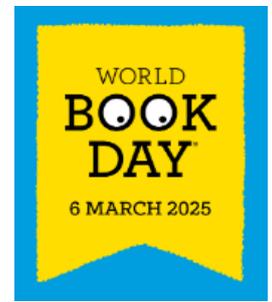




# Fishbourne Reads!



March 2025

## HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY!

**The mission for World Book Day is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – so get reading little fish!**

### **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 our lovely Year 5 teacher, Miss T.

### **Miss T:**

#### **Where's your favourite place to read?**

I love reading in the bath! Or in the sunshine! Anywhere were I feel warm, relaxed and comfortable. I LOVE to read!



#### **How does reading make you feel?**

Reading is one of the only times I sit still. It makes me feel content and focused. I like the escapism, imagining all of the different adventures that I can be a part of.

Sometimes, my dyslexia makes it tricky for me to read so imagining the pictures in my

head really helps.

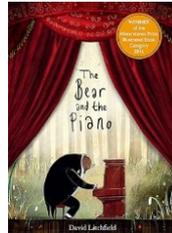
#### **What's your favourite children's book of all time?**

My favourite book as a child was the Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett. It's a delightful story full of mystery, friendship, intrigue and kindness. The author also wrote 'A Little Princess' which is an equally amazing story.

#### **What are you reading at the moment?**

I have just finished reading 'How to Kill a Mocking Bird' by Harper Lee. The book is very inspiring with one of the lead characters, Atticus Finch, standing up for justice and his beliefs during a time in America when this was incredibly hard to do. The book is written from Atticus's daughters perspective and this enables the author to question many topics through the eyes of an innocent.

As a World Book Day special, we have asked the Fishbourne team to share some of their all-time favourite reads! Have you read any of these?



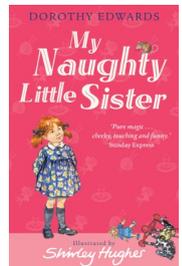
#### **Mrs Allen: 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield**

This is magical tale about a bear who finds something strange in the forest, a piano! When he first touches it he makes a terrible noise but he comes back everyday and teaches himself how to play. The Bear loves music and goes on an incredible journey to New York where he

becomes a famous pianist but there is something missing. He is missing his friends and family who he left behind in the forest. What should he do?

#### **Mrs Harris: 'My Naughty Little Sister' by Dorothy Edwards.**

When I was little, her behaviour really resonated with me with things I might get up to. I also thought that my well-behaved big sister was just like hers! The books are pure magic, cheeky, touching and funny. Shirley Hughes' illustrations bring the stories to life and capture the imagination! I love reading these books to children in my classes now, I love how shocked they are by the things she gets up to!



#### **Miss Baldwin: 'The Barnabus Project' by the Fan brothers.**

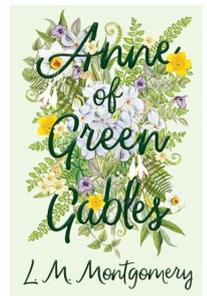
I love all the unique characters and how they embrace their differences to work together and realise how special they are! This is a suspenseful, poignant and magical story

about following your dreams and finding where you truly belong. It will draw you into a surreal, lushly detailed world in which perfection really means being true to yourself and your friends.

#### **Mrs Rinaldi: 'Anne of Green Gables' by L M Montgomery.**

**(Suitable for Year 5+)**

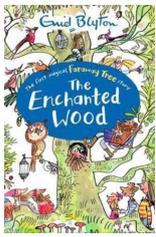
My favourite book is Anne of Geen Gables by L M Montgomery. I love Anne because she is so determined and positive. She never gives up even though she makes lots of mistakes and gets into all sorts of messes and scrapes! In this story, Anne soon finds herself running into trouble. Stubborn and keen to make a name for herself, Anne begins to make lifelong friends (and enemies) in this much-loved coming-of-age classic.



#### **Mrs Williams: 'Matilda' by Roald Dhal**

**(Suitable for Year 3+)**

My Favourite book is Matilda! I love this book because Matilda is brave, she is strong and she fights for what's right. I love the fact that she's just a little bit naughty too!



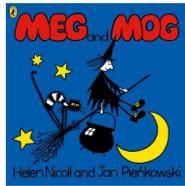
### Miss Furlong: 'The Enchanted Wood' by Enid Blyton (suitable for Year 3+)

Growing up, I was a massive Enid Blyton fan and the 'Faraway Tree' series was my favourite. Inside the Enchanted Wood, the characters make all kinds of unusual new friends, and soon find themselves involved in a host of exciting adventures. Best of all is the discovery that strange new lands can be found in the clouds at the very top of the Faraway Tree itself - from the Land of Spells to the Land of Treats to the Land of Do-As-You-Please.

**This was also Mrs Treagust's choice too!** She said: this was my favourite book as it transported you to a magical world of adventures which could be exciting, scary or dangerous. The characters were funny, friendly and unusual and I just wanted to climb that magical tree!

### Miss Grant: 'Meg and Mog' by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski

My favourite books were from the Meg and Mog series by Helen Nicoll. I loved all of the adventures they got up to and I also loved that I had the same name as the witch!



### Mrs Day: 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by CS Lewis (suitable for Year 4+)

This is a book with so many happy memories from my childhood – being read to by my dad by a roaring log fire and feeling as though I was in Mr Tumnus' house. In fact, we all liked the character of Tumnus so much we named our own tabby cat after him! I loved the sense of adventure, the layers of meaning and the courageous story lines. Every time I see a lamp post I am transported back to Narnia!

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People should read 'The Land of Roar' because it's so creative and, I don't always want to read, but I do when it's one of my 'Roar' books! I give the series 5/5 stars!

Grace, Year 4 bookworm



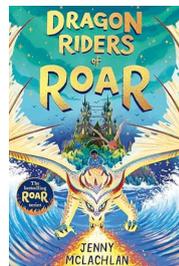
#### NEW release...

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



#### Suitable for 8+ Dragon Riders of Roar

Year 4 are very excited by this new release. For the last few months, we have been reading 'The Land of Roar' by Jenny McLachlan as our class text and some of us has read the trilogy...bring on book 4 in the series, 'The Dragon Riders of Roar.'

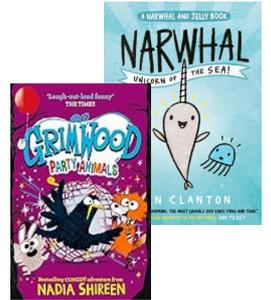


### Sophy Henn Update!

It has all been rather busy this end with Happy Hills Knick Knacks Attacks rampaging into the world and all the travelling about to lovely book shops and festivals that goes with that! I have been scribbling away at lots of VERY silly draw-offs and I even got to draw against the INCREDIBLE Jim Smith (Barry Loser etc) - he was very good! I have also finished the next picture book in my I Hate Everything series (which you already know all about - the one with the ghost, remember?) and I can't wait to share it with you when I next visit.



I have been reading: Mexikid by Pedro Martin, a great graphic memoir, The Narwhal and Jelly series by Ben Clanton, a super fun graphic novel series and Grim wood: Party Animal by Nadia Shireen, more hilarity from the genius that is Nadia!

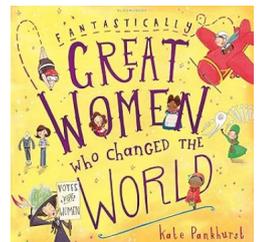


### International women's day

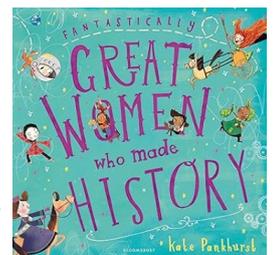
This Saturday is 'International Women's day,' a day to reflect on progress made and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women, who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

#### Great Women Who Changed the World:

Discover fascinating facts about some of the most amazing women who changed the world we live in! Fly high with incredible explorer and pilot **Amelia Earhart**. Discover the Wonderful Adventures of medical pioneer **Mary Seacole**. Fight for your rights with legendary civil rights activist **Rosa Parks**. Change the face of books forever with superstar novelist **Jane Austen**



Bursting full of beautiful illustrations and astounding facts, *Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World* is the perfect introduction to just a few of the most incredible women who helped shaped the world we live in. A fantastic book for girls and boys alike!



#### 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 recently and send it in for the next addition of Fishbourne reads? 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!