



Fishbourne Reads!



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Welcome back to another edition of Fishbourne Reads!

The aim of this half termly letter is to share book recommendations from children and staff as well as new releases or golden oldies you might like to read! This letter is written for our little fish but ideally shared with a grown up at home! We always welcome reviews, so please do send them in... there is information about how to go about doing this on the back of this letter.

In each edition, we like to interview a member of our staff team to find out what they enjoy about reading and this half term we have interviewed Miss Amy Furlong, our new Year 4 teacher...



Where's your favourite place to read?

I love reading fiction. My favourite place to read is snuggled up under a blanket on a rainy day, or lying by the pool on holiday. I love listening to audio books on long car journeys too.

How does reading make you feel?

Reading can make me feel so many emotions, depending on the story, however, I always feel a sense of comfort when I'm buried nose deep in a book, as if I know the characters and am part of their world. I always feel a little sad when I reach the end of a story.

What's your favourite children's book of all time?

Without a doubt, my favourite children's books are the Harry Potter series - I reread them all the time! I love the wizarding world and I'm convinced my Hogwarts letter got lost in the post ... Enid Blyton's 'The Faraway Tree' series was a favourite of mine throughout primary school too and I would highly recommend these books.

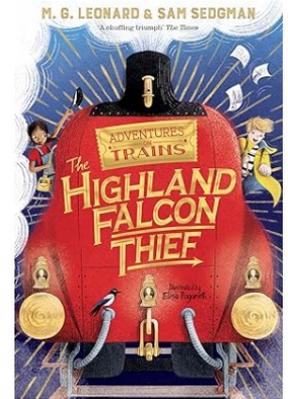
What are you reading at the moment?

I am currently reading the 4th book in Richard Osman's 'The Thursday Murder Club' series and I'm looking forward to the film coming out next year.

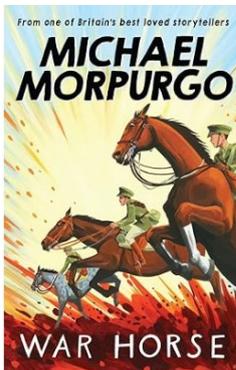
This term, we have had several Book Talk Groups happening in school with our Hippo class. Two of the books they have been reading have been enjoyed hugely and might be suitable for children in Year 4+

The Highland Falcon Thief by MG Leonard:

Harrison Beck and his Uncle Nat are enjoying the final journey of the Highland Falcon, Britain's most famous steam train. But when a precious jewel goes missing, Harrison and his new friend Lenny find themselves at the centre of the investigation. Can they solve the mystery and catch the culprit before they reach the end of the line?

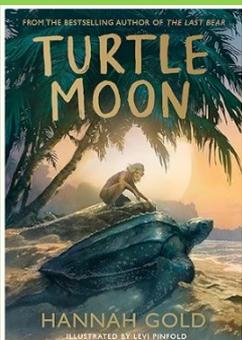


Hear whispers in the dining car, find notes in the library and unknown passengers among the luggage, as you help Harrison solve the mystery aboard one of the world's grandest trains.



War Horse by Michael Morpurgo In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times. One horse has the seen the best and the worst of humanity. The power of war and the beauty of peace. This is his story.

Talking of Michael Morpurgo... did you know his latest book was published earlier this month. It's called Cobweb and set in 1815. It's a story of bravery, friendship and an incredible journey. Rupert in Y5 is reading it so do ask him what he thinks!



If you have read The Last Bear or The Lost Whale then you may well be a Hannah Gold fan!

Hannah's latest book, Turtle Moon, was published earlier this month and it is well worth a read! Mrs Whitaker and Mrs Day have already read it and HIGHLY recommend it! Silver Trevelon's parents aren't happy. They haven't been happy since the nursery they decorated started gathering cobwebs, waiting for the baby brother or sister that never came. So when Silver's dad is invited to paint at a turtle rescue centre in Costa Rica, she hopes it'll be just the adventure the family needs.

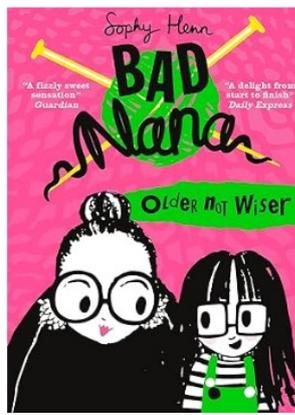
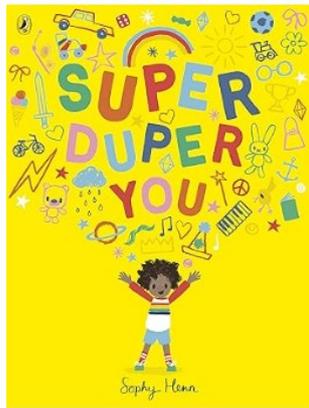
Under the hot tropical sun, Silver settles into life at the animal centre. She even witnesses a rare sighting of a leatherback turtle nesting on the beach. But when the turtle's eggs are stolen, events take a dark and dangerous turn. Can Silver and her new friends track them down before it's too late? It'll mean journeying into the heart of the jungle ...



It was wonderful to welcome some new authors to school during Children's BookFest and to hear them inspiring our little fish with their stories and ways in which they come up with their ideas! We would like to give a huge SHOUT OUT and big thank you to the incredible team at Children's BookFest who work tirelessly to make amazing things happen! This year, we were visited by Stephanie Taylor, Zohra Nabi and Adam Stower. We hope you have enjoyed taking home your stories and sharing them with your families!

Now we have a book choices carefully put together for children across school from some of our favourite authors! You may recognise a few!

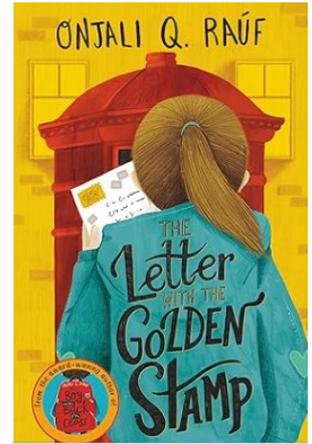
Reception class: Super Duper You by our very own Patron of Reading, **Sophy Henn**: *I've known you since you started. I've seen a thing or two or three or four or five or six! In fact, I've seen a few . . . Sometimes we are loud, sometimes we are quiet, sometimes bold and clanky, sometimes soft and cuddly. Sophy Henn celebrates all the different, extraordinary and sometimes contradictory things we are in this joyful and colourful rhyming picture book.*



Year 1 and 2: Bad Nana by **Sophy Henn**
A lovely book to share with a grown up, also written by our wonderful Patron of Reading...
Jeanie's Grandma is BAD. Not bad like a vampire or a gangster or anything, more like . . . up to no good. Sometimes she can be a bit embarrassing but most of the time she's REALLY fun, especially when she gets Jeanie involved in her mischievous schemes. Everyone says she's old enough to know better . . . but she doesn't seem to care one bit. In fact, Jeanie thinks she might quite like it!

Year 3 and 4 The Letter with the Golden Stamp by **Onjali Rauf**

This book came out before the summer hols but if you haven't read it yet, please do!
Deep in the heart of Swansea, Wales, lives a small girl with some big secrets to keep. Secrets that make her one of the best actresses on the planet - because no-one would ever think that, away from school, Audrey is the sole carer for her increasingly sick mam and her two younger siblings ... or a seasoned thief. With her worlds threatened by the arrival of a mysterious, invisible neighbour, behind whose closed curtains and shut front door may lie a spy, Audrey must take matters into her own hands to save her family. Inspired by her beloved collection of stamps, her friendly neighbourhood postman (and fellow stamp collector), and her two best friends, off Audrey must go: on an adventure that will lead her to places - and hearts - she never knew existed.

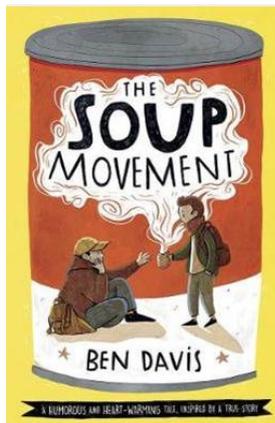


New Releases

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



By the same author as Voyage of the Sparrowhawk, Children of Castle Rock and The Rescue of Ravenwood comes an exciting new adventure!
(...and it's brilliant!)



Year 5 and 6 The Soup Movement by **Ben Davis**
To aid his recovery from a life-threatening illness Jordan and his family move out of the city for a healthy new start. Jordan's getting enough funny looks as the new boy at school as it is, without his Mum giving him homemade soup every day for lunch! But when Jordan meets a homeless man called Harry, and gives him the soup, it is the start of an unlikely friendship. Soon the two of them begin giving soup to the other homeless people around town and when his sister shares their antics on Instagram the #SOUPMOVEMENT begins-they even make it on the news!



Can you help?

We would absolutely love to hear about what you have been reading over the half term break! Could you review one of the books you read this summer and send it in for the second edition of the autumn term? You can send it to: head@fishbourneprimary.co.uk and it we will be delighted to include it in the next edition!