

Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School

Reading Newsletter

Spring 2025

Book Spotlight

Mrs Dolman recommends



Early Years

'The Pandas Who Promised' by Rachel Bright.

High up on a misty mountainside, red panda cubs Popo and Ketu live happily with their mama. As the sisters grow, they promise that they will ALWAYS stay close to home. But while Popo is content to stay in the family's cosy treetop nest, bold Ketu dreams of excitement and exploration. And so when Ketu creeps off down the mountain in search of adventure, Popo must make a choice: will she keep her promise to Mama, or look after her sister?

'The Oak Tree' by Julia Donaldson Watch

A thousand years unfold in the life of one magnificent tree! A thousand years ago, a tiny acorn fell to the ground. As the years pass, it grows . . . and GROWS into an enormous oak tree! As the centuries sweep by, children play games around the tree. Families dance about it. A fleeing king even hides inside its hollow trunk! The tree gives food and shelter to a host of animals, from squirrels and badgers to birds and beetles. After a thousand years, the ancient tree finally falls in a storm - but a new acorn sprouts, and the cycle of life begins all over again.



Key Stage 1

Astrid and the Space Cadets: Attack of the Snailiens! By Alex T. Smith

The Space Cadets must complete tasks assigned to them to earn gold stars to be in the running for the grand prize. It is the Space Cadet mission to help at all times, no matter what – so when they get a distress call from the Planet Hortensis while cleaning the Milky Way, they rush to help. The cadets must figure out how to save the day in their own unique way.



Five Little Flowers

Five little flowers growing in a row,
The first one said, "I'm purple you know!"
The second one said, "I'm pink as pink can be
The third one said, "I'm blue like the sea."
The fourth one said, "I'm a very red fellow."
And the fifth one said, "My color is yellow."
Then out came the sun, big and bright.
And five little flowers smiled in delight.



Reading Challenges

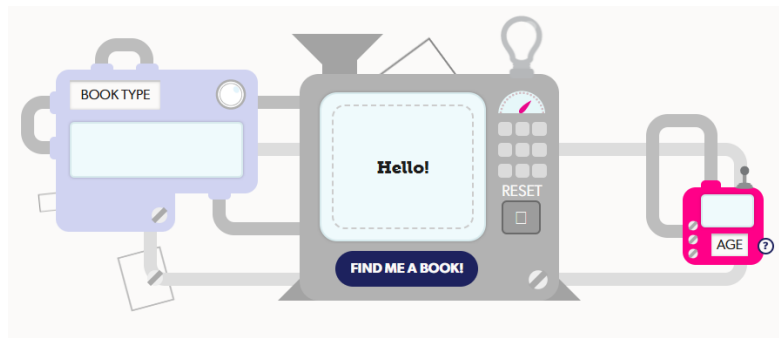
April

**REREAD A
FAVORITE BOOK**

May

**A BOOK
PUBLISHED IN THE
YEAR YOU WERE
BORN**

Book Sorter



All of the books in the Book Sorter have been added by children for you to find one to enjoy! Tell the Book Sorter about the sort of book you're after, and you'll get recommendations from children your age. **You can try it out below!**

[Book Sorter](#)

Easter Reading Activities



5 fun ways to get children excited about reading over the Easter holiday...

1 Easter Reading Bingo

Encourage your child to complete as many Easter Reading Bingo activities as possible. Can they set themselves a challenge to complete a row, column or even a full house?

2 Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter egg hunt is the perfect opportunity to encourage reading and is also a great way to keep children busy over the holiday! Hide small chocolate eggs (or any other small edible treat) around your home and then write out clues to help your child find where they are. For example, "I am going to get wet hiding here!" — might indicate a sink, bath or shower.

3 Scrambled Eggs

Write letters onto egg shaped pieces of paper or card, (you could cut up cereal boxes and write on the inside.) These letters should spell a word or message, eg 'H a p p y E a s t e r'. Hide the eggs around a room for your child to find and unscramble.

4 Easter Baking

Easter is a time for treating yourself to some chocolate so why not embrace this fully by following some delicious recipes to delight your taste buds and encourage reading. Whether it's hot cross buns, homemade bread or chocolate cake, this activity is sure to be a fun and tasty way for the whole family to read together.

5 Easter Bookmark

Encourage your child to colour an egg on their Easter Bookmark each time they read a book over the Easter holiday. For example, colour one egg after a short ten-minute session where you've shared a book together or after a whole book has been read. What are you waiting for? Put a Spring in your step, choose an activity and get cracking!

World Book Day – ‘Read Your Way’

This year for World Book Day we threw on our pyjamas, dressing gowns and onesies, grabbed our teddies and your favourite bedtime stories and headed to school for a day of reading fun!

We had a whole school Booknic, enjoying a snack whilst we relaxed and shared our books. We made our favourite characters from our books. We also had the opportunity to chose from the book menu and listened to lots of stories read by adults in school.

We can't wait until next year's World Book Day!

