



# St Chrysostom's Spring Reading Newsletter 2019

Welcome to the first issue of the St Chrysostom's Reading Newsletter. This newsletter will share updates on reading within school, as well as highlighting recommended books each term.

We hope this newsletter will further promote a love of reading across our school community.

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Reading Assistant Headteacher



### Reading at Home

At St Chrysostom's we know how important it is for teachers and parents to work together to give your child the best start.

Reading together at home is one of the easiest but most important ways in which you can help your child.

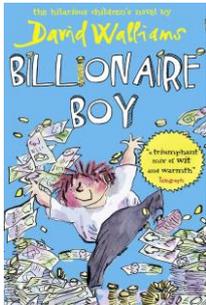
Your child's reading diary plays an integral part of their home learning and forms a record of their reading habits and progress.

We ask that every child tries to read for at least 10 minutes per night.

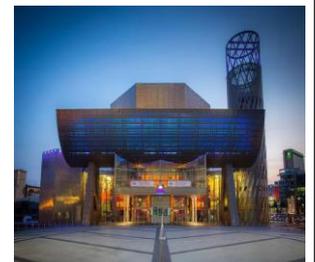
Children from Year 3 upwards can write in their reading records themselves and this is checked by their class teacher 3 times a week. When we come together to do this, it is also an opportunity for children to recommend texts they are reading to their friends.



### Billionaire Boy the Musical!



We are pleased to announce that our Year 4 and 5 children will have the opportunity to go and watch the musical performance of one of their favourite books, 'Billionaire Boy' by David Williams. This trip will take place in February at the Lowry Theatre in Salford. It will be a chance for our children to experience a musical performance of one of the bestselling books of their time.



### Reading Hobbit House



The school council have asked Mr Elswood for a quiet reading space outside for children to enjoy reading during break times. We are pleased to announce that this will be installed this term to encourage reading everywhere!

### Reading Gladiators



This year we have set up a reading gladiator club, which is a book club with a difference! It's designed to challenge and motivate readers who are reading, or have the potential to read, at greater depth in year 4 and year 6.

### 'Drop Everything And Read'

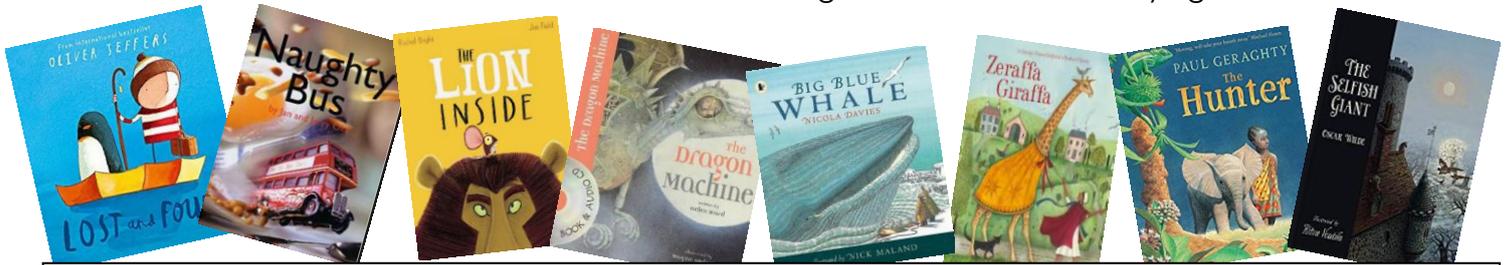
Have a look at our twitter account to see the children taking part in D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read). During this time all adults and children drop everything they are doing and read their favourite book for 20 minutes!





**Books as Hooks**

This term we have launched our new text based approach to our English and topic curriculum. Have a look at some of the exciting books we will be studying:



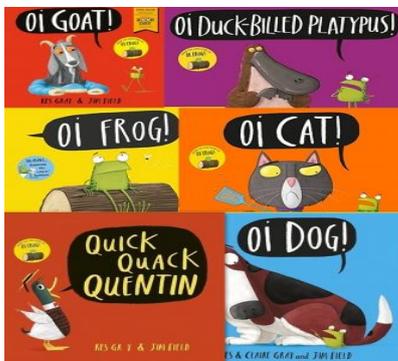
**Fostering a love of Reading**

Today Miss Allan led a lovely assembly with our school council to celebrate reading in our school. Reading is celebrated in each classroom every day, so it was a chance for us to come together and show the importance of reading and the enjoyment that books bring to us all. Recommending books to each other is just one of the strategies we use in class to encourage children to read more widely. In the assembly both Miss Allan and Miss Cleaver recommended their favourite texts. Miss Cleaver shared an extract from the 'Iron Man', by Ted Hughes, and Miss Allan shared 'Lost and Found', by Oliver Jeffers.



**Mrs Losada's Book Recommendations**

**Picture Books**



Kes Gray and Jim Field are on a hilarious roll with their fantastic series. If you've not had chance to read any of them make sure you do- I love them!

**Chapter Books for Younger Readers**



Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre have a superb partnership. Reeve's storytelling immerses you in new worlds and keeps you giggling whilst McIntyre's illustrations are eye catching. If you like funny books, you'll definitely like these!

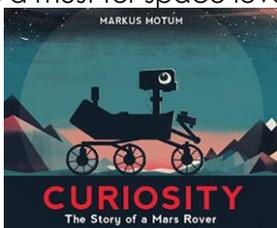
**Chapter Books for Older Children**

It was hard to choose one! Have a look at the Year 5 and 6 class pages on our school website for the links to the books below.



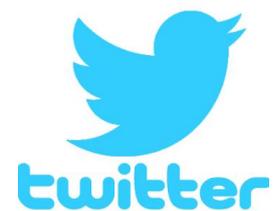
**Non- Fiction**

'Curiosity' by Marcus Motum is a factbook- facts placed together with a narrative. It's all about curiosity the Mars Rover and is a must for space lovers!



**Poetry**

'A Poem For Every Day of the Year' is a magnificent collection of 366 poems compiled by Allie Esiri, one to share on every day of the year. Reflecting the changing seasons and linking to events on key dates - funny for April Fool's Day and festive for Christmas!



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