

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

Celebrating Reading!



“Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are.”

- Mason Cooley

“There is no friend as loyal as a book.”

- Ernest Hemingway

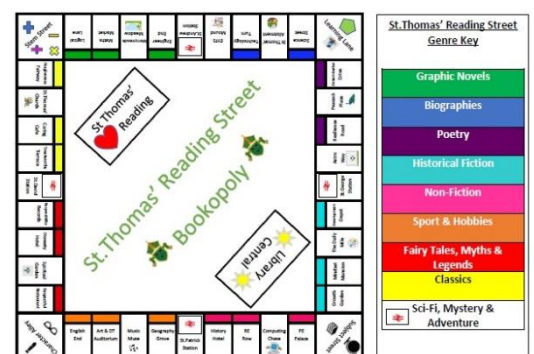
This is our first library newsletter of the academic year! Each half term, a newsletter is published with the aim of sharing with you what we are getting upto in our two wonderful libraries (EYFS/KS1 and KS2), as well as imparting awareness of audiobooks, podcasts and other resources which will hopefully help your child develop an interest in reading and literacy further.

Welcome to our Year Six Librarians

We have a fabulous team of 20 librarians this academic year. Their letters showed great maturity and demonstrated a fantastic passion for sharing their love of reading with others. Over the course of this academic year, my new team will work across both libraries. As well as encouraging others to choose books that they will hopefully enjoy reading, the team will also be given the opportunity to develop and enhance skills such as: writing book reviews, generating displays, assisting with library questionnaires/competitions and getting to grips with the library electronic book borrowing system.

St Thomas’ Bookopoly & Reading Brick Road

This year, reading scheme awards have been introduced for all children in our Primary School. Children in KS2 are reading their way across a ‘Bookopoly’ Board, where familiar colours and railway stations correspond to book genres.



In EYFS and KS1, children have the opportunity to read/share books according to author surname, collecting awards as they go. To date, in KS2, we have awarded 48 Bronze, 22 Silver and 9 Gold Awards. In EYFS & KS1, we have awarded 51 Bronze Scarecrow Awards.

Gift a Book at Christmas Scheme 2024

After its success last year, we will again be launching our 'Gift a Book at Christmas' initiative for both of our libraries. Parents and carers will be given the opportunity to donate a small amount of money which will cover the cost of a book. We purchase the majority of our stock from Peter's Bookshop, who provide a plastic protective cover, which ultimately prolongs the life of each book. More information will follow after half term.

Book Reviews, Audio Books and Author Chats

In the KS1 Library - Elmer is a favourite read of young and old alike. The first book in the series can be found on YouTube, read by the author (David McKee) himself!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFrD18XLmIM&list=PLE5MZB5pedUMQRHw2etfKDkufdGKDiPsU

We have recently added 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' Collection by Jill Tomlinson to the 'Chapter Book' shelves. Listen for free to The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark (Book 1), read by Nick Martin on YouTube. www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVO3EA1vaZM

In the KS2 Library - Children will see the following book reviews in the KS2 Library after half term. With a 30-day free trial, you can enjoy **Time Travelling with a Hamster** by Ross Wellford www.audible.co.uk/pd/Time-Travelling-with-a-Hamster-Audiobook/B01AK90S02 - a story that crosses time and generations, for adventure-loving readers young and old. **The Girl of Ink and Stars** by Kiran Millward, styled as a book club read, with lots of thought provoking questions, is free to listen to (chapter by chapter) on YouTube www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_9kDF3PWc0

You can enjoy a 30-minute preview of the audiobook of **Malamander** by Thomas Taylor on www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIGQJvA1sMc . If you enjoyed The Spy who Loved School Dinners, you'll laugh out loud listening to **There's a Werewolf in my Tent** by Pamela Butchart. This very helpful YouTube video has some great tips for parents when reading this book. www.youtube.com/watch?v=84JLmPVMR0Q . We are fortunate enough to stock the complete set of **Beast Quest** books by Adam Blake, aimed at Lower KS2, but also a good read for Year 2 children. Free to listen to as an audio book with a 30-day free Audible trial. www.audible.co.uk/pd/Beast-Quest-Audiobook/B0B1P989YW

