

Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School

Reading Newsletter

Spring Term 2023



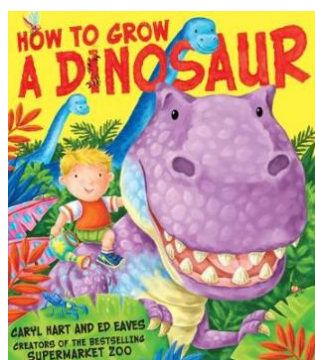
Book Spotlight

Mrs Weretelnikow recommends



Early Years

How to Grow a Dinosaur by Caryl Hart and Ed Eaves is a story about a boy with a great imagination.



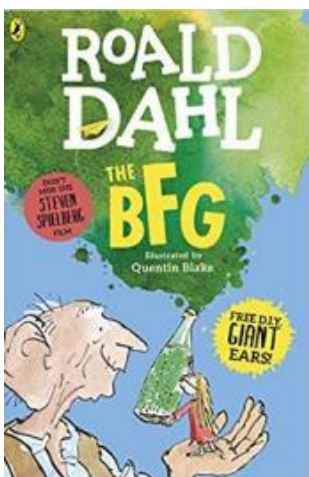
'Albie is a normal little boy who has extraordinary adventures. When he helps his mum in the garden by planting some seeds, he can't quite believe his eyes the next morning. The garden has grown beyond all belief and these are not just any old plants - oh, no - Albie's seeds have grown into great big Jurassic jungle! He rushes outside to discover what else has grown - a fantastic mix of real live DINOSAURS!'

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.

This term, Mrs Weretelnikow has recommended some books for your child to read and enjoy. I am definitely going to enjoy reading these books and remind myself of some favourite stories. I have actually met Caryl Hart who is a lovely person as well as a fantastic author. She has written some fantastic books for all ages. Feel free to explore these!

Happy Reading!

Miss Brown



Key Stage 1

The BFG by Roald Dahl is one of my favourite of his books.

'Captured by a giant! The BFG is no ordinary bone-crunching giant. He is far too nice and jumbly. It's lucky for Sophie that he is. Had she been carried off in the middle of the night by the Bloodbottler, the Fleshlumpeater, the Bonecruncher, or any of the other giants-rather than the BFG- she would have soon become breakfast.

When Sophie hears that they are flush-bunking off in England to swollomp a few nice little chiddlers, she decides she must stop them once and for all. And the BFG is going to help her!'

Children's Authors...

Judith Kerr

Caryl Hart

Anthony Browne

Julia Donaldson

Oliver Jeffers

Sue Hendra

Andy Griffiths

Eric Carle

Our New Library at KINS!

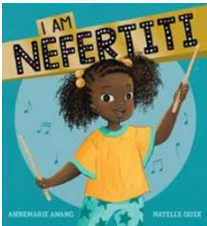
Over the Easter Holidays, we have worked really hard to create a 'new look' library for all the children at KINS to enjoy and to help grow and promote their love of reading! We can't wait for the children to see it, experience it and be proud of it. We also can't wait to invite grown-ups in to see it too.



We are so excited to use this area and continue to develop our love of reading towards our goal of loving reading and reading for pleasure!

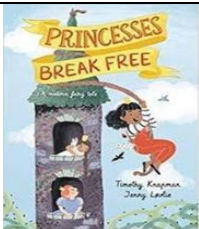
Fiction: Top Texts for April 2023

(The Open University; Reading for Pleasure)



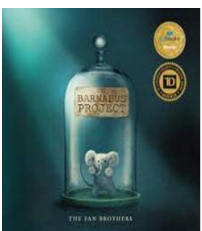
I am Nefertiti by Annemarie Anang and illustrated by Natelle Quek.
Aimed at: Reception or Key Stage 1 Readers.

Nefertiti is a little girl who loves to play the drums. Her father is always telling her how proud she should be of her name and how this gives her inner strength. Nefertiti is very excited on the morning of her first rehearsal with the local town's children's band. However, she feels crestfallen when the teacher who leads the band shortens her name for ease of pronunciation. This effects Nefertiti's confidence, and she shrinks in size and as a result cannot play her drums. This in turn means that there is no beat to keep the rest of the band in unison and musical chaos ensues. The rest of the children see what the problem is and urge the teacher to use Nefertiti's full name. As soon as the teacher pronounces her name with confidence, Nefertiti grows back to her proper size and can play the drums again – order is restored.



Princesses Break Free by Timothy Knapman and illustrated by Jenny Løvlie.
Aimed at: Reception and Key Stage 1 Readers.

In this charming and funny picture book a princess rebels against the common trope of waiting for a prince to rescue them from a perilous situation. Princess Tilly casts off her princess dress and instead adorns orange dungarees. She shows great resourcefulness in escaping from tricky situations and not satisfied with just empowering herself, Princess Tilly then seeks to empower the other princesses as well as other familiar female characters found in fairy tales such as the wicked witch.

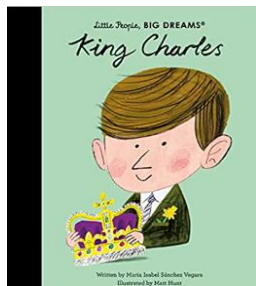


The Barnabus Project by The Fan Brothers.
Aimed at: Year 2 Readers and above.

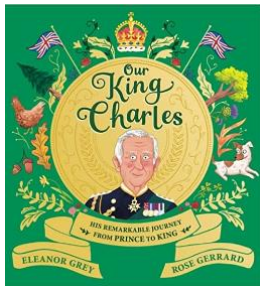
This visually stunning book by the Fan Brothers is about Barnabus who is part mouse and part elephant. Barnabus lives in a specimen jar in a laboratory underneath the Perfect Pet Store, where the failed pet projects are stored. Sadly, Barnabus is just not fluffy enough and his eyes are too small so he cannot be offered for sale in the pet shop above. There is a sense of camaraderie among the failed pets in the underground laboratory and one day Barnabus decides that they will make a bid for freedom. The failed pets succeed and escape from the lab, but they discover the world is not always an easy place to live in. Despite this, they rely on each other and take solace in the fact that they are now free.

Non-Fiction: What is interesting us?

Check out these books for the King's Coronation!



King Charles by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara.



Our King Charles by Eleanor Grey.



Amazing Facts King Charles III by Hannah Wilson.

Graphic Novels... What are they?

Graphic novels are stories written and illustrated in the style of a comic:

- ✚ Vivid illustrations combine with short bursts of text, often presented in a series of rectangular panels.
- ✚ The story unfolds in a clear sequence, and is often action-packed (and funny).

Graphic novels can be fiction (for example: historical fiction, fantasy, science fiction, fairytales) or nonfiction (for example: history, biography, informational). Remember the main characters don't have to be superheroes!



World Book Day 2023...

For World Book Day 2023, we delved into the world of Jack and the Beanstalk... starting with a 'giant experience' in the hall.



Then we received a mysterious letter from Jack... who had sent us some magic beans to plant!

We all had so much fun and completed many other activities. Please see our class galleries for more photos.



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.

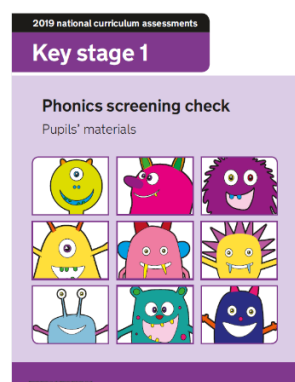
It promotes the importance of reading and is a lovely way to spend some time with your child at the end of a busy day. Let us know what they've read or even what you've read to them! Take it in turns, ask each other questions and explore picture books as well as the eBooks and school books that your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

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 have sent physical books out since November. Lots of parents have shared with us that this has made a big difference to themselves and their child in regards to reading at home. Please keep reading and sharing books at home. Remember as well as your phonics decodable book (Collins), your child will also bring home a library book (shared read) to enjoy at home.



Phonics Screening Parents Meeting



On Tuesday 18th April at 2.30pm, there is a meeting to inform you about the National Phonics Screening Test that will take place in Key Stage 1 during the week beginning Monday 12th June 2023. All Year 1 children are expected to take the test as well as any children in Year 2 who did not reach the required level when they took the test in Year 1, will be expected to retake the test again in Year 2. This meeting aims to explain this process, in addition to providing you with ideas to help your child with phonics at home.

We really hope you can join us and find out more about supporting your child at home with phonics and helping them to succeed! Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Brown via the school office or at jbrown@killamarsh-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk for more information.

Reading Dates of Interest

- ✚ *Phonics Screening Parents Meeting* – Tuesday 18th April at 2.30pm in the school hall. (See above for more information).
- ✚ *World Book Night* – 23rd April 2023 – Get on the road to reading and enjoy a special bedtime story on World Book Night.
- ✚ *National Share a Story Month* – May 2023 – Share your favourite stories in May!
- ✚ *Reading Mornings in School* – **Skylarks/Woodpeckers** – Tuesday 16th May at 08.40am.
-- **Robins/Goldfinches** – Wednesday 17th May at 08.40am.
-- **Nursery** – Thursday 18th May at 08.40am.

Reading, Books and More Adventures...

Reading Mornings...



Buddy Reading...



Visiting the library...



And Reading Volunteers.

- ✚ Nursery – Parent Volunteers
- ✚ Reception – Parent Volunteers/Mrs Stockdale.
- ✚ Woodpeckers Y1/2 – Mrs Ibbotson

If you or your family members would like to be a reading volunteer, please let Miss Brown or Miss Holmes know.

Book Recommendations from the Governors

The governors have discussed the importance of reading and our journey at KINS towards reading for pleasure. As part of the governor meeting, Miss Brown asked the governors if they can recommend and share some of the books they have enjoyed sharing with their children, grandchildren or just reading themselves. Here are some of their comments and suggestions.



- ✚ My own children always loved Roald Dahl. I know there has been controversy lately but James and The Giant Peach and The Twits always went down a treat!
- ✚ I've read some of Enid Blytons "Secret Seven" and "The Worst Witch Strikes Again by Jill Murphy to my grandchildren and they enjoyed them.
- ✚ For those who like the very descriptive if somewhat alarming- David Walliams "The Worlds Worst children" was enjoyed by my grandson.
 - ✚ "Little Red and The Very Hungry Lion" is also a favourite by Alex T Smith.

Reading Quote

“A book is a dream that you can hold in your hands.” – Neil Gaiman