

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

Celebrating Reading!

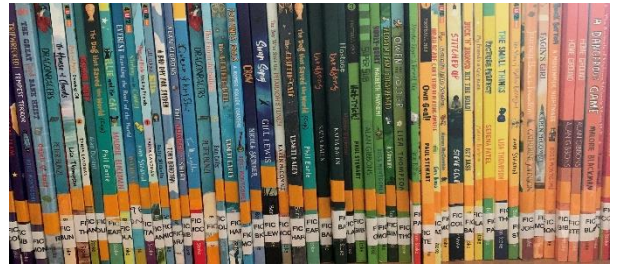


"I think it's the books that you read when you're young that live with you forever."—J.K. Rowling

"I had a lot of dreams when I was a kid, and I think a great deal of that grew out of the fact that I had a chance to read a lot." – Bill Gates

'Yellow' Books

Barrington Stoke publishers work with the best writers and illustrators to publish super-readable, accessible books that help every child experience the joy of reading. As a result of the generosity of the PTA, we have been able to purchase 70 'Yellow' books for our KS2 Library. Our Year 6 Librarians are overjoyed and have been busy adding labels and creating a 'rainbow-effect' display on the shelf!



KS2 Reading Tree Awards

In spite of the improved weather, library lunchtime drop-ins continue to be very busy. The award numbers currently stand at: Bronze 210, Silver 61, Gold 54, Platinum 22. We now have 18 children working towards their Diamond award.

KS1 Author Display

After half term, the children will spot a display about Beatrix Potter and her books in the KS1 Library. Her tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck is available as a free audio book on You Tube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYeooRFVQJo>



"Ah! Is that so? Indeed!" said the gentleman with sandy whiskers, looking curiously at Jemima. The first farm that Beatrix Potter owned was called Hill Top and she used it and its Lakeland surroundings in the Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck. Jemima was a real Hill Top duck who wasn't good at hatching eggs and Beatrix Potter's favourite sheepdog, Kep, features as the wise friend who rescues Jemima from the deceptively charming sandy-whiskered gentleman.

Bedtime Stories for EYFS/KS1 Listeners

CBeebies is such a treasure trove for fantastic free reading resources. Most-liked bedtime stories on CBeebies Radio include 'Bringing down the Moon' and 'Things that go Ggug in the Night'.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio/stories-for-bedtime-playlist#playlist>



Sleepy Stories can also be found on CBeebies radio on the BBC sounds app.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/p06zi1lc>

KS2 Book Reviews

Children will see the following book reviews in the KS2 Library after half term.

Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell

Katherine Rundell has created an incredibly real-feeling magical world and story to rival classics like Narnia, with writing that sweeps you up and main characters who are simultaneously humanly flawed yet inherently pure and good. Available as an audio book on Audible (30-day free trial), read by the talented actor Samuel West. <https://www.audible.co.uk/pd/Impossible-Creatures-Audiobook/BOC3MRPGFW>

Varjak Paw by SF Said

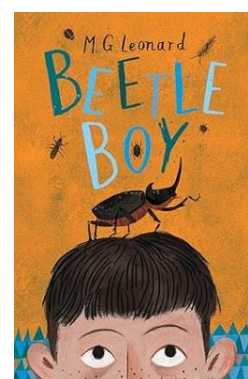
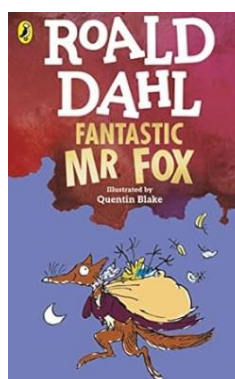
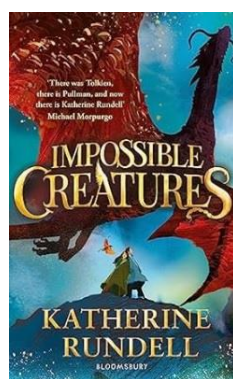
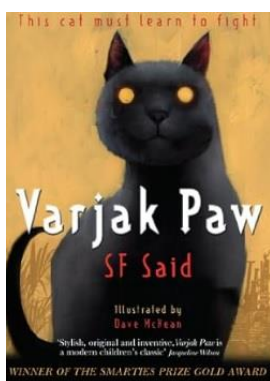
A recent addition to our KS2 library, and suitable for lower school readers, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHouhuTnyf0> this feline adventure story is read by Jourdain Wolf, chapter by chapter.

Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

Stocked in both the KS1 and KS2 libraries, the eternally popular Fantastic Mr Fox is available as a read along audiobook on YouTube. www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHouhuTnyf0

Beetle Boy by M G Leonard

Author Maya G Leonard introduces her book, Beetle Boy on this short clip on YouTube. www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qipniu6wdC0 It is also available as an audiobook on Audible (free with a 30-day trial) www.audible.co.uk/pd/Beetle-Boy-Audiobook/B01FUS0D9Y



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