

# Reading Newsletter



What an exciting term! It was fantastic to welcome an author into school this half term and we were blown away by your support for both this event and the Book Fair also held. This term's newsletter has plenty of reading recommendations for all ages to get cosy with indoors and enjoy. A huge well done to all children who have filled up their Reading for Pleasure pages of the HSO for this term. There's still time to update these pages before the term ends if you haven't already done so 😊.

Well done to this term's raffle winners:

Reception: Cami, Seren and Teddy

Year 1: Bradley, Eugene and Lara

Year 2: Ellie, Amaaris and Harrison

Year 3: Danny, Fraser and Jessica W

Year 4: Kai, Ben Q and Sam

Year 5: Ella, Hannah S and Isla

Year 6: Ragad, Elizabeth, Orla and Jenson

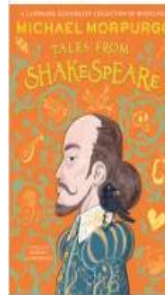


Each winner has received a **£5 book token** to spend in Waterstones. Huge congratulations also to the **337 children** across the school who, as part of our celebratory reading assembly, received a certificate in recognition of reading consistently on at least 5 occasions each week.

Can we make this total even higher in 2024? Don't forget, the more raffle tickets you earn, the more chances you have of winning! Start sharing the great books that you've read to inspire more readers among us.



## Tales from Shakespeare by Michael Morpurgo



A landmark new title from Michael Morpurgo featuring 10 of Shakespeare's plays as short stories – each opening with a prologue – and with a different contemporary illustrator paired with each tale. The perfect primer to the works of Shakespeare.

## The Big Dreaming by Michael Rosen

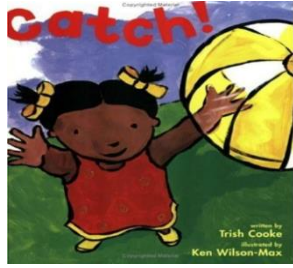


This wonderful new book from Michael Rosen tells the story of a big bear and a little bear preparing for their winter sleep. Little Bear gathers dreams of happiness, home and hope from the forest's inhabitants to help see them through winter. A seasonal must read!

Have you seen the exciting Christmas tree at St Pancras International in London? Standing at 12m tall, the tree features a window staircase, wrapping around 270 shelves with an impressive array of more than 3,800 books, each hand-painted and inscribed with titles of Christmas classics



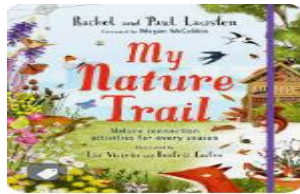
The design is inspired by the magical ability of both books and train travel to transport people to exciting new places. There are even little cubby holes where you can sit and listen to excerpts of some truly wonderful classic literature.



**Catch! by Trish Cooke**

A brilliant picture book! In this delightful story, we follow Kiona on a sunny afternoon as she embarks on an adventure with her mum to catch various objects. From a ball that is too big to a tiny berry she can't see, Kiona's quest seems to have no joy. But her loving mother knows the perfect thing that Kiona can catch – a kiss! A book full of repetition and rich in its use of sounds and sensations for children to identify and enjoy alongside eye catching illustrations too.

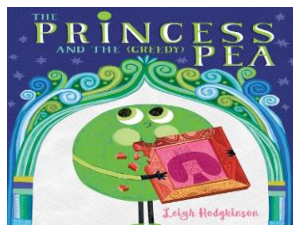
**A must read for younger children.**



**My Nature Trail by Rachel and Paul Lawston**

This book is an excellent way of introducing young children to nature. It combines information and activity suggestions for each season and incorporates pages where children can write down notes on what they have seen and done. The book is wonderful for encouraging children to get outside and experience nature.

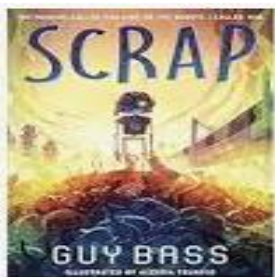
**A must read for KS1 children.**



**The Princess and the Greedy Pea by Leigh Hodgkinson**

Everyone loves a classic fairytale, but a mash up can be simply brilliant! This twisted fairytale is a hilarious mash up of The Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly and The Princess and the Pea. It follows the same cumulative narrative of the former as the pea guzzles cake, cheese and even the table; and plays with the central conceit of the latter – of course a princess would feel a GIANT pea under her mattress!

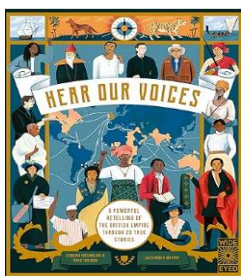
**Great fun and a must read in KS1 and LKS2.**



**SCRAP by Guy Bass**

Wow! What an amazing book. It's exciting, thrilling, action packed and whizzes along at break-neck speed! The front cover and description appealed to me as it reminded me of the film WALL-E – a favourite. It is very cleverly written with each paragraph starting with snippets of a character's memoir and adverts. This book is an emotional rollercoaster. My favourite character is not actually the main character, but a robot called Gunner. He makes you laugh out loud!

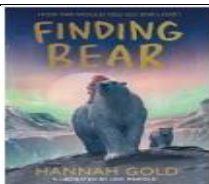
**A must read for KS2 children.**



**Hear Our Voices: A Powerful Retelling of the British Empire by Radhika Natarajan, Chao Tayiana and Alexander Mostov**

This wonderful book portrays twenty real-life stories from historical figures who had notable encounters with the British Empire in first-person, illustrated format. It opens with an extended introductory section providing well-communicated context, and is wide ranging in both history and geography.

**A great read for UKS2.**



**Finding Bear by Hannah Gold**

This is my Christmas read – I have been waiting for this since devouring 'The Last Bear'. The reviews suggest that this sequel is even better. I can't wait!

**A great choice for KS2 (once you have read The Last Bear).**



**The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow**

This really is 'the book of the moment'. A powerful verse novel that creates an emotional but fantastic story that you won't be able to put down. This gripping story deals with the transition to secondary school and the challenges of a tough home life.

**A must UKS2 read.**

## Have you seen our wonderful poet-tree?

