

FISHBOURNE READS

OUR READING FOR PLEASURE NEWSLETTER

One of the highlights of our half term was being involved with the Chichester Children Book Fest. We were so very lucky to welcome Rob Biddulph who came in to talk with our Year 3 and 4 children about his latest release, Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City. Meanwhile Alex



English came into school to talk to our Year 5 and 6 children about the first book in the Sky Pirates series. Both visits were absolutely superb and it was such a privilege to see the impact that they had on you all—you listened captivated and asked some superb questions! We are using these books in school as whole class texts to support your reading and they will eventually come home to be added to your child's collection of books!

At the end of the week, our very own Patron of Reading, Sophy Henn, came into school to work with everyone and spend time getting to know some of our youngest children. It was wonderful to finish the week with Sophy's visit and for the children to receive such an incredible



Rob Biddulph

Alex English

insight into the life of an author and illustrator. We had a sneak preview of a new picture book coming out soon (and the children gave their feedback about their favourite front cover!) as well as hearing some very exciting news about Pizazz 4, including some top secret information about the new baddy. It was wonderful to see the children arriving in school with copies of the books that have been published during lockdown for Sophy to sign (one little fish brought TWELVE of Sophy's books - possibly our biggest super fan!)



How many of Sophy's books have you read? How many can you find in our school library?



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An interview with our very own Mr Servant

Why is reading so important?

Reading can transport us to another make-believe world, another part of our real world - or another part of our brain by opening up access to new skills and experiences.

Where do you like to read?

In bed, at three o'clock in the morning, when you don't have to get up the next day.

Favourite children's book of all time?

Winter Holiday - Arthur Ransome, a book full of codes and snow

A children's picture book you would recommend for a younger audience?

Harold finds a voice - Courtney Dicmas, where you'll meet the coolest parrot ever!

Winter Holiday by Arthur

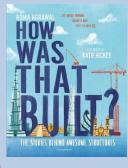
Ransome takes intrepid explorers John, Susan, Titty and Roger Walker, and fearsome Amazon pirates Nancy and Peggy Blackett to the North Pole. Joined by budding novelist Dorethes Callum and her scientist brother Dick, the children plan an 'Arctic' expedition. But unforeseen events separate the travellers and disaster nearly strikes in the exciting climax of their race to the Pole.





Harold finds a voice by Courtney Dicmas Harold is an amazing mimic, and can imitate the sound of everything in his home. Tired of repeating the same old noises, he yearns to find out what other voices there are in the big, wide world. But what happens when he suddenly realises that he doesn't yet have a voice of his own?

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



Roma Agrawal, the award-winning structural engineer who worked on The Shard, presents a book for children exploring famous structures from all over the world and analysing how engineers resist forces such as gravity and tides when building.





Leonard is shocked when he arrives with his mother in the port of Southampton. His father is a stranger to him, it's cold and even the Jamaican food doesn't taste the same as it did back home in Maroon Town. But his parents have brought him here

to try to make a better life, so Leonard does his best not to complain, to make new friends, to do well at school - even when people hurt him with their words and with their fists. How can a boy so far from home learn to enjoy his new life when so many things count against him?

Charlotte and Ella in Year 6 reviewed Windrush child for us...

Windrush Child gives you an insight into what it was like if you were black in 1950. Not everyone welcomed new arrivals. Some were treated like slaves (unpaid ones) but Leonard and his gamily still carried on and persevered.

Leonard and his mum leave everything and everyone they know and love behind in Jamaica. They try to find a better life in England with Leonard's father.

How can Leonard carry on if people hurt him with their words and their fists? This is an amazing on a rollercoaster of ups and downs. We would both recommend this book for children who are 8 and over.



Did you know Benjamin Zephaniah is also a poet?



Natural Anthem God save our gracious green, Long live our glorious some, God save our green Dis ting is serious Do it for all of us God save our asparagus, God Save Our Green

You can read more about Benjamin Zephaniah on his website here:

https://benjaminzephaniah.com/





Wishes by Muon Thi Văn It's evening time, and a little girl watches her family packing and preparing to leave their village forever for a new life in another country.

Boarding a tiny wooden rowing boat with what seems like too many other people, the girl, her mother and her brothers and sisters set off on their perilous journey, through harsh storms and boiling hot sun, hoping that they will live to see their destination.

A book to inspire conversations about refugees, seeking asylum and immigration with children.

You Can! By Alexandra Strick and Steve Antony

You can dress up, paint your face, dance and be silly.

You can be part of a crowd or lead the way. You can forgive others and yourself, and you can make mistakes and learn from them too. There are so many amazing things that you can do and whatever you choose, you can be kind, be brilliant, and be YOU.



Genie and Teeny by Steve Lenton

When Grant the Genie is cast out of Genie World, he lands on Earth with a big, fat bump! Without a lamp to call home, he has to

settle for an old cracked teapot instead.

Grant is very lonely until he meets the puppy, Teeny. Then Genie and Teeny are kidnapped by the evil purple-loving Lavinia Lavender, and find themselves on-course for a rollercoaster of an adventure - when all they really want is a place to call home ...

Story Books for Key Stage 2:



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Recommendations for half term...

The Primrose Railway Children by Jaqueline Wilson

Phoebe Robinson loves making up stories - just like her wonderful, imaginative dad.

When he mysteriously disappears, Phoebe, Perry, Becks and their mum must leave everything behind and move to a small cottage in the middle of nowhere.

Struggling to feel at home and missing her dad terribly, Phoebe's only distraction is her guinea pig, Daisy Until the family discover the thrilling steam trains at the railway station and, suddenly, every day is filled with adventure.

But Phoebe still can't help wondering: what is Mum hiding,

and, more worryingly, is Dad okay?

The Lion Above the Door by Onjali Rauf

Leo and his best friend Sangeeta are the odd ones out in their school. But as

LION DOOK Leo's dad is always telling him, it's

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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.



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!

