

# Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School

## Reading Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2022



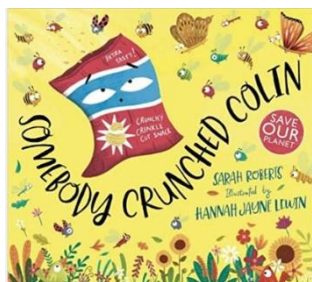
## Book Spotlight

### Miss Judson recommends .....



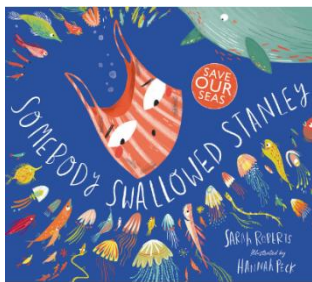
These stories can be enjoyed by children of all ages throughout our school with their beautiful illustrations, their engaging rhyme, and the important messages they convey about saving our planet.

Welcome to our 'Reading Newsletter' at KINS! This newsletter will have exciting recommended books for your child, useful links/apps/websites to use and information and updates about reading in our school.



Firstly, 'Somebody Crunched Colin' – a story about the trouble litter can cause in the environment. Colin is a crisp packet who smelt very alluring to the animals. We follow Colin on his perilous journey until, finally, a caring child puts him in a recycling bin. You will have to read the book to see what Colin is recycled into in the end!

This term, Miss Judson has recommended some books for your child to read and enjoy at home. Both of Miss Judson's storybook recommendations are written by the same author, Sarah Roberts. Sarah is an animal behaviourist and wildlife expert. ***'Two lovely stories with environmentally friendly messages that children love listening to, and adults love reading to them...I know I do!' Miss Judson.***



Secondly, 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' – a story about the problems a simple plastic bag can create in the oceans. Stanley is a plastic bag and throughout the story he is mistaken for a jellyfish. This is dangerous to the sea creatures that Stanley encounters on his journey through the ocean, especially a turtle. Luckily, a kind boy rescues the turtle and frees Stanley. The boy reuses Stanley so he is no longer plastic pollution by turning him into a...you will have to read the book to find out!

I am going to look at these too. How wonderful! Happy Reading!

Miss Brown

## Reading for Pleasure!

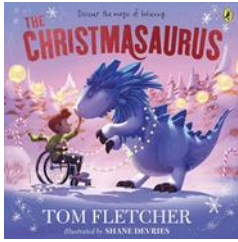
Reading for pleasure opens up new worlds for children. It gives them the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. Interestingly, reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy. It helps them to understand their own identity, and gives them an insight into the world and the views of others.



Here are some ideas for encouraging your child to read for pleasure:

- Set aside a special time – just a few minutes a day is enough to create a reading habit.
- Get caught reading yourself – show that reading for pleasure is not just for children.
- Read to each other – if your child really doesn't want to read on their own, then read together. You read a page, then they read a page. Or one of you could read any dialogue. Be brave and put on different voices.
- Value the books they choose to read – all reading is valuable for a child's development. Some of us prefer non-fiction; some of us prefer comics. One child might like superhero books; another might a book of football statistics.
- Reading buddies – reading to a younger sibling can boost your child's self-confidence and communication skills.
- Audiobooks – audiobooks allow children to experience a book above their own reading level. It also allows you to share a book together or make the most of those car journeys. Listening to a story over and over again can improve vocabulary and encourage deeper comprehension.

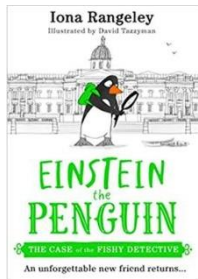
## Fiction: What's New...



**The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher.**  
**Aimed at: Reception and Year 1 readers.**

Santa and his reindeer live as north as you can go, in a place that's full of magic (and quite a lot of snow!). But Santa and his reindeer do not live there on their own, for there's a special dinosaur that also calls it home . . .

The Christmasaurus wants more than anything to be able to fly, and help pull Santa's sleigh across the sky on Christmas Eve. But flying turns out to be much harder than he thought, even with Santa's help! One special Christmas, however, he falls down a chimney and meets a dinosaur-obsessed little boy who teaches him the magic of believing . . .



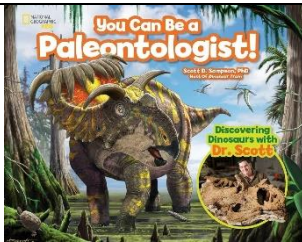
**Einstein the Penguin: The Case of the Fishy Detective by Iona Rangeley.**  
**Aimed at: Year 2 & 3 readers.**

Einstein is no ordinary penguin. In his first adventure, siblings Imogen and Arthur saved him from the clutches of unscrupulous private detective, Bill Hunter, and he now lives happily in Sydney Zoo, Australia. The children desperately miss Einstein and wish they could see him again, so are thrilled when Bill Hunter, who is now an animal film agent, approaches them with a proposal. He wants to cast Einstein and his best friend Isaac, who currently resides in Edinburgh Zoo, in the starring roles of his new fish finger advert.

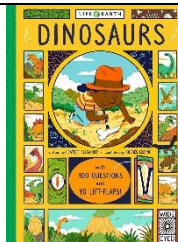
When the penguins arrive in London, filming begins, but disaster strikes when they are both kidnapped from the studio. Bill immediately steps in, claiming he will stop at nothing to track them down. However, his eagerness to help arouses Imogen and Arthur's suspicions and they decide to do some sleuthing of their own.

## Non-Fiction: What is interesting us?

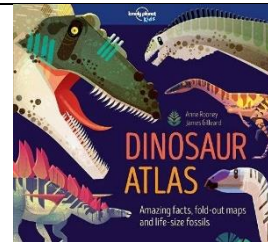
Check out these books with a dinosaur theme!



**You Can Be a Paleontologist!**  
 by Scott D. Sampson (National Geographic Kids).



**Life on Earth: Dinosaurs**  
 by Heather Alexander.



**Dinosaur Atlas** by Anne Rooney & James Gilleard.

## Celebrating Reading at KINS!

### Parent/Governor Reading Volunteers



We love it when visitors come and visit us to read. Thank you for volunteering! We would love more reading volunteers in school. Please let Miss Brown or Miss Holmes know if you, or your family members, would like to volunteer in school too!



### Buddy Reading

The children in Woodpeckers love to read with the children in Nursery!



# Reading Challenge

Each half term, we have a half termly raffle ticket draw to encourage home school reading. Every child receives raffle tickets for entries and comments in their Home School Diary. At the end of each half term, we put all the raffle tickets in a basket for each class and pick a lucky winner! The winner for each class receives a book as a prize.



Is it going to be you next half term?

## Home School Diary/Reading at Home

### Collins EBooks Online!!

It is easy to access and straight forward to set up, the eBook library is perfect for children to practise reading books at the right level at home while also supporting shared reading in class. Each teacher allocates a book for your child every week matched to their reading in school.



Please log on and access these at home!

### Please remember to sign your child's home-school diary.

**It promotes the importance of reading and is a lovely way to spend some time with your child at the end of a busy day. Let us know what they've read or even what you've read to them! Take it in turns, ask each other questions and explore picture books as well as the eBooks and school books that your child has been allocated according to their phonics phase.**

**The library is a wonderful resource and charity shops are an amazing place to find as good as new books.**

### Collins Books to Come Home!!

#### **Good news!!**

Our reading questionnaire from July 2022 highlighted to us that the majority of parents preferred physical books to eBooks. We have taken this on-board and managed to secure a little more funding which has enabled us to buy a selection of physical books to send home. We are very excited about this and hope that this will make reading at home more enjoyable and easier to do. We will start to send physical books home from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. More information will follow.



## Apps for 3-5 years to support reading

**CBeebies Storytime** is filled with free interactive story books and bedtime stories for young children and is a great way to enjoy reading with your little one. The library is always growing, with amazing stories featuring all the CBeebies' favourites.

**Teach Your Monster to Read** is a phonics and reading game that's helped children learn to read. The app covers the first two years of learning to read, from matching letters and sounds to enjoying small book

**The Navigo app** aims to support beginner readers to develop reading skills (accuracy, fluency and comprehension) through engaging with the personalised content and activities.

**Phonics Hero** teaches children to read and spell with systematic synthetic phonics. The app includes over 850 fun and varied games. Using a step-by-step approach, children learn the 44 sounds, the reading and spelling of words, and how to conquer sentences.

**Fonetti is a Listening Bookshop™** that provides young children with a patient, comforting listening ear to help in the learning-to-read journey, but also with the added benefit of tracking progress, identifying reading challenges, and highlighting to their adult carers where the most support is needed.

**Pickatale** is a reading app for primary school children, with an ethos of promoting reading for pleasure! It has over 1700 children's books including children's classics and more. It has 100's of narrated and beautifully illustrated books for children aged 4 to 11. Including popular fiction titles by Disney and Marvel, and many non-fiction books with engaging topics such as dinosaurs, space and dangerous animals!

## Celebrate reading and earn free books for our school with a Scholastic Book Fair!

This week, we are having a very special treat. We have got the Scholastic Book Fair in school from Monday 21st November to Friday 25th November. As part of your child's learning, they will have designed bunting and posters to advertise the book fair ready for this week. They are so excited, as am I!

The book fair will have hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a good book for everyone. At this time of year, this might be a perfect opportunity to grab some little Christmas gifts too.

We can't wait to see you there!

## Book Fair Competition 2022!



**KINS BOOK FAIR COMPETITION**

Where is the most unusual place you can think of to read a book? We want to see pictures of you reading in the most interesting place you can think of!

The more unusual and imaginative, the better! This could be under your bed, on one leg, in a den, or out and about.

Please send your picture to us using one of the following by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022**.

- Upload it to your child's class reading channel on Teams.
- Send it via email to Miss Brown at [jbrown@killamarsh-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:jbrown@killamarsh-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk)

All picture entries will be displayed in our new school library.

The winner from each class will receive a £5 book voucher to spend at the Book Fair in school.



## Reading Dates of Interest...

### National Storytelling Week 2023

**National Storytelling Week** is a chance to promote and encourage storytelling, celebrate a week of sharing stories and reading for pleasure. It takes place **30<sup>th</sup> January – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. National Storytelling Week is celebrated for a full week in February. Stories are chosen and are told between the teller and the listener. It's a fantastic way for people to share their own story, or even invent something entirely new. Once upon a time, storytelling was a way to pass the time. Now, it's an excellent way to entertain and teach each other new ideas. This is why National Storytelling Week is celebrated by people of all ages who read the likes of folktales, fairy tales, stories and more. Storytelling is a powerful tool that allows us to share stories that inspire and teach others.



### World Book Day 2023

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and reading. It is a charity that operates in the UK and Ireland. We will next be celebrating World Book Day on **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**. Their mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. Celebrate with us! More information to follow nearer the time.

## Reading Quote

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book!"  
Dr. Seuss