

SPRING Term Reading News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the second reading newsletter of this academic year. We hope you will enjoy reading about how we are promoting reading for pleasure at school. Our aim is to publish a Reading Newsletter once every term and inside you will find updates on everything that is happening regarding reading at school. In this edition we celebrate some brilliant newly published books for children across the school and share information about an author visit happening later this term. More importantly, we share our plans for world Book Day which we will celebrate on **Friday 3rd March**. If you need any help with sourcing new books to enjoy or with reading at home or in school, please do get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Cartledge



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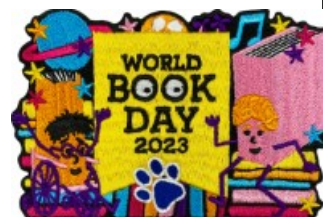
WORLD BOOK DAY®

Changing lives through a love of books and reading.

As a school, we are looking forward to celebrating World Book day on **Friday 3rd March**. Children have voted to come to school dressed as their **favourite book character**. In previous years, we have always enjoyed coming together as a school to share the children's creativity and brilliant costumes. Please encourage your children to make costumes from clothing they already have, rather than buying new items. If you would like some help with ideas, please follow this link:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/>

Throughout the day, all children will have the opportunity to share beautiful books both in their class and with other classes in school.



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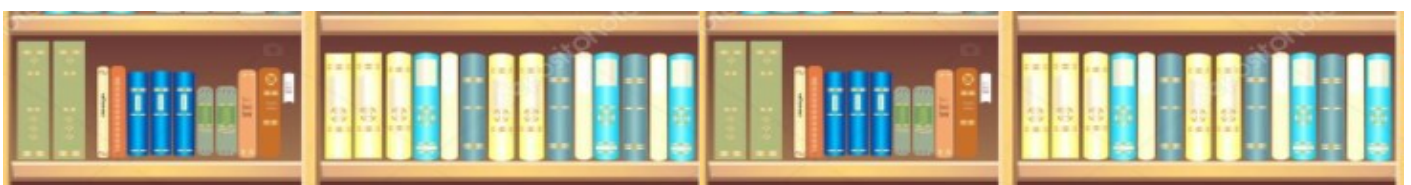
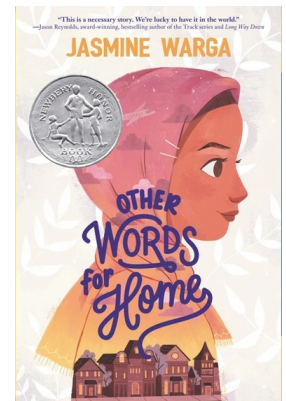
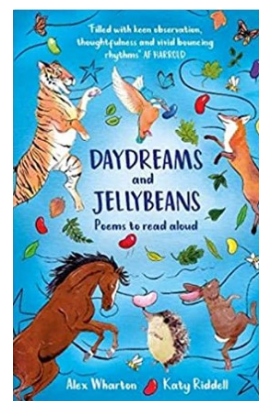
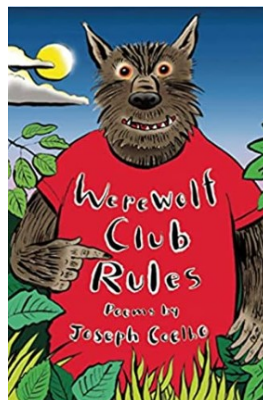
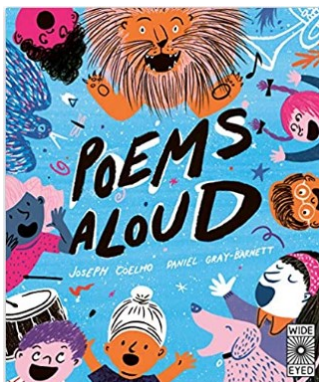
After cancelling his visit twice due to COVID, we are delighted that author Andy Seed will finally come to St Mary's on Tuesday 28th March. Andy will start the day with a whole school assembly before working with each year group. After school, Andy will be available to sign his books. More details will follow nearer the time.



National Poetry Day

On March 21st we will celebrate **National Poetry Day**. Each class will choose a poem to read and learn. In the afternoon, the whole school will come together to share our performances. Look out for videos of the e performances on Seesaw.

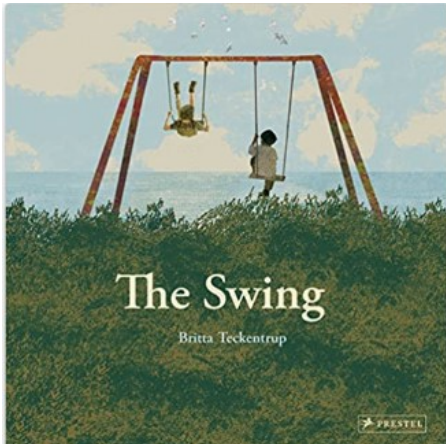
Do you have a favourite poem that you could share with your child? Here are some beautiful poetry books you may enjoy.



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Mrs Cartledge's Book Recommendations:



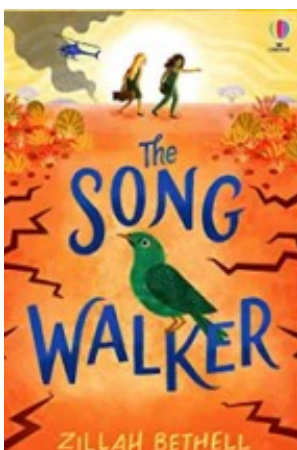
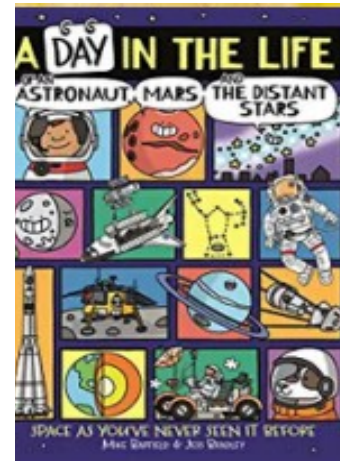
The Swing Britta Teckentrup 5+

Some picture books grab your heart from the second you open them - this is one of them. Watching a swing through the years. Showing the passing of time and how life just keeps going with all of its ups and downs. One to be shared and discussed!

A Day in the Life Mike Barfield and Jess Bradley

Buster Books 7+

This is the third in the 'Day in the Life...' series and it is just as brilliant as those that came before it!. Brilliantly informative, highly engaging and outrageously funny! Each page gives plenty of useful information about an element of space - from hairy stars to black holes. Essential for any space fans.



The Song Walker Zillah Bethell

Usborne 9+

Set in the Australian outback, a young girl wakes up with no recollection of who she is, where she is and why she is carrying a suitcase. With the help of Tarni, can she find her way home and find the answers to her questions? As the two journey together, her memories slowly return but questions about Tarni's journey start to emerge. Will the two girls find what they are looking for?



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Mrs Cartledge's Recommendations:

We know that high quality literature is at the heart of all learning but this doesn't mean that children have to always read books; magazines, comics and newspapers can also encourage children to read for pleasure and develop reading stamina whilst also highlighting world events and increasing children's general knowledge. Listed below are a few comics and magazines that you may like to try. If you have any of these magazines at home that your children have finished with, please consider donating them to school. Thank you.



We would love to see our whole school community reading and talking about books so please visit our new lending library which is situated in the school entrance. More books will be added throughout the term. Please feel free to borrow a book and return it to the trolley once you have finished it.



If you would like more inspiration when helping your child to choose new books, please visit <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>

This website is absolutely fantastic and offers a wealth of resources. I particularly like the '#book match' section which recommends similar books for fans of certain authors. This is a brilliant way to broaden children's reading repertoires.

Please don't forget to visit our virtual library which can be found on our website under LIFE@ST M'S

Happy reading everyone.

