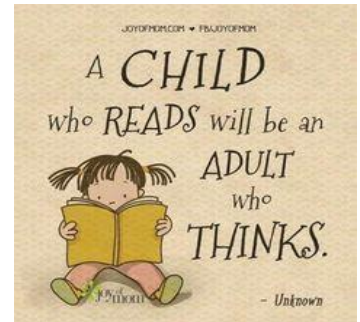


# St John's Summer Reading Newsletter

May 2019

Welcome to our second Reading for Pleasure newsletter where we share news about what is going on throughout school to support our children in accessing and enjoying books. We have had a fantastic term promoting a love of books, developing reading initiatives and getting our teeth into a good book in class! Next term, we're really excited to be having an Illustrator focus for our children.

**Mrs Losada**  
Reading Assistant Headteacher



## World Book Day Celebrations



As always, we had a such a fantastic world book day. The theme this year was **'share a story'** so every teacher made time throughout the day to read to a different class. In the morning, we had a very successful book exchange event in the playground where children swapped their old books for something new. We also had a very kind donation of books from our local Morrisons store.



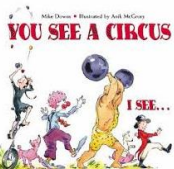
### Circus Themed World Book Day

This year we decided to have a fun-filled circus theme for our World Book Day Celebrations.

Each class chose a book that was set in the circus and completed a range of art activities associated with the book throughout the day. Miss Chen in Year 3 created a fantastic 'Greatest Showman' dance for us all to enjoy in our special assembly.

Thank you for all your effort to make such fabulous costumes.

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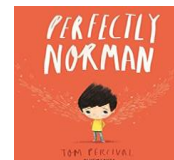
**Scholastic Book Fair**

Thank you to all parents who came and supported our Scholastic Book Fair, we hope you are enjoying all the lovely books you bought! Thanks to you, we now have **£1000** to spend on books for children to enjoy across the school! Isn't that amazing!

**Children's Picture Books to Discuss Mental Health**

Picture books that promote talk and discussions about are emotions and feelings have been shared with our children last term. It's been a fantastic opportunity to help our children explore mental health in an easy, accessible way and encourage them to consider their own thoughts and feelings and ways to manage them or talk about them. If you would like to explore any of the books at home they can be found on the following website:

<https://www.littleparachutes.com>



**Illustrator of the Term**

Inviting authors and illustrators to schools is a fantastic way of inspiring our children to read and write. These events really bring books to life, helping to engage all children with reading- something we truly value within our federation. This term we will be having an illustrator visit from both Kev Sutherland, a famous illustrator of Marvel and Beano comics, and Jackie Morris, a British writer and illustrator.



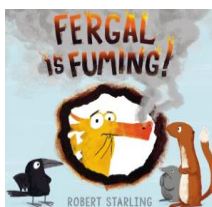
**Our Summer Recommendations**

**Miss Clarke**

**Fergul is Fuming by Robert Starling**

Fergul is a dragon who quickly loses his temper and by doing so he sets many things alight! His friends become fed up with him throwing a tantrum and teach him different ways to calm down.

Year 1 particularly enjoyed his Mum's advice to count to 10 if he feels all fired up. We will try this technique next time we are fuming!



**Miss Thornberry**

**Roald Dahl - Fantastic Mr Fox**

The timeless story of Mr Fox and how he cunningly outwits the nasty farmers, Boggis, Bunce and Bean.

When the three nasty farmers become fed up of their goods being stolen by foxes, they come up with a cunning plan... to shoot Mr Fox! But Mr Fox cannot be outwitted by these foolish men.

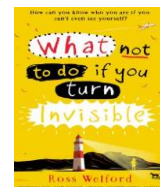
This book tells the story of how Mr Fox and his family escape the danger of the outside world and use their brains and wit to find safety underground, with all the food they could ever dream of! This is Year 3's favourite Roald Dahl story!



**Mr Freeman**

**What not to do if you turn invisible by Ross Welford**

Everyone wonders what it would be like to be invisible. Don't they? In this book, Ethel - the stories main character - unexpectedly becomes invisible thanks to a mysterious Chinese herbal medicine and a second hand sunbed! This story examines how she deals with the issues invisibility brings whilst at the same time untangling family secrets to find out who she really is... A fun read told in first person so you cannot help but be absorbed by the story. Year 5 loved it!





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