

# Reading Newsletter

Spring 2024



Welcome to our new reading newsletter for children, parents and school staff. It will provide recommendations of books to read as well as updates on reading across the school.

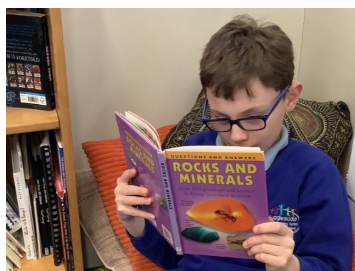
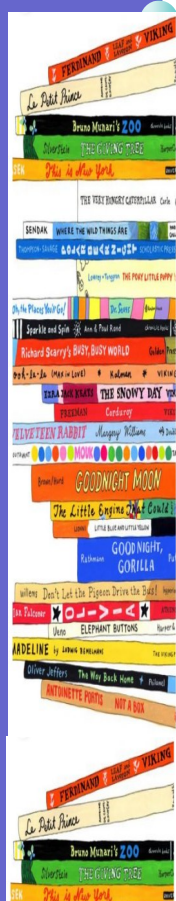
## Reading Ambassadors

Our reading ambassadors have had a busy term reading with younger children and reading books to recommend to classes. They are applying for a Blue Peter Book Badge which involves writing 50-250 words about a book they have read; writing 10-250 words about other books and authors they enjoy and why; and creating a drawing of a character or a scene from the book they are recommending. Blue Peter is on every Friday at 5pm on CBBC—their pictures could appear on the show! If you are interesting in applying for a Blue Peter Book Badge too, contact Mrs. North for an application form.



## New books in classrooms

All classrooms received new books last term for their reading areas and the children are thoroughly enjoying them!



# Book recommendations

These recommendations are from books that have been used in English lessons across the school this term.

## WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

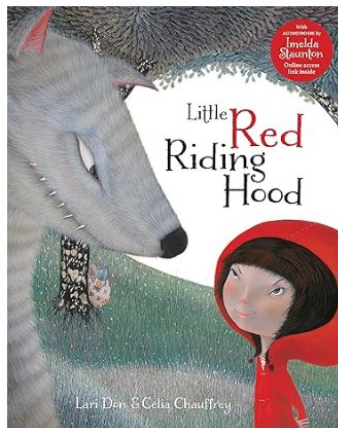


STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

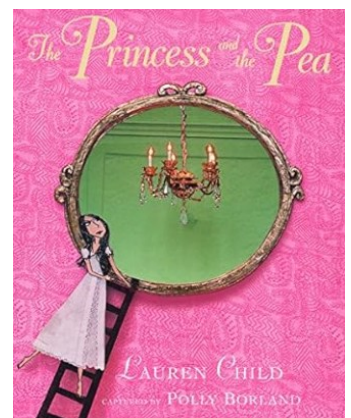
## EYFS recommendation:

The EYFS have enjoyed learning about mythical creatures and discussing the sounds the Wild Things might make. They even enjoyed a rumpus in the forest and made their own crowns!

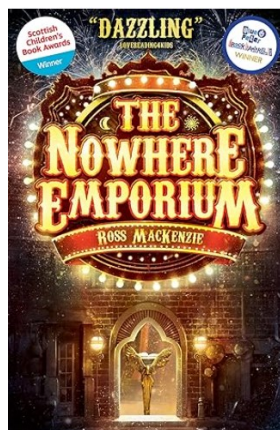
## Year 1 and 2 recommendation: Little Red Riding Hood by Lari Don



## Year 3 and 4 recommendation: The Princess and the Pea



## Year 5 recommendation: The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie



## Year 6 recommendation: A Christmas Carol by Tony Mitton

"I enjoyed this book because Scrooge learned his lesson. He was my favourite character."





# Top tops for reading at home...

## WHAT CAN I DO AS A PARENT?



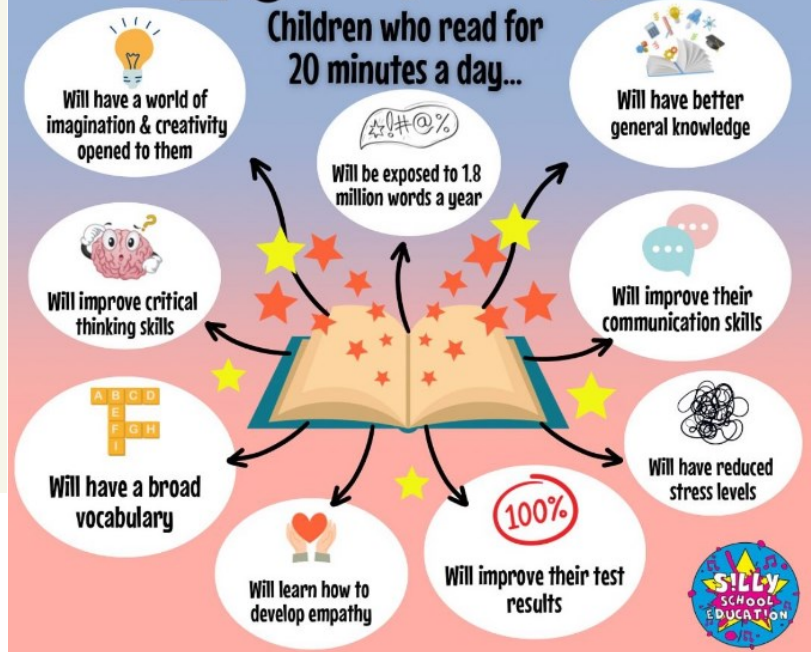
- Regularly talk about books and stories with your child.
- Encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes a day.
- Check local charity shops for book bargains!
- Browse 'Kindle Daily Deals' for cheap (and free) books to read on the free Kindle app.

Share a story corner video stories

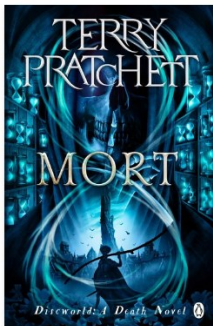
[Share a Story Corner \(worldbookday.com\)](http://worldbookday.com)

## 20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...



Mr Nash is reading  
Mort  
by Terry Pratchett

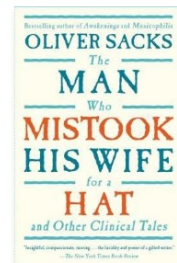


Average Rating: 5 / 5

"I love fantasy books—this one is a lot of fun. It's about a young boy who becomes the apprentice to Death."

Teacher recommendations for parents and carers...

Miss Kirkham is reading  
The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A Hat: And Other Clinical Tales  
by Oliver Sacks



Average Rating: 4 / 5

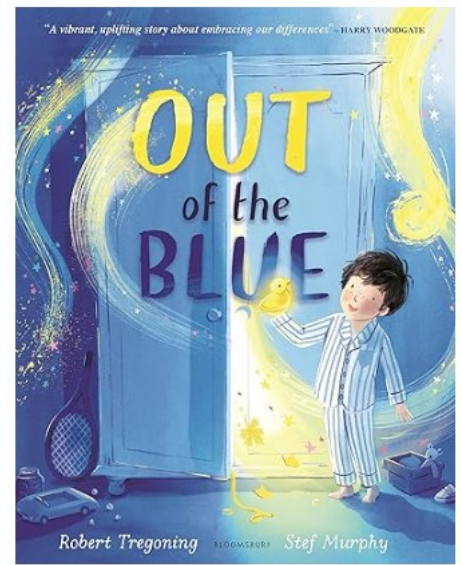
[imreading.link/gkh0a](http://imreading.link/gkh0a)

This is about people who have intellectual disorders and lose memories—they no longer recognize people and common objects.





The whole school shared the story 'Out of the Blue' about a child who likes a different colour to the rest of their blue town. The children all wore their favourite colours to celebrate their individuality.



Some of the Reading Ambassadors led an assembly for EYFS/Key Stage 1 and another assembly for Key Stage 2. They shared information about 'reading your way' and promoting the WBD books written especially for WBD. The Reading Ambassadors did an amazing job!



We held a book swap. Everyone had the opportunity to bring in a book that they would like to donate. In return, they were able to pick a different book from the donations.







# 9 Books featuring Dragons...

2024 is the Year of the Dragon according to the Chinese zodiac. So here are our favourite books with dragons in them.



1. Dragon Force  
Katie & Kevin Tsang



2. The Dragonsitter  
Josh Lacey & Garry Parsons



3. Luna and the Sky Dragon  
Bethan Woolvin



4. City of Dragons  
Margery Williams



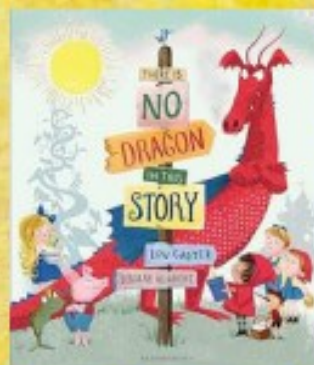
5. Darwin's Dragons  
Lindsay Galvin



6. Franklin's Flying Bookshop  
Jen Campbell & Katie Harnett



7. There Is No Dragon In This Story  
Lou Carter & Deborah Allwright



8. Dragon Post  
Emma Yarlett



9. Billy and the Dragon  
Nadia Shireen

