

# Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School

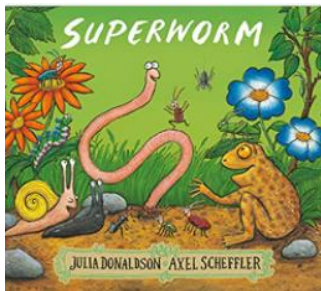
## Reading Newsletter

### Spring Term 2022



## Book Spotlight

Miss Brown recommends .....



### Early Years

#### **Superworm by Julia Donaldson**

is one of her amazing books that all children love!

*"Superworm is super-long. Superworm is super-strong. Watch him wiggle! See him squirm! Hip, hip, hooray for SUPERWORM!"* Super-long and super-strong, Superworm is always on hand to help animals and insects in need. From rescuing Baby Toad from a busy road or fishing Beetle out of a well – do not fear, Superworm is here! But who will come to Superworm's rescue, when he's captured by the wicked Wizard Lizard and Crow? Luckily, all of Superworm's friends have a cunning plan...

### Key Stage 1

#### **The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy**

is a book about emotions and feelings. Such a lovely book with beautiful pictures and words.

Each night, the mysterious Tear Thief takes away all the tears from every unhappy child. What where does the Tear Thief go, and what happens to all the tears? Atmospheric and poignant, with rich and poetic language.

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.

Each term, a different member of staff will share their recommended reads with you and a brief description of what the book is about. This half term it is my turn. I hope you enjoy.

Miss Brown

## Useful links

Some useful links to use at home;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>

<https://storylineonline.net/>

<https://www.readtomeintl.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/WorldBookDayUK/videos>

<https://www.worldbookday.com/share-a-story-corner/>

## The Sun Book Campaign



Look at these fabulous books that we were so lucky to receive! The Sun Newspaper teamed up with Harper Collins and Book Trust to run a campaign for schools to receive over £600 worth of books.

As a school, you managed to collect the tokens and receive these super books. Hopefully this campaign will appear again later on in the year. Please keep your eyes peeled and look out for tokens in The Sun Newspaper. We will try and

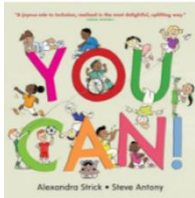
collect as many as we can again and hopefully receive lovely, new books for our school and library in the future!

## Fiction: What's New...



**The Girl Who Talked to Trees by Natasha Farrant**  
**Aimed at: Year 2 & Year 3 readers.**

When Olive's friend and soul-mate – a 400-year-old Oak tree – is in danger, she challenges the person who wants to cut it down to keep a promise. And so she begins a determined race against time, through magical lands, meeting heroic characters, and spanning seven unforgettable stories to save the Oak. It's the perfect gift for a child who cares about the world we live in, and one that will be kept, revisited and remembered.

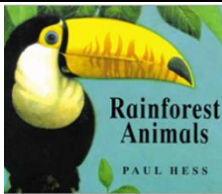


**You Can! by Alexandra Strick & Steve Antony**  
**Aimed at: Reception, Year 1, Year 2.**

EYFS and Year 1 readers will experience an explosion of positivity, hope and life experience through Alexandra Strick's energising text and Steve Antony's inspiring illustrations. Emotions, dreams, resilience, forgiveness, empathy and confidence are all explored in a book that above all else, will help convince children to be the best version of themselves.

## Non-Fiction: What is interesting us?

Check out these books with a rainforest/explorer theme!



**Rainforest Animals** by Paul Hess



**One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Rainforest** by Ella Bailey



**Space Kids: An Introduction for Young Explorers** by Steve Parker

## Our Reading Environments...



**EYFS – Nursery** - *"We are very excited to have a new outdoor reading house in nursery! The children love spending time in the fresh air to explore books in a cosy and snug space! We have a grass carpet, curtains, and cushions and even light up stars above us...the children love it. It feels that much like a house to the children that they ask to take off their shoes before they go inside! We are very proud of the children and their love of books and stories!"*  
**Miss Judson**

**Reception/Y1 – Robins and Goldfinches** – *"The children enjoy sitting cosily in the reading garden with the twinkly lights to share a book". Mrs Weretelnikow, Mrs Skingle and Mrs McMordie.*



**Year 1 & 2 – Woodpeckers** – *"Welcome to our very own reading garden. We love to read, get comfy with pillows and a blanket while we go on an adventure. Our reading garden is peaceful and calm so we get to relax and enjoy stories. Children in Woodpeckers love to read books of all kinds and share these with their friends!"* **Miss Brown**

*is up to date with their current favourites!"* **Miss Attwood**



# Reading in School



## Reading Characters

When we are reading in our classes, we have our reading friends to help us. Our reading characters help us to listen to the stories/books carefully and encourage us to use our imagination to enjoy the adventure.

**Nursery:** Hush Teddy and Caterpillar.

**Robins/Goldfinches:** Spider

**Woodpeckers:** Bumblebee

**Skylarks:** Ladybird

Look out for us in  
the reading areas!

# Home School Diary

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 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 eBooks Online



The DfE believes that high quality phonics teaching improves literacy levels and gives children a solid base upon which to build as they progress through school, as well as helping children to develop the habit of reading widely for both pleasure and for informative purposes. We agree with this and in September we changed our reading scheme for fully decodable reading books called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

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!

Happy reading!

# Reading Dates of Interest

## National Storytelling Week

**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 2022.**



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.

# Reading Visitors in School

Alan Sargeant (Our Reading/English Governor) visits school...



*'We are thoroughly enjoying having a reading volunteer in nursery! Alan visits us once a week to read to us in our story room. The children love listening to Alan read books and always ask if he is coming to nursery! The children's faces light up when they see him and the sessions are really helping to develop the children's love of reading!'* Miss Judson



## 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?**

## Reading Quote

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” – Dr. Seuss