



# FISHBOURNE READS

OUR READING FOR PLEASURE NEWSLETTER



## Festive Fun 2021

Welcome to our Festive Fishbourne Reads newsletter! It's the best time of year for enjoying a great book - the perfect weather to snuggle up and while away an hour or two with a brilliant book. This edition is packed full of suggestions for great books to enjoy over the holidays from lots of your favourite people... starting with an update from the one and only...



Next up, we caught up with the lovely Mrs Brown to find out more about her as a reader...

**Why is reading so important?**  
I love, love, love reading and usually read in the evenings before I go to bed. Sometimes that is even in a tent on holiday with my dog Lucy. (photo).

Reading is great because it lets you into different peoples' worlds- you can travel, explore and adventure in your head.



**SOPHY HENN, our wonderful Patron of Reading:**

Hello-Ho-Ho to EVERYONE at Fishbourne! I hope you have had a lovely first term back, it was so wonderful to be able to come along to your brilliant school and visit you all.

Well, I have been very busy since we last met, finishing Lifesize Baby Animals and Pizazz Vs The Demons (there were A LOT of comic strips in that one - phew!), **there might\* be a surprise for everyone at Fishbourne at the front of the book... oooooohhh!** But now it's literally back to the drawing board to start another Lifesize, the fifth Pizazz and maybe even something BRAND NEW but I'll tell you more about that when I come and visit you next year.

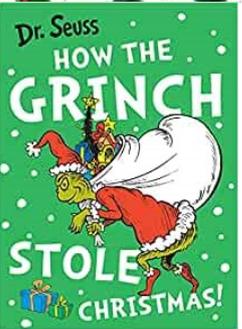
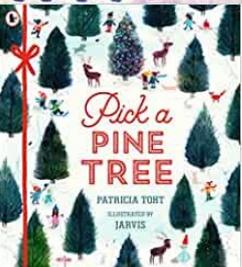
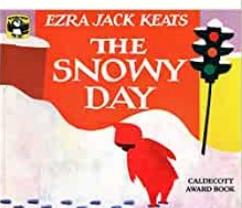
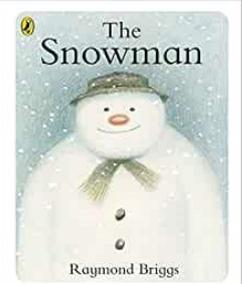
I would love to wish you all a very, VERY Happy Holidays...what a wonderful opportunity to get some reading done, I know I will be. And if you are stuck for festive book inspiration here are my top five Christmassy books (for balance I will also be watching Elf and Arthur Christmas)...

1. The Snowman by Raymond Briggs- OBVIOUSLY
2. The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats - Firstly it looks beautiful, secondly it is all about the everyday (my favourite topic) but MOST importantly there is SNOW. Lots of snow.
3. Pick A Pine Tree written by Patricia Toht & illustrated by Jarvis - a comforting, rhyming picture book all about the ritual of the Christmas tree and Jarvis' illustrations are BEAUTIFUL!
4. How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr Seuss - so naughty, but so nice!
5. The Christmas Carrolls By Mel Taylor-Bessent - a HILARIOUS festive middle grade about a family who LOVE Christmas.

Wishing you all love and peace for 2022. See you then!

*Sophie Henn*

**\*There is, there definitely is! EEEK!**



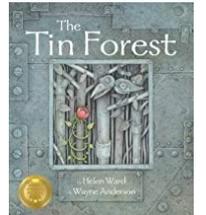
**What are you reading at the moment?**  
Currently, I am having a bit of a Japanese author bonanza and right now I am reading Before the coffee gets cold by Toshizaxu Kawaguchi. It is set in a coffee shop down a tiny alley in Tokyo that sells coffee but can also send you back in time. I wonder where you would choose to go back to?



**Favourite children's book of all time?**  
As a youngster, I really enjoyed the Pippi Longstocking books because Pippi was feisty, independent and incredibly strong. She embarked on the most crazy adventures with her friends the monkey and horse.



**A children's picture book you would recommend for a younger audience?**  
One of my favourite picture books is called The Tin Forest by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. It is all about an old man who tends and cares for a forest and though his determination and love magical things occur.



### New Releases

**If you would like to be our guest reviewer this month, please do let Mrs Day know!**

Lots of us have enjoyed Onjali Rauf's books... *Boy at the Back of the Class* and *The Night Bus Hero* to name just two. This is Onjali's latest:



Leo and his best friend Sangeeta are the odd ones out in their school. But as Leo's dad is always telling him, it's because they're special. Only thing is, if they're so special, how come they never see anyone who looks like them in their school history books?

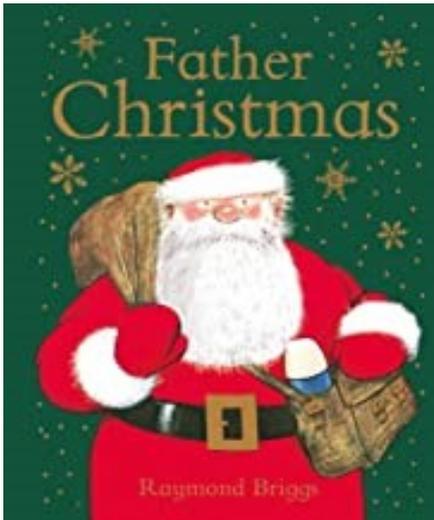
Then, on a class trip to a nearby cathedral, Leo's attention is drawn to a large marble slab high above the doors of the hall. Right there, bang in the middle of a list of war heroes, Leo finds himself staring at something incredible: his own name.

Desperate to know who this other Leo was, the two friends embark on a search. And together, they begin to uncover missing stories from the past, ones which they are determined to put back into their rightful place in the pages of history.

Sophie never fails to leave us feeling excited for her next visit and none more so than here... Have a lovely Christmas Sophie—thanks for all the wonderful recommendations and we look forward to seeing you in 2022!



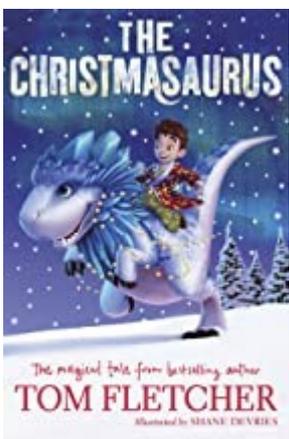
## Festive recommendations from Koala class



**Father Christmas** by Raymond Briggs recommended by Milo B

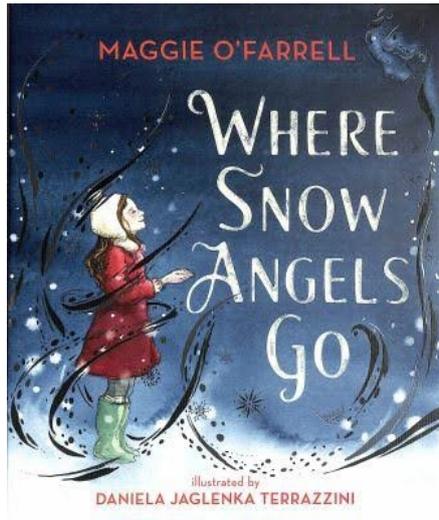
Milo would recommend this for children in year 1 and 2 because the pictures tell the story. He says it leaves him feeling happy and fuzzy and he has really happy memories of watching the film of it with his grandma each Christmas.

On Christmas Eve morning, a very grumpy Father Christmas is dreaming about summer, and certainly doesn't want to get up in the cold to deliver presents! Follow his journey through the night, as he battles the elements to deliver his presents. Told through a comic strip, with beautiful illustrations based on the houses that Raymond grew up in, this is a hilarious festive tale that has delighted children for generations.



**The Christmasaurus** by Tom Fletcher is recommended by Dexter and Maly. Dexter recommends it for children in Key Stage 2 because it has lots of adventures and sends a shiver down your spine. Maly recommended it for all year groups (as a shared read or an independent)

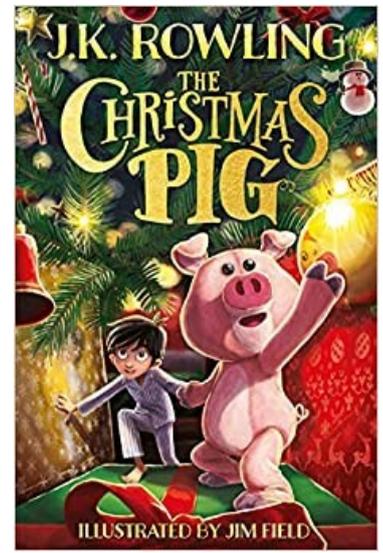
The number-one-bestselling, magical first children's novel from Tom Fletcher, star of BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*. This is a story about a boy named William Trundle and a dinosaur named the Christmasaurus. It's about how they meet one Christmas Eve and have a magical adventure. It's about friendship and families, sleigh bells and Santa, singing elves and flying reindeer. It's about discovering your heart's true desire, and learning that the impossible might just be possible . .



**Where the Snow Angels Go** by Maggie O'Farrell recommended by Lois

Lois would recommend this book for children between the age of 8-11. She said it is intriguing, full of suspense and very entertaining.

Sylvie wakes one night, suddenly, without knowing why. Then she sees the most spectacular sight - a pair of wings, enormous in size, made of the softest snow-white feathers imaginable. An angel in her bedroom ... a SNOW angel! He tells her that he is here to look after her, for Sylvie is not as well as she seems... Many months later, as Sylvie recovers from her illness, she longs to see her snow angel again. He saved her life! There is so much she wants to tell him, so much she wants to know! Will he ever come back to her? And how can Sylvie make sure that everyone she loves has their own snow angel, to keep them safe, too?



**The Christmas Pig** by JK Rowling is recommended by Erin

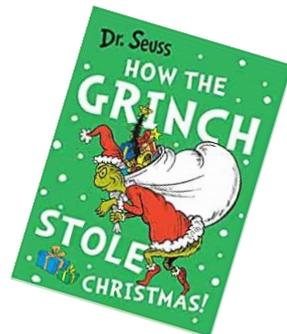
Erin recommends it for children in year groups 3, 4, 5 and 6 because it has some super descriptions. The book makes you feel so many different emotions: happy, excited, upset, angry and leaves you on a cliff-hanger!

One boy and his toy are about to change everything...

Jack loves his childhood toy, Dur Pig. DP has always been there for him, through good and bad. Until one Christmas Eve, something terrible happens - DP is lost. But Christmas Eve is a night for miracles and lost causes, a night when all things can come to life... even toys. And Jack's newest toy - the Christmas Pig (DP's annoying replacement) - has a daring plan: Together they'll embark on a magical journey to seek something lost, and to save the best friend Jack has ever known...

**The Grinch** by Dr Seuss

Recommended for everyone by Mylo who says it is exciting and really funny.



### Can you help?

We would absolutely love to hear about what you have been reading over the Christmas break! Could you review one of the books you read and send it in for the first edition of the Spring term? You can send it to: [head@fishbourneprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@fishbourneprimary.co.uk) and it we will be delighted to include it in the next edition!