

St John's Spring Reading Newsletter 2019

Welcome to the first issue of the St John'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.

Mrs Losada Reading Assistant Headteacher



Reading at Home

At St John'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 Year 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!



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Published Reviews on Amazon

In Year 6, the children have written their own book reviews about texts they have read in class. This has given them a real audience and purpose for their writing. Have a read of their reviews about the text 'Rabbits' by Shaun Tan





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Our Text Led Approach

A text-led approach is a very effective way of teaching the English and Topic curriculum. Our teachers use high quality texts so that the children are immersed in a love of reading and writing. Have a look at some of the amazing displays around schools, that promote a love of books.



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!

<u>Chapter Books for Older</u> <u>Children</u>

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.





This year at St John's, we have decided to celebrate World Book Day with a circus theme.

Each class will have a beautifully illustrated story set in a circus and take part in a range of hands on activities.



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