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Reading Newsletter

Spring 1 2025

Class Reads

So you can talk about them at home, please see below some of the key texts we are enjoying in our classes right now.



Nursery



Reception



Welcome to the Spring Reading Newsletter

Welcome to the first Reading Newsletter of the Spring term! Each half term we share recommended reads for children of all ages and hints and tips for supporting reading at home. We will also celebrate some of the brilliant reading that goes on both in and out of school.

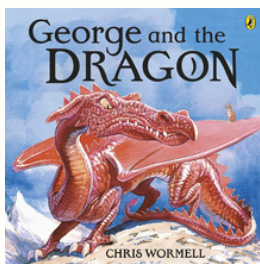
Reading is...

... enjoying your new birthday books so much you can't put them down and have to get started on them straight away! We love to see such passion for books and reading!

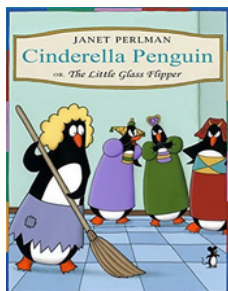
Send in your photographs of you reading out and about to admin@meolebrace-pri.shropshire.sch.uk – let's keep on inspiring each other!



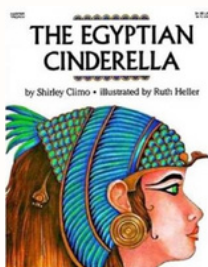
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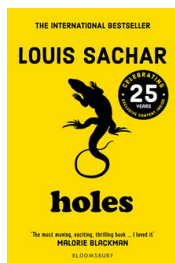
Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

Book Talk

In the 'Book Talk' section of each Reading Newsletter, we offer ideas of questions or sentence starters for discussions around the books you read with your children.

This month we share some questions to ask before, during and after reading!

Before Reading

- What is the title of the story?
- What do you think the story will be about?
- What might happen in the story?

During Reading

- What is happening here?
- What is doing here?
- What might happen next?
- Why did that character do that?
- Can you tell me what's happened in the story so far?



After Reading

- Did you like this book? Why/why not?
- What was your favourite part? Why?
- Which character did you like best? Why?
- Can you retell the story?

Benefits of Reading

As well as being a lovely way to spend some quality time with the children, there are so many benefits to reading and sharing stories with them. Based on extensive research, [this interactive resource](#) from the BookTrust highlights some of those benefits.

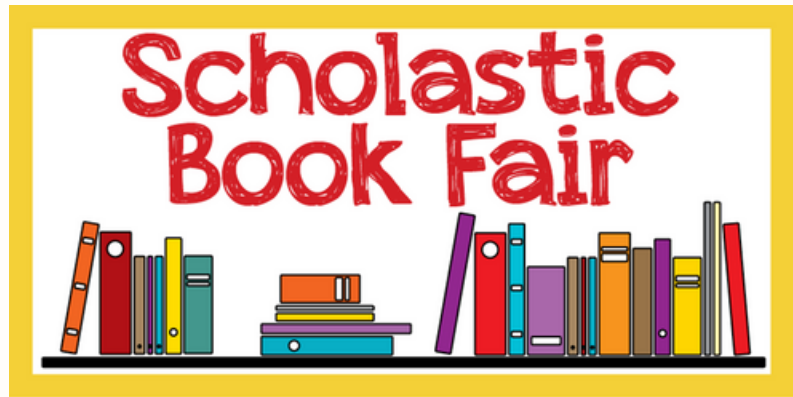


Reading Events - The Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair, organised by Mrs Hetherington and a group of Year 6 children, was a great success!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the book fair and to everyone who purchased a book – by doing so, together we earned the school over £600 to spend on books with Scholastic.

We have already purchased a selection of exciting new titles, which are now in the Library, ready for the children to enjoy.



Upcoming Events

Put the date in your diaries – World Book Day 2025 is set to take place on Thursday 6th March.

Look out for more information to come about how we will be joining in with this annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading here in school.





Recommended Reads



This edition of Recommended Reads features new books in school, purchased using funds from the Book Fair. As well as being available in our School Library, you will find each of the books in Shrewsbury Library and all good book shops!

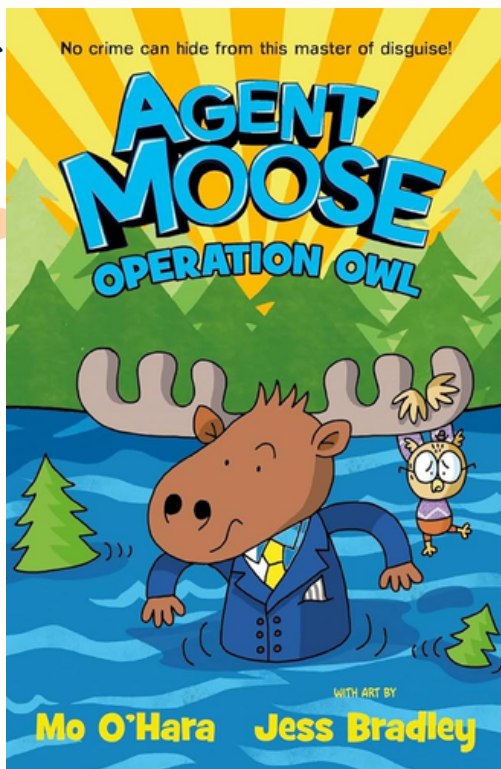


When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle

The story of an incredible friendship between a young boy and a silverback gorilla in the Second World War, inspired by a true story.

1941. War is raging. And Joseph has been sent to live in the city, where bombers rule the skies. There, he will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. As the weeks pass, Joseph and Adonis become friends, but what will happen when the bombers set him rampaging free?

Perfect for fans of:



Agent Moose: Operation Owl by Mo O'Hara

Agent Moose and Owlfred are back and better than ever! Strange flash floods are making waves all over the Big Forest! When Madame HQ is nabbed right out of a very wet Woodland HQ, Agent Moose and Owlfred must wade through clues to get her back and stop the mystery criminal making a big splash in Big Forest! Can they find this fiendish villain before Big Forest floats away?

Perfect for fans of:





Recommended Reads



Football Legends: Lionel Messi

by EL Norry

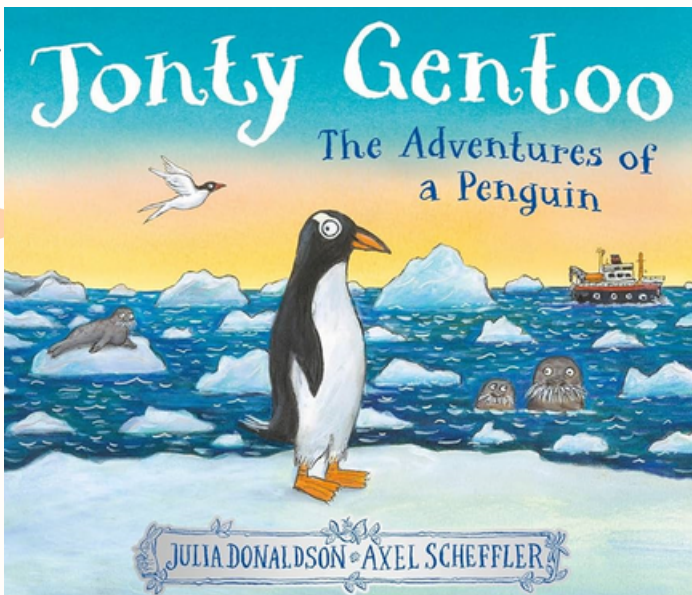


Football Legends: Young readers will love finding out all about the lives of their favourite players in this brilliant biography series.

Discover the inspirational story of this star player's journey from growing up in South America, to his legendary success at Barcelona FC and becoming one of the greatest players on earth.

- Packed with footie facts, match stats and career highlights.
- Also in the series and School Library: Harry Kane, Raheem Sterling, Tammy Abraham, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and Kylian Mbappé

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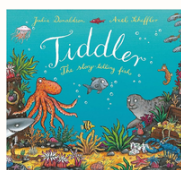
Jonty Gentoo

by Julia Donaldson

Join a plucky little penguin on the journey of a lifetime, in this fabulous new picture book from author and illustrator Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Jonty the little gentoo penguin longs to find his true home at the South Pole. One night, he sneaks out of the zoo and sets off on an amazing adventure, all the way to Antarctica (with an accidental detour to the North Pole!)

Perfect for fans of:



Jonty finally finds his way, in this captivating story of bravery, friendship, and finding your place in the world.