

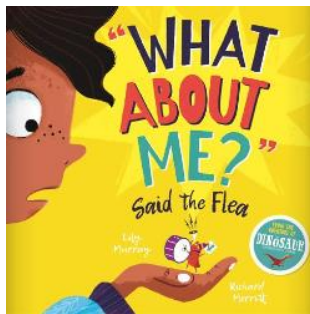
Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School

Reading Newsletter

Summer 2024

Book Spotlight

Miss Holmes recommends

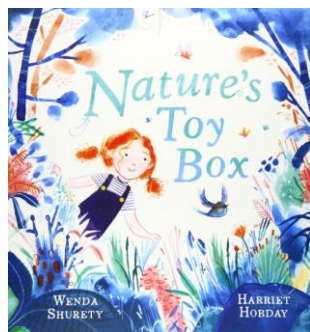


Early Years

What About Me?

When a little girl sits down at her desk one day to write a story, she struggles to find her inspiration ...

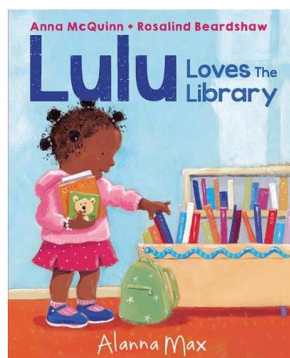
Luckily for her there's a whole host of potential picture-book characters who want to be the star of her story and make their cases convincingly.



Key Stage 1

Nature's Toy Box

Tilly wonders what to do when the TV is turned off. A whole new world is opened up for her when a little bird helps her discover the garden is one big toy box. Nature's Toy Box is an uplifting book which shows an emotional journey from boredom to adventure and the ability of a young girl to lose herself in a world of nature and imagination.



Lulu Loves the Library

Lulu has her library card. She has her rucksack full of borrowed books. Most important of all, she has a big smile on her face because it's Tuesday and she and her Mummy are going to the library. - they have a new story AND an old favourite to end the day.

Poetry Corner

All the World's Alive Again

The rabbit hops it's gentle step,
The lark sings lyric songs
All the world's alive again,
Spring rights the winter's wrongs.

Have fun reciting this rhyme.

Vocabulary



If your child comes across a word they don't know, encourage them to use their Word knowledge as well as their sounds and knowledge of the story to talk about the new word and build an understanding of what it means.

Book Donations

We are always very happy to receive donations of children's books for our school library. If you are having a clear out and have books that your child no longer reads we would love to receive them in school to add to our library collection! Thank you.

(Good condition only please)



School and Local Library Visits

We have a great time enjoying books in both our school library and our KS1 half-termly visits down to Killamarsh Library. In school we visit the library every week and change our books for home.



A huge thank you to the librarians at the library who have made our visits so much fun!

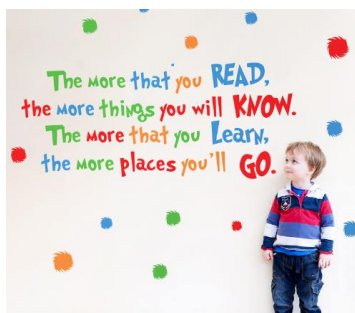
Buddy Reading in School



All our classes have a partner class in school to share a reading session every week. 'Buddy Reading' in school provides wonderful opportunities to share books with other children in school and encourages lovely relationships between our children in school.

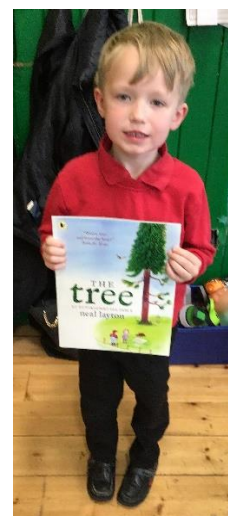
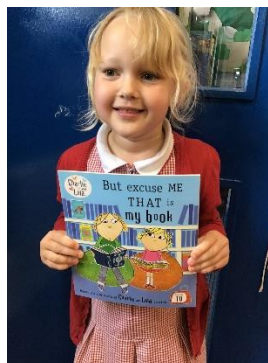
Reading Raffle Winners

Reading Quote



Our Reading Raffle winners chose these lovely books from our wide selection to pick and take home to keep.

You just need three reads a week to have a ticket put in the raffle every week.



Summer Reading Tips!



It's common for kids to experience the "summer reading slide" if they go for several months without picking up a book to read. But never fear, we have plenty of tips on how to keep kids engaged with reading over the summer holiday! Check out SMART's favourite ideas below:

Take advantage of your local library

School is out of session, but your local library is open! Not only can you check out new books from the library all summer long, but your library likely has story times and activities for kids planned. They may also have a summer reading challenge with prizes for kids who reach their reading goals. Look up your local library today and see what they've got going on!

Set summer reading goals

You can also create a personalized summer reading challenge for your child, either a certain number of minutes reading a week/month or a certain number of books finished. This method lets you create a schedule that best meets your child's needs, as well as rewards you know will be particularly motivating for them.

Plan a reading adventure

If your family is going on vacation or visiting anywhere new, find a book about the place or written by an author from where you'll be traveling. Ask questions about the stories like "What do you remember learning about this place?" or "Do you recognize that food or landmark?"

If you're not planning any travel, you can also make reading an adventure by reading in a new place or in a new way, like in a park, in a tent, or in the dark with a flashlight.

Make sure to read for fun

Summer is a great time to try out new books without the pressure of finishing them. Encourage kids to check out different kinds of books from the library and stop reading if they find out the story isn't for them. Summer is too short to force a book you aren't enjoying!

Also, reading is reading! Whether it's a graphic novel, comic book, cookbook, or joke book—it all counts and helps build valuable reading skills.

Set a good example

Kids learn by example! If they see you reading every day, even for a short time, they'll likely want to copy you and pull out a book of their own. Encourage family reading time when everyone reads a book together or independently.

Take reading on the go

Have a few spare minutes when your kids are between activities or waiting for appointments? Keep books in the car or a travel tote bag to fill those minutes with reading!

Traveling to the next activity is also a great time to ask kids about what they're reading. When you're in the car, on the bus, or walking somewhere, ask your child what types of books and topics they're enjoying the most and what they like about them.

Don't forget to write!

Reading and writing go hand-in-hand—encourage fun summer writing projects like sending letters or postcards to friends and family (even if they live in the same neighbourhood!), keeping a journal, or writing their own book or poem!



This year's annual **Summer Reading Challenge** theme is Marvellous Makers! This year's Challenge is all about creativity. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone!

Derbyshire Libraries would like to invite all your pupils to take part in this year's Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge "Marvellous Makers!"

The challenge begins on Saturday 6 July 2024 and ends on Saturday 7 September 2024

Sign Up Today using the link below.

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Happy Reading!