

Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School

Reading Newsletter

Winter 2023

Book Spotlight

Miss Holmes recommends

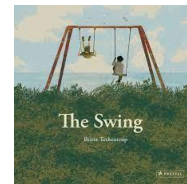


Early Years

The Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson
Deep in a snowy wood stands a little pine tree with a special destiny: when it grows up, it's going to be the famous Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square. This is the perfect book to snuggle up with and share at Christmas. It will whisk you from frozen forests to the sparkling city square in a beautiful, moving story of festivity and hope.

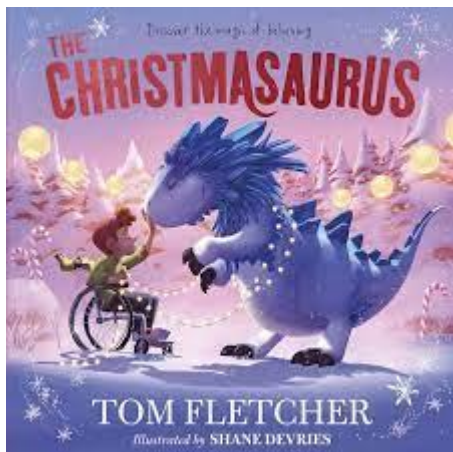
The Swing by Britta Teckentrup (5+)

Some picture books grab your heart from the second you open them - this is one of them. Watching a swing through the years. Showing the passing of time and how life just keeps going with all of its ups and downs. One to be shared and discussed.



Key Stage 1

The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher
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.



Useful links

Some useful links to use at home;

To access your child's Big Cat ebooks, go to:

<https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/>



Share a book!



Stories on iPads / tablets etc are wonderful but please don't let this take the place of sharing a book with your child.

Remember - 'There is no app to replace your lap!'

New 'Blue Peter' Book Badge!

Blue Peter have introduced an exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, you need to share your love of books by answering a few questions. Maybe you could achieve the Book Badge? Visit the Blue Peter website to find out more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge> Remember to bring your badge into school for Celebration Assembly if you do achieve it!



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Nursery Rhyme Week

Nursery rhymes are a great start to early reading as they boost vocabulary & language development, help children to develop literacy skills, provide a fun way to support early numeracy skills, and they help children to develop their personal, social & emotional skills. The EYFS children enjoyed taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week this year through their play and the enhanced provision on offer.

Have fun reciting this rhyme.

I made myself a snowball,
As perfect as could be.
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
And let it sleep with me.
I made it some pyjamas,
And a pillow for it's head.
Then last night it ran away,
But first, it wet the bed!



Five little
speckled
frogs



Twinkle
twinkle little
star



Once I caught
a fish alive!

Reading At Home

Mixing it up! Did you know, there are 19 fiction genres and 5 non-fiction genres of book that children could read! If you're finding it hard to get your child excited about reading you could try 'mixing up' what they read.

Why is reading at home so important?

Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of school than children from homes without any books.

Reading is a critical skill for succeeding in most school subjects.

A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.

Kids 4-5 years old gain 6 months of reading ability by being read to 3 to 5 times per week.

Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them develop critical reading skills.

Learn more: smartreading.org/parent-resources

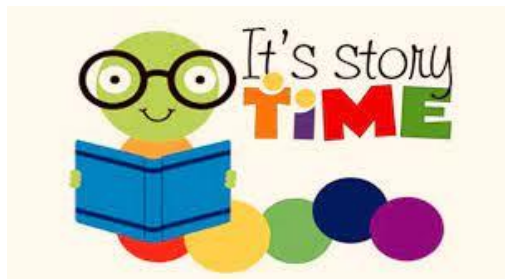
We know that all of our parents try their very best to read as often as possible with their children at home, but here is a quick reminder of why it's so important. And don't forget to jot on their reading bookmark or in their reading journal too!

There's a 'Reading Raffle' to be won!



Top Tips For Reading Picture Books With Your Child At Home

Sharing a book with a child is fun! It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together - and it can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers. If you're not feeling confident about reading aloud or sharing books, don't worry - there's no right or wrong way to enjoy a story together.



For more information you can visit:

[Book Trust Reading Tips](#)

- Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves.
- If you can, turn off the TV, radio and computer. It's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without any other distractions.
- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.

Reading Quote

"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install, A lovely bookshelf on the wall." — [Roald Dahl](#), Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



Exciting Story Times

We all love an exciting story in school!

When learning about houses and homes, the children became builders and did a spot of construction...they also listened to a poetry book about different types of homes and built a den for story time!



We love to have a story outside in nature. Here the children are using pebbles to vote for the story they want to listen to. They then counted to find the book with the most votes that we enjoyed in our sitting circle outside!



Thank you for local business support



We had a wonderful visit from Samantha, Lisa and Sally who work for Doncasters, Ross and Catherall on Forge Lane, Killamarsh. As part of their work to support the community they donated to us some wonderful books to support our learning in science. We received many lovely books that we have been delving into ever since we received them!

Thank you very much!