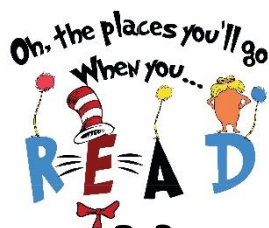




Richmond Avenue Primary



Reading Newsletter

Spring Term 2022



Welcome to our first reading newsletter of 2022

Author Spotlight

A message to our school from author

Sally Doherty

Hi Richmond Avenue Primary and Nursery School,

My name is Sally Doherty and I'm the author of Toby and the Silver Blood Witches, suitable for ages 9-12.

It's about a twelve-year-old boy called Toby who is a young carer. Since his mum fell ill two years ago, he has forgotten how to enjoy life and just wants to stay at home and look after her. But mysterious things are happening in the building behind his garden hedge. And then a strange woman with a broken broom and a pet bat crash-lands in his attic. Toby becomes entangled in a magical adventure in which he discovers a secret city in the sky and he uncovers a sinister plot to experiment on witches. And along the way, he learns how to laugh again.

I live in Surrey, south-east England, with my husband and three-legged rescue dog called Jasper. I suffer from ME which is the same illness as Toby's mum. This means that I have to spend most of my time stuck at home. However, it also means that I have a lot of time to think up new stories and work through the plots. I'm currently writing the sequel to Toby and the Silver Blood Witches which is due out this year.



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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.

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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...

Making miniature books?

Some classes in KS2 recently took part in an online session with Axel Scheffler, the illustrator of *The Gruffalo*.

They learned how to make miniature books and some of the children then made them in the style of their class books.

We think they look amazing, how about you?



Would you like to try this at home?

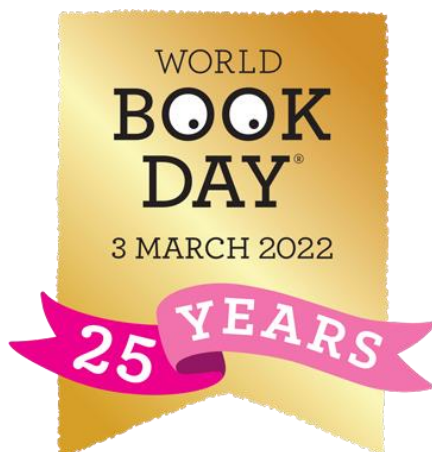
Here is the link for the video

[Make a miniature book with Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler - YouTube](#)

We would love to see any books your children make home.

Send them in to school or send us some photos.

World Book Day



We have lots planned to celebrate World Book Day this year (3rd March), including a virtual book fair for the week beginning

28th March.

Watch this space!

Shoeburyness Library

Opening Hours

Monday: 10 - 4

Tuesday: 10 - 4

Wednesday: 10 - 4

Thursday: 10 - 4

Friday: 10 - 4

Saturday: 10 - 4

Sunday: Closed



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 during the term. Often these texts are linked to a topic the children are learning about in class and are also sometimes linked to their writing lessons.

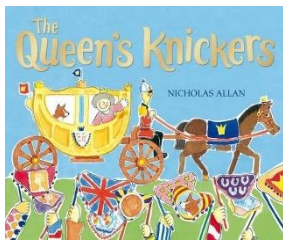
We have included below the texts that the children will be reading in class this term in each year group. We do have multiple copies of most of these texts which are used in classes for lessons.

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.

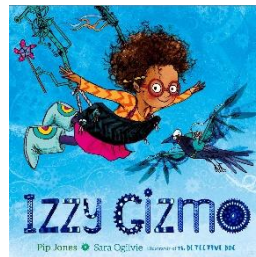
Year 1

The Queen's Knickers
Nicholas Allan



Year 2

Izzy Gizmo
Pip Jones and Sara Ogilvie



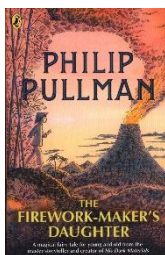
Year 3

The Iron man
Ted Hughes



Year 4

Firework Maker's Daughter
Philip Pullman



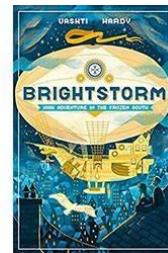
Year 5

Cosmic
Frank Cottrell Boyce



Year 6

Brightstorm
Vashti Hardy



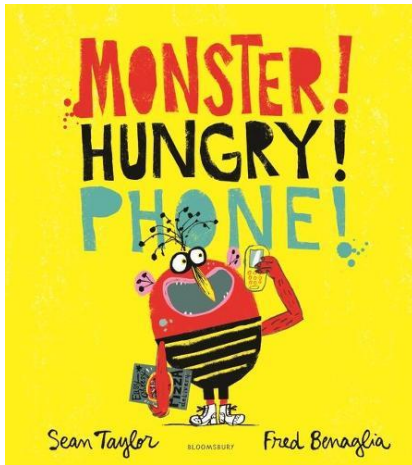
The bus is open again!
Have you borrowed any books to take home for the week yet?

Open: Fridays 3.15p.m. – 3.45p.m.



Recommended Reads

Age 5 +



Monster is HUNGRY. He wants PIZZA. And he's got a PHONE! But uh oh... who is he going to call? Hold the line - Monster is in for a wild ride!

WARNING: This book may make you laugh your socks off! A hilarious picture book that's perfect for anyone who's ever REALLY wanted PIZZA. With bold, bright illustrations by the talented Fred Benaglia, it's an unmissable treat!

In the land of Draconis, there are no dragons. Once, there were. Once, humans and dragons were friends, and created the great city of Rivven together. But then came the Dragon Storm, and the dragons retreated from the world of humans. To the men and women of Draconis, they became legends and myth. Tomas has always been told that now, dragons are extinct, and so he can't believe it when a mysterious stranger invites him to join a secret society, the Dragonseer Guild - and tells him that not only do dragons still exist, but also that Tomas has a very special power... he can summon his very own dragon!



Age 7 +

Age 9 +



Helena and her parrot, Orbit, are swept off to Cambridge when her father is appointed clock-winder to one of the wealthiest men in England. There is only one rule: the clocks must never stop.

But Helena discovers the house of one hundred clocks holds many mysteries; a ghostly figure, strange notes and disappearing winding keys Can she work out its secrets before time runs out?

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!