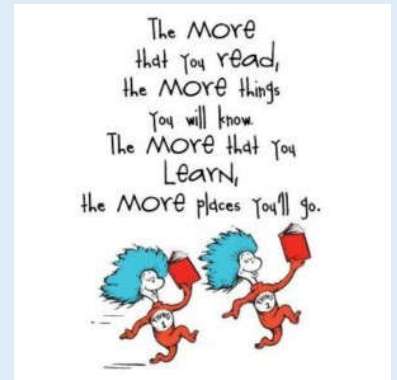
Questions to ask your child when you read together

When we hear children read in school, alongside their phonic skills we also support their comprehension skills.

Below you will find a list of possible questions to help you with conversations about your child's reading. They are not intended to be used all at once or every time you read with your child. Use them at your discretion and where they are appropriate. Happy reading!

Questions to ask before you read:

- Can you look at the pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book?
- What makes you think that?
- What characters do you think might be in our story?
- Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why or why not?
- Does the topic/story relate to you or your family? How?



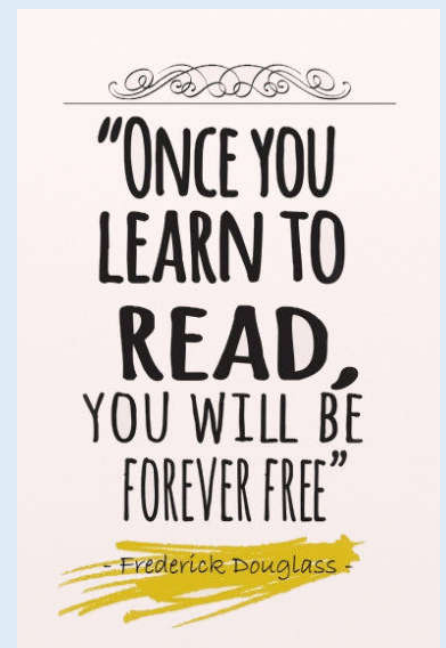
Questions to ask during the reading:

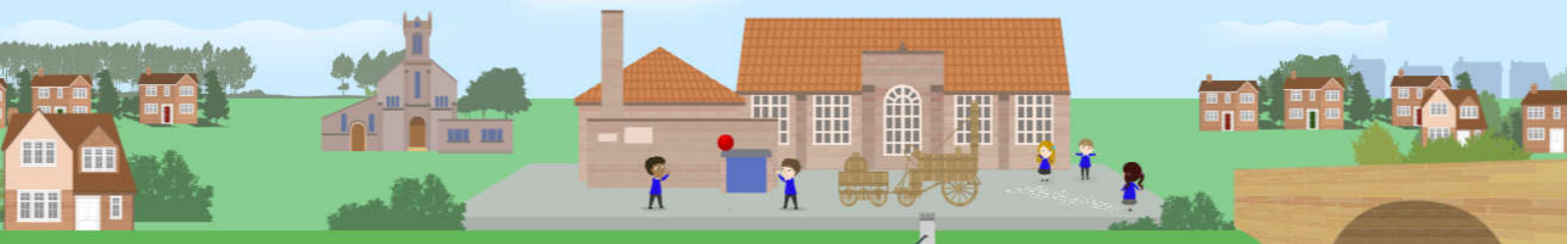
- What do you think will happen next?
- What can you tell me about the story so far?
- Can you predict how the story will end?
- Why do you think the character did _____?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- How would you have felt if you were the character? (use different characters)
- As I read _____, it made me picture _____ in my head. What pictures do you see in your head?
- As you read, what are you wondering about?
- Can you put what you've just read in your own words?



Questions to ask after reading:

- Can you remember the title?
- In your opinion, was it a good title for this book? Why or why not?
- Were your predictions about the story correct?
- If there was a problem, did it get solved?
- What happened because of the problem?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- What is the most important point the author is trying to make in his writing?
- What was your favourite part of the story?
- If you could change one thing in the story, what would it be?
- Can you retell the story in order?
- If you were _____, how would you have felt?
- What is the most interesting situation in the story?
- Is there a character in the story like you? How are you alike?
- Why did you like this book?





Supporting your child at home

Transition reads: Year 6 to High School



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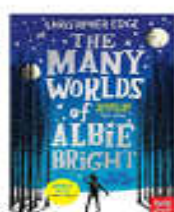
Fairytale Fantasy



Funny Adventure



Adventure Fantasy



Sci-Fi Family Adventure



Magical Fantasy



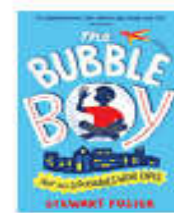
Friendship Adventure



Grief Family Magical



Historical Fiction



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Victorian adventure Mystery



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Adventure Fantasy Magical



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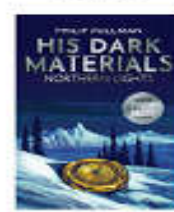
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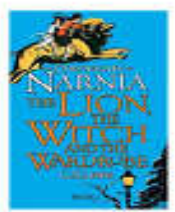
Mystery Adventure



Science Fiction Adventure



Science Fantasy Adventure



Fantasy Adventure



Magical Supernatural

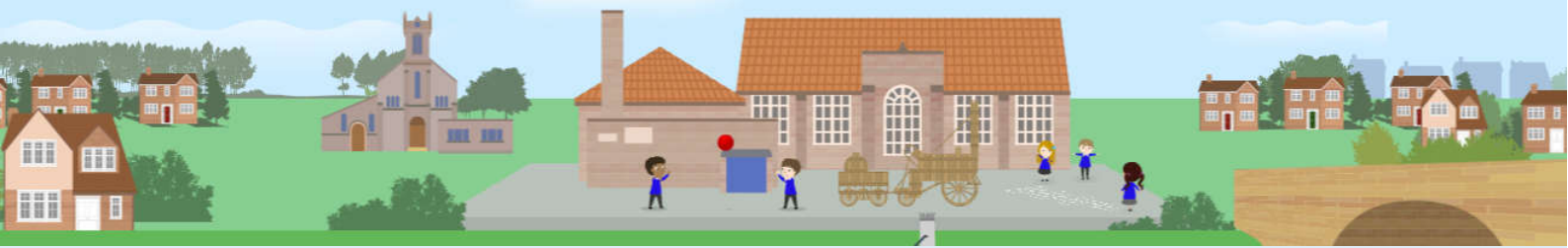
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Transition reads: Nursery to Early Years



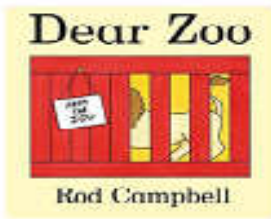
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Adventure
Friendship



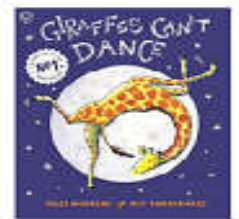
Adventure
Friendship



Lift the flap
Animals



Funny
Friends



Individuality
Self-Esteem



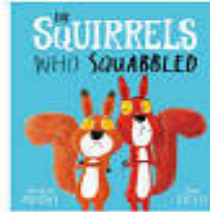
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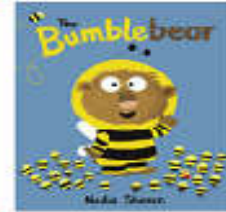
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Friendship
Sharing



Funny
Acceptance



Friendship
Diversity



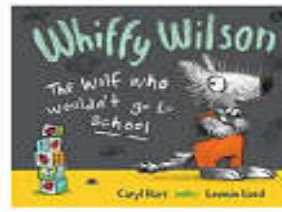
Family
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Adventure
Kindness



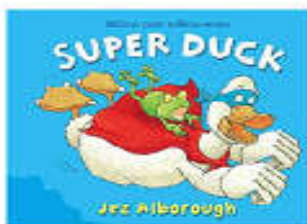
Funny
Sense of wonder



Starting school
Friendship



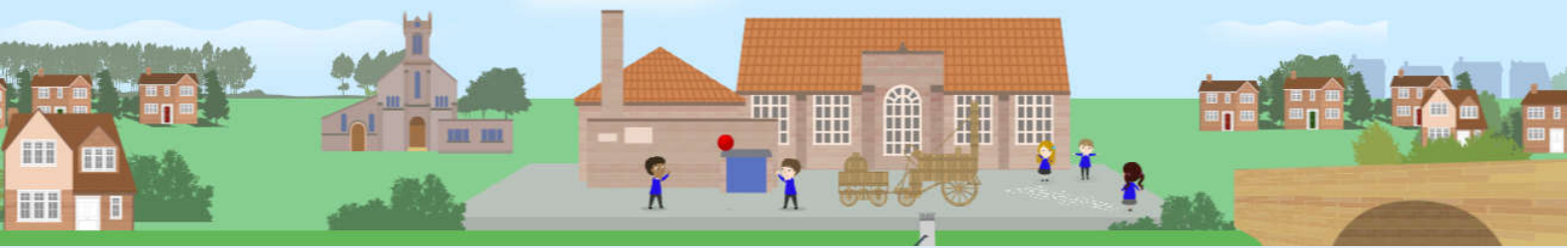
Being different
Friendship



Funny
Action

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<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>



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Coming up...

Next term, we will be reading lots more wonderful books carefully selected by our class teachers. Here is a sneak preview showing some what each year group can expect:

	Author Focus	Inspirational text(s)
Early Years	Julia Donaldson	The Koala Who Could (Rachel Bright) and Pink is for Boys (Robb Pearlman)
Year 1	Michael Rosen	Meerkat Mail (Emily Gravett) and The Queen's Hat (Steve Anthony)
Year 2	Vashti Harrison	Little People, Big Dreams: Harriet Tubman (Vashti Harrison)
Year 3	Catherine Johnson	The Boy who Biked the World: Part 1 and 2 (Alastair Humphreys)
Year 4	Michael Morpurgo	The King of the Cloud Forests (Michael Morpurgo)
Year 5	Candy Gourlay	The Girl who Speaks Bear (Sophie Anderson)
Year 6	Louis Sachar	The Mysteries of Harris Burdick (Chris van Allsburg)