



Richmond Avenue Primary

Reading Newsletter



Autumn Term 2021

Welcome to our first reading newsletter of 2021

Author Spotlight

A message to our school from award winning author,
Vashti Hardy!



Dear Richmond pupils,
For me, one of the things that makes writing the best job in the world is the wondrous feeling that anything is possible. Creating fantasy landscapes allows you to abandon the rules of planet Earth and set down new world rules without limits. This makes for a lot of fun and endless imaginative possibilities.



Don't forget to have fun drawing maps of your world, collecting pictures and listening to soundtracks to help you. Then when you sit down to write the words of your story, you'll be ready to fly (perhaps on the back of your very own space dragon!). Let your imagination loose with myths, magic, mayhem and who knows what incredible new worlds you might end up in. *Vashti*



Shoeburyness Library Opening Hours

Monday: 10 - 4
Tuesday: 10 - 4
Wednesday: 10 - 4
Thursday: 10 - 4
Friday: 10 - 4
Saturday: 10 - 4
Sunday: Closed

Book Club

We are starting a new after-school book club for parents and children.
Watch this space for details...

Do you know where our local book shop is?
Why not visit – they have lots going on!



Jacqson Diego Story Emporium

444 London Road, Westcliff on Sea, Essex, SS0 9LN

<https://www.jacqsondiego.com/>

CRESSIDA COWELL'S Children's Laureate Charter



Every child has
the right to...

1. Read for the joy of it
2. Access NEW books in schools, libraries and bookshops
3. Have advice from a trained librarian or bookseller
4. Own their OWN book
5. See themselves reflected in a book
6. Be read aloud to
7. Have some choice in what they read
8. Be creative for at least fifteen minutes a week
9. See an author event at least ONCE
10. Have a planet to read on



Have you tried...

Mrs Bennett recommends:

Castle of Tangled Magic

Another wonderfully magical story from Sophie Anderson, the author of *The House with Chicken Legs* and *The Girl Who Speaks Bear*.

Olia lives in Castle Mila, her family's ancestral home, and has grown up exploring the corridors, domes, secret passageways and staircases whilst hearing tales from her Babusya (grandmother) about its magic and spirits. One night a terrible storm hits the castle and damages the great hall where the family and villagers are preparing for the harvest feast. Babusya tells Olia the magic is trying to break free of the castle and will tear it apart; she needs to find the key to save the castle. Along with help from the castle's protective domovoyi spirit, Feliks, Olia ventures into the magical world of the domes to discover an unpleasant truth about one of her ancestors.

I really loved this book. I was able to escape into a world of magic and wonder and you really do learn that sometimes believing is more powerful than magic. I would recommend this book to all readers aged 8 to 88. If you enjoy fairy stories and magic, you'll enjoy this. *Mrs Bennett*



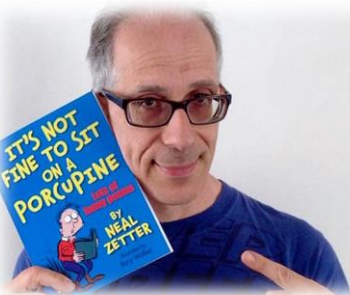
What are YOU reading?

Have you read a book you'd love to recommend in the newsletter?

Write a recommendation with the title, author, your name and a reason why you'd recommend it, to be in with a chance of it being featured in our next newsletter! Please pass your recommendation onto Mrs Gray.

POETRY

Did you know we have a poetry week coming up in October when we will be reading lots of different poems in class?
We are even hoping to have a poet visit us!
Until then, meet Neal Zetter!



I love walking into bookshops and asking staff to direct me to the children's poetry section. I rarely get an immediate or accurate response; they have to think for some time before replying, ask a colleague or simply 'fess up and say that they have no idea.



Animal Scramble

Chickens miaow
Marmosets moo
Anteaters bark
Crocodiles coo

Jaguars chirp
Elephants cluck
Wallabies quack
Convinced that they're ducks

Octopuses oink
Tortoises howl
Wildebeests baa
Walruses growl

Scorpions squawk
Polar bears squeak
Since a witch and wizard
Visited the zoo last week

Neal Zetter



What we're reading in class.



Each class from Year 1 onwards has regular whole class reading lessons where one text is read and studied for up to six weeks at a time. Often these texts are linked to a topic the children are learning about in class and are sometimes linked to their writing lessons.

We have included below the texts that the children will be reading in class this half term in each year group. We do have multiple copies of most of these texts which are used in classes for lessons. If you would like to obtain your own copy of these texts for your child to use as a support at home, then why not contact our local bookstore or ask the library for a copy. Reception and Nursery will be sharing lots of books across the year. Ask the teachers for recommendations of books you can buy to read at home.

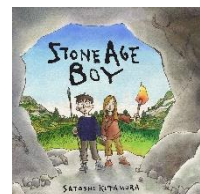
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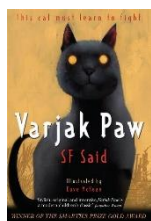
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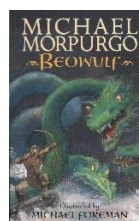
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Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



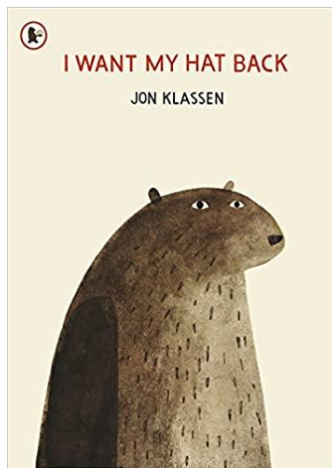
The bus is open again!



Here are some of our reading ambassadors who are really excited to be looking after it!

Recommended Reads

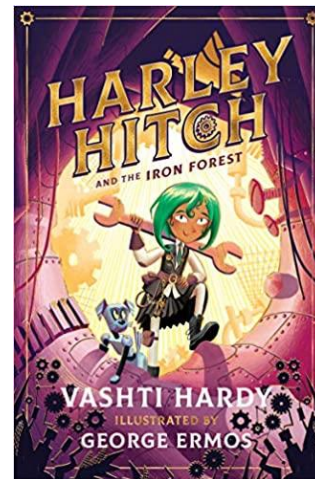
Age 4 +



Jon Klassen, illustrator of *This Is Not My Hat* and *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*, tells the story of a bear whose hat has gone. And he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he comes across, one by one, whether they have seen it. Each animal says no (some more elaborately than others). But just as it he begins to lose hope, lying flat on his back in despair, a deer comes by and asks a rather obvious question that suddenly sparks the bear's memory and renews his search with a vengeance... Told completely in dialogue, this quirky, hilarious, read-aloud tale plays out in sly illustrations brimming with visual humour and winks at the reader who will be thrilled to be in on the joke.

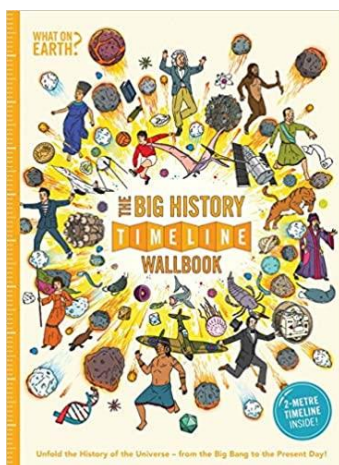
Join Harley, her robot dog Sprocket and best friend Cosmo for problem-solving adventures and mysteries in Inventia, a world where science rules and technology grows in the forest; and where *exploding* science projects, giant slugs and runaway robots are all part of a normal school day.

The Iron Forest near Harley's home is unlike any other – plants and trees grow cogs and hinges and other mechanical parts – and all of Inventia depends on it. So, when a strange fungus is discovered, there's a race to find a solution. Without essential parts for inventions, the town is quickly falling apart...



Age 7 +

Age 9 +



An incredible history book that spans the dawn of time to the present day, in a five-metre-long fold-out book timeline which can be laid out on a table, floor or wall.

Children can walk around the book and dip into different time periods. Unique and very engaging. Great for reluctant readers and children interested in history. Perfect for Year 5/6 pupils who are interested in facts and non-fiction texts.

Reading at Richmond is better than ever and we hope you encourage your children to read at home. If you need any advice about books, please come and speak to us, your local library or independent book shop. We love reading!