

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

Celebrating Reading!

“Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible.”

– Barack Obama

“You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book!”

– Dr. Seuss

Year 6 Librarians

Over this academic year, I have had 17 Librarian Monitors supporting me in what can often be incredibly busy drop-in sessions during lunch time. They have all been brilliant, and I am extremely grateful to them for their support. Thank you! Working across the KS1 and KS2 libraries, they have gained experience in processing new books, creating displays, talking to the children about their book choices as well as supporting KS2 lower school readers.



Year 6 Book Legacy

Thank you to the year 6 parents for their generosity in supporting the year 6 legacy book donation scheme. We have been able to order a number of books from our local independent bookseller Chicken & Frog, which the KS2 children will be able to enjoy at the start of the new academic year.

St Thomas' Primary School Reading Tree Awards

I'm pleased to announce that in September, there will be a Reading Award scheme for KS1 and KS2 children. For this academic year, the final tally for the KS2 St Thomas' Reading Tree Award is: Bronze 221, Silver 75, Gold 67, Platinum 30 and Diamond 19.

Essex libraries summer reading challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge invites children aged 4 – 11 to read six or more library books over the summer. There are stickers to collect along the way, with a medal and certificate for every child who completes the challenge. Brentwood Library will be giving a trophy to the Primary School with the largest number of certificates awarded. How fabulous it would be if we won the trophy!



Summer Holiday Downtime

If children (EYFS/KS1 ages) are in need of some downtime over the summer holiday, visit Story Vision Studios on You Tube for a selection of audio fiction, non-fiction and poetry books.

www.youtube.com/@storyvisionstudiosuk191/videos

In the KS1 Library

In the autumn term, the children will spot a display about Roald Dahl. His books can be found on the 'Chapter Books' shelf. We also stock copies in the KS2 Library.

His books are readily found, as an audio book, free to listen to on You Tube including George's Marvellous Medicine, from Storyvision Studios UK www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTwggQjRKCE .

In the KS2 Library

Children will see the following book reviews in the KS2 Library at the start of the autumn term.

Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans

Read along to this first book in a very hilarious series (on Simon Rigelsford's You Tube channel), chapter by chapter www.youtube.com/watch?v=EDunGZbqKXY

Demolition Dad by Phil Earle

This book is perfect for fans of Roald Dahl, David Walliams and Liz Pichon. There's a free preview (approximately 30 minutes worth) www.youtube.com/watch?v=61xbyz9L4NU on You Tube. Once hooked, you'll be sure to want to make use of a 30 day free trial to finish listening to it on Audible www.audible.co.uk/pd/Demolition-Dad-Audiobook/B01N4MTHF9

The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo

A lyrical and moving tale of a young boy growing up in Africa, and his lifelong friendship with a white lion. Listen for free on You Tube www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzSiZ1hz4Jl

Skellig by David Almond

This book is one of Mrs Gore's favourite books! It's a story about love, loss and hope. Suitable for Upper School readers, the unabridged audiobook is free to listen to on You Tube.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=TT08Pq5GWBs

