

Richmond Avenue Primary Reading Newsletter

Christmas Edition

Welcome to our second reading newsletter of 2021



Author Spotlight

A message to our school from author Mel Taylor-Bessent!



Mel's debut book 'The Christmas Carrolls' is a great adventure about a Christmas loving family. Pop along to her website where there are lots of free activities for you to complete.

www.meltaylorbessent.com

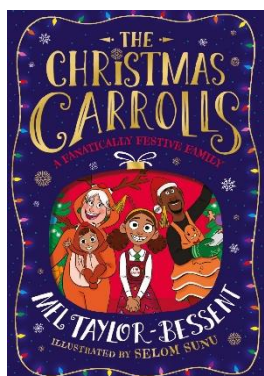
Read her letter to you!

Hello Richmond students!

If you delve into the fantastically festive world of 'The Christmas Carrolls', you'll find a fun-loving family who celebrate Christmas all year round, a donkey who thinks he's a reindeer, and a group of children who might not get a Christmas at all. It's a story full of laughs, wonderful illustrations by Selom Sunu, and a message about what's really important at this very special time of year.

Don't forget to spread cheer all year! I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a happy new read.

Love Mel x



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. Every Friday, between 3.15pm and 3.45pm, the book bus will be open for you to borrow books to read with your children. More details to follow!



JACQSON DIEGO STORY EMPORIUM

At Jacqson Diego Story Emporium we love books! It's that simple. We believe that books are like golden tickets that give you space to be yourself, to go on adventures that you didn't know were possible and to discover new things. There is a book for everyone, it sometimes takes time to find it but once you do you will find that most of all, books are FUN!

We have lots of exciting events coming up in the new year, such as our Story Bites reads, so check out our website to start an incredible adventure in reading:

www.jacqsondiego.com.

Or pop along to meet us (there is always a warm welcome in store) at:

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

JACQSON DIEGO STORY EMPORIUM presents:

STORY BITES reads

30th January
The Runaways of Haddington Hall
by Vivian French

27th February
The Last Bear
by Hannah Gold

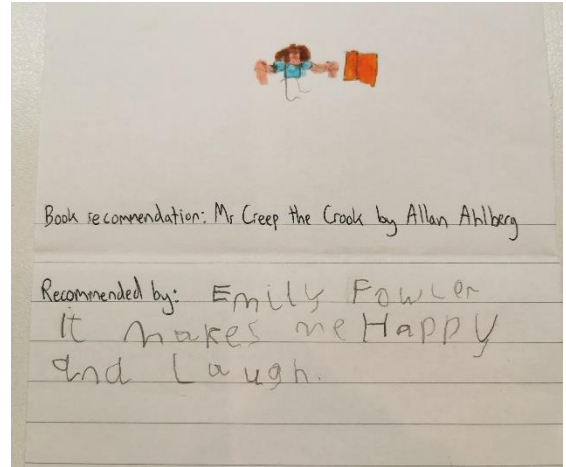
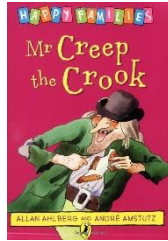
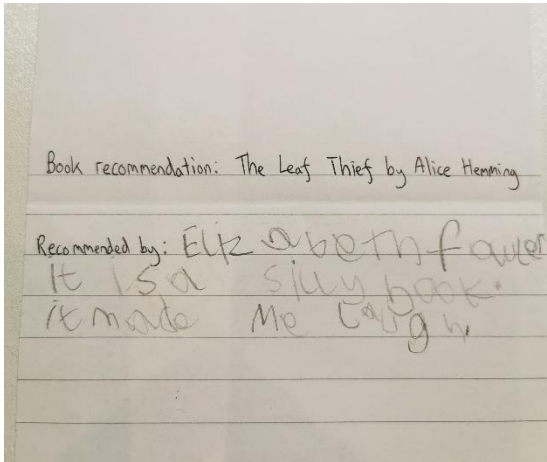
27th March
Into the Sideways World
by Ross Welford

Story Bites Reads is our discussion based blended book club for children aged 9-12 years.

Join us in store or via zoom on the last Sunday of each month at 3pm
Booking essential via the website or ask in store

Have you tried...

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 then pass your recommendation onto Mrs Gray.



Thank you to Elizabeth and Emily in Year 2 who have recommended The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming and Mr Creep the Crook by Allan Ahlberg.
Great recommendations girls! Make sure you come and see me for a little bookish treat!

Our Book Advent

Look out for the sleigh at Richmond.
What books will it carry? Will your class be
chosen to receive one? Which book will you
ask Santa for?



Book Buddies



Recently, Year 6 and Year 2
paired up as reading buddies. It
was lovely to see all the children
reading together.



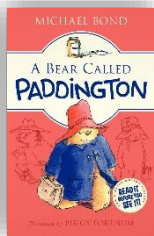
What we're reading in class.

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 also sometimes linked to their writing lessons.

We have included below some of the texts that the children are reading in class this half term in each year group. If you would like to obtain your own copy of these texts for you to share with your child 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. Nursery children have particularly enjoyed 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Ask the teachers for other recommendations of books you can buy to read at home.

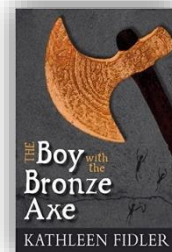
Year 1 Paddington



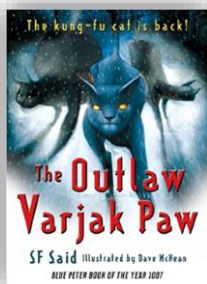
Year 2 Toby and the Great Fire of London



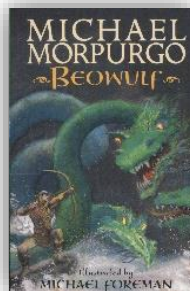
Year 3 The Boy with the Bronze Axe



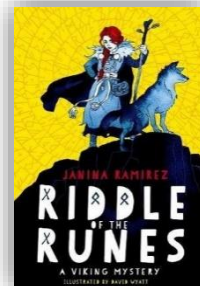
Year 4 Varjak Paw-The Outlaw



Year 5 Beowulf

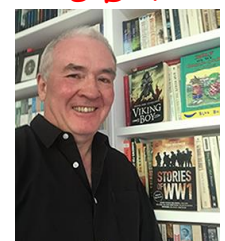
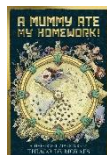


Year 6 Riddle of the Runes



Author visits

This term, years 3 and 4 were really excited to have a virtual visit from Thiago de Moraes (the author of 'A Mummy Ate my Homework') while Year 6 had a session with Tony Bradman (the author of Viking Boy).



More visits are planned for the spring term.

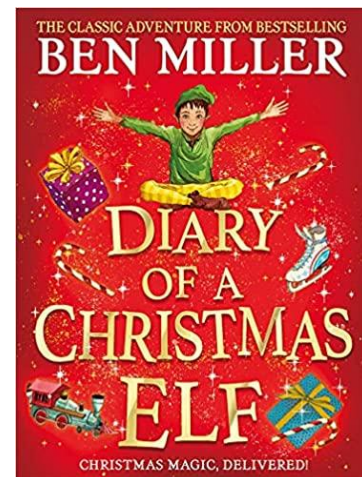
Recommended Christmas Reads

Age 5 +



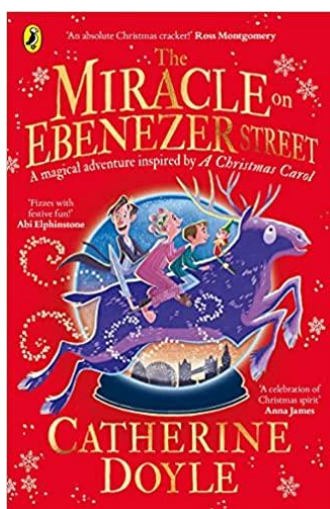
Winston the mouse is on a Very Important Mission. On Christmas Eve, he finds a letter to Father Christmas that did not make it to the post box – so, with no time to lose, he sets out to deliver it himself in time for Christmas Day! He has a lot of Very Exciting Adventures on his Very Important Mission and makes some wonderful friends along the way. Like an advent calendar counting down to Christmas, this book is written in twenty-four-and-a-half chapters, one to enjoy each day in the lead up to Christmas. Each chapter includes its very own festive activity for all the family to enjoy together – including writing a letter to Father Christmas, making mince pies, designing your very own Christmas cards, making presents, creating decorations, and so much more!

All Tog wants to do is work in Santa's workshop and one wonderful day, the letter from Santa arrives: Tog has been selected as an apprentice elf! Making toys is a lot more technical and a lot less fun than Tog had imagined, and even though his new friend Holly tries to help him, he's quickly relegated to cleaning out the reindeer stables. But someone has been stealing the presents from the workshop and a case of mistaken identity finds Tog accused of being the culprit! Can Tog use his special Christmas magic to discover the real thief and save all the presents before Christmas Eve is over?



Age 7 +

Age 9 +



When George stumbles across Marley's Curiosity Shop, he finds a mysterious and magical snow globe. George and his Scrooge of a dad are soon swept on an incredible adventure to Christmases past, present and future. With help from an enthusiastic elf, a rather grumpy purple reindeer and a very mischievous Nan, can George find a way to bring the joy of Christmas home once again?

An enchanting tale of Christmas magic from multi-award-winning and bestselling writer Catherine Doyle. A treat for the whole family, perfect for fans of The Christmasaurus and A Boy Called Christmas.

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.

