

Reading Newsletter

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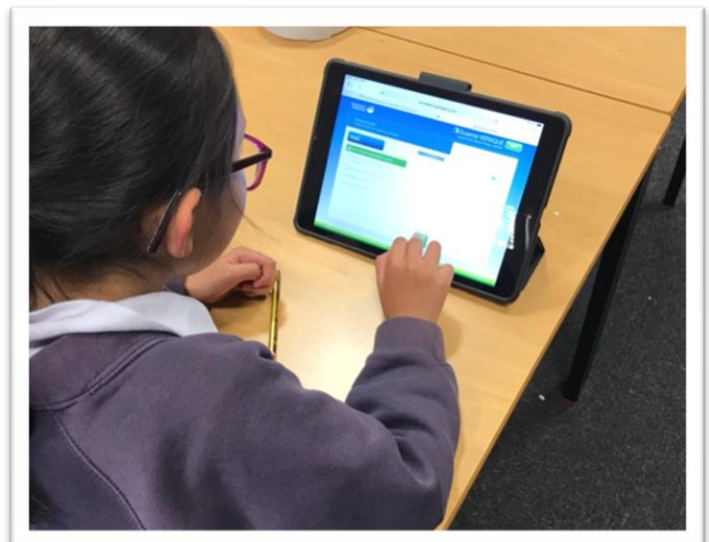
Welcome back to Corpus Christi's Reading Newsletter. Can you believe how quickly this academic year is speeding by? This issue is exciting as we are starting to think about

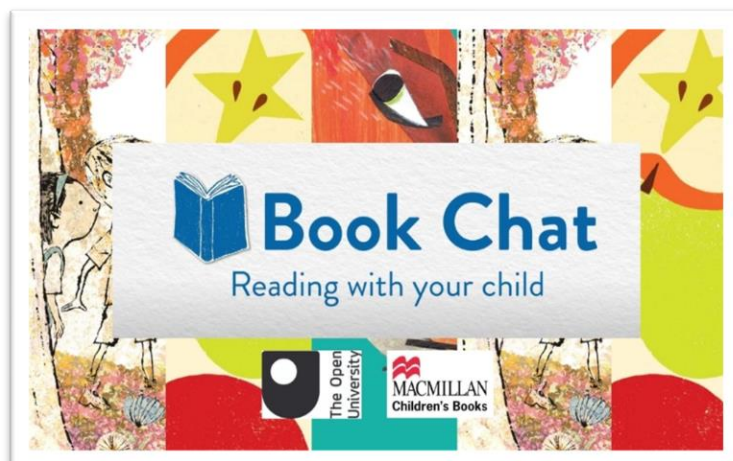
Christmas!

Since the beginning of the school year, the children have been participating in many reading activities and enjoying books in school.

Happy reading!

Miss Oxley





Developing a Love of Reading



I wonder what's going to happen?

Oh no, I hope she's not going to...

I wonder why he did that?

I think he's feeling...

We love sausages too, don't we!

That reminds me of when...

Ahh, that word means...

What can we see there?

That looks like our park, but...

Book Chat encourages readers. Open questions, comments and prompts get the Book Chat going. Invite your child to make connections and share views. Join in with your thoughts too!

Book Corners

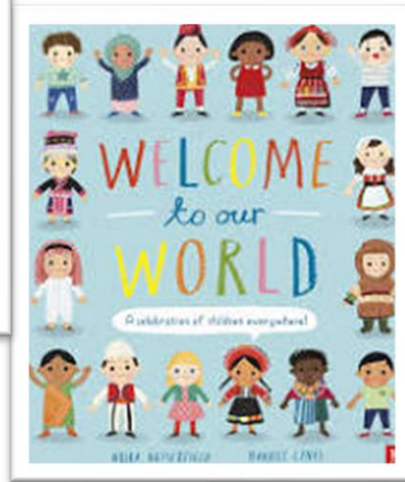
The children have been using their class book corners to read fiction and non-fiction books. Class teachers and children have recommended books to each other read. They have also completed book reviews so other children can find books that interest them.



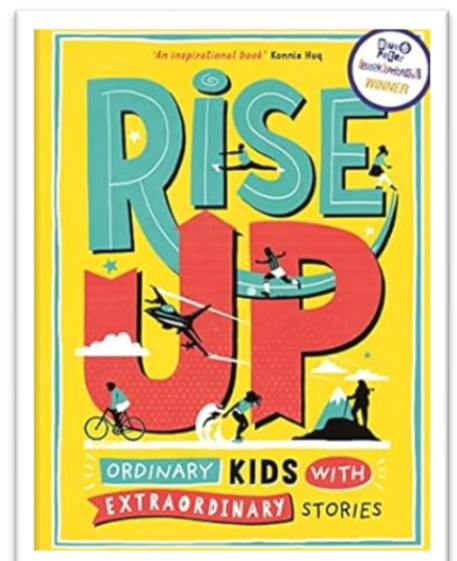
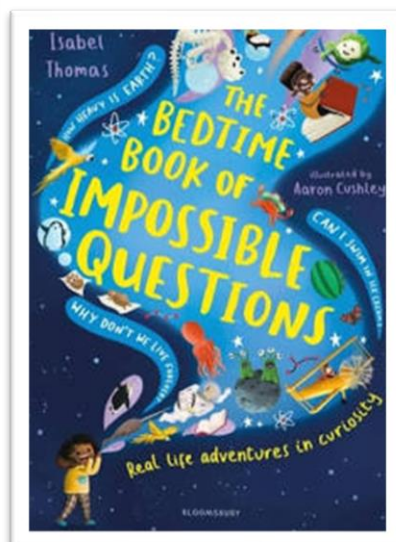
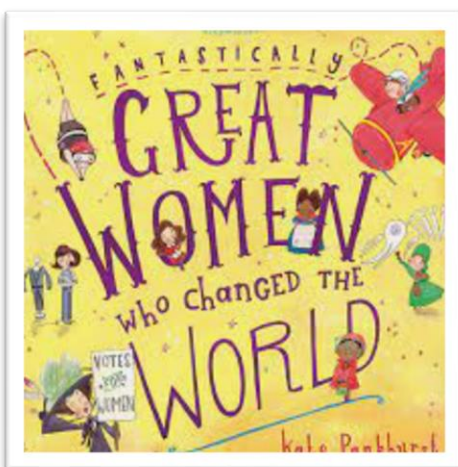
Reading Across Curriculum

This helps children improve their reading fluency and comprehension, while improving their knowledge in different subject areas. Reading in all subjects reinforces vocabulary so they develop a clearer understanding of language.





More than half the children across the UK said they read non-fiction books. Non-fiction books are just as valuable as fiction as they play a vital role in teaching children about the world as well as fostering the love of reading. Non-fiction has the power to spark curiosity and in turn conversation. Take a look at some of the non-fiction books I recommend.





Book Club

The children have been recommending texts to each other in Book Club. They sometimes read an extract of the book or share what the book is about and the main characters.

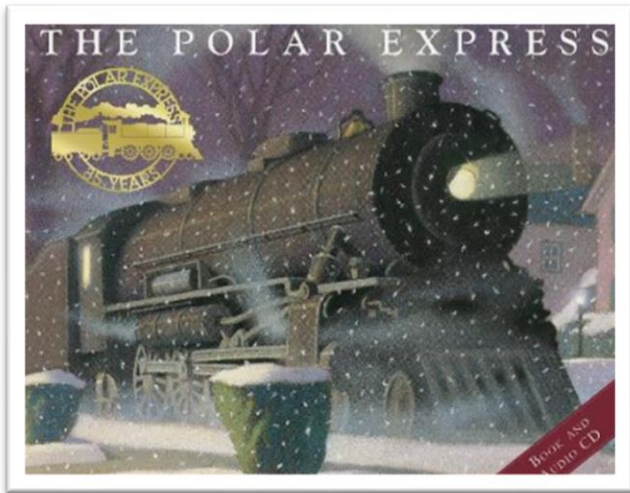




The children in Reception and Reception/Year 1 have explored many activities linked to stories.



This term, the Reception children have been focusing on reading Dear Zoo, Owl Babies, The New Children, Mr Big and I want My Mum. They love to re-read these stories and re-tell them in lots of different ways using props, role play and puppets.



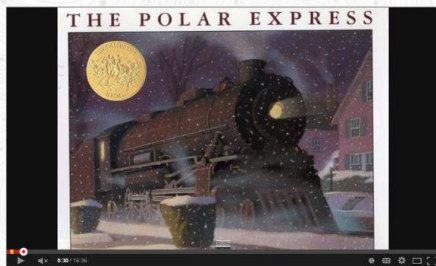
Year 1 and 2 have loved learning about the Polar Express.

A young boy, lying awake one Christmas Eve, is welcomed aboard a magical train to the North Pole... Through dark forests, over tall mountains, and across a barren desert of ice, the Polar Express makes its way to the huge city standing alone at the top of the world, where the boy will make his Christmas wish.



Christmas Book Shopping

Christmas recommended reads. Please find more ideas at <https://www.thereaderteaches.com>



The Polar Express (Ages 5+)

Late on Christmas Eve, after the town has gone to sleep, a boy boards a mysterious train that waits for him: the Polar Express bound for the North Pole. When he arrives there, Santa offers him any gift he desires. The boy modestly asks for one bell from the reindeer's harness. It turns out to be a very special gift, for only believers in Santa can hear it ring.



How Winston Delivered Christmas (Age 5+)

Winston the mouse is on a Very Important Mission. On Christmas Eve, he finds a letter to Father Christmas that did not make it to the post box – so, with no time to lose, he sets out to deliver it himself in time for Christmas Day! He has a lot of Very Exciting Adventures on his Very Important Mission and makes some wonderful friends along the way.

Written in twenty-four-and-a-half chapters, one to enjoy each day in the lead up to Christmas, each chapter includes its very own festive activity for all the family to enjoy together – including writing a letter to Father Christmas, making mince pies, designing your very own Christmas cards, making presents, creating decorations, and so much more!



A Boy Called Christmas (Age 7+)

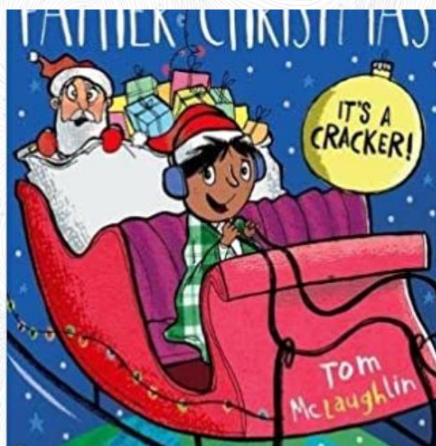
You are about to read the TRUE STORY of FATHER CHRISTMAS.

If you are one of those people who believe that some things are impossible, you should put this book down right away.

(Because this book is FULL of impossible things.)

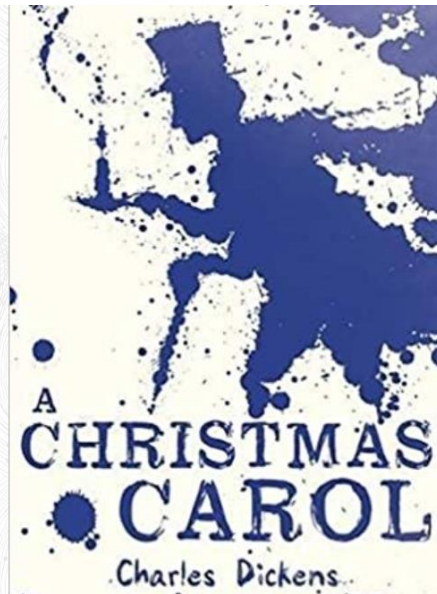
Are you still reading?

Good.



The Accidental Christmas (Age 7+)

Ben has one important thing on his Christmas list, and it's the same thing every year. He wants his dad to be at home for Christmas. But his wish never comes true. And Ben's starting to get a bit sceptical about Father Christmas's existence, he needs proof. So, on Christmas Eve, he sets up an elaborate booby trap to capture the jolly bearded fella as he comes sliding down the chimney.



A Christmas Carol (Age 9+)

He treats family, coworkers, and strangers alike with distaste.

But on Christmas Eve he receives a visit from the ghost of his dead business partner, Jacob Marley. Marley warns Scrooge that unless he learns to be less greedy and self-serving that Scrooge will be condemned to wander Earth weighed down with heavy chains, as Marley has been.

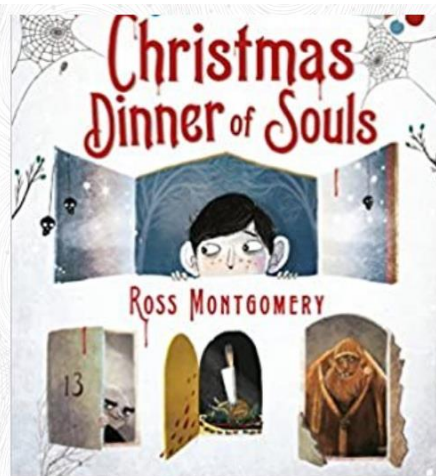
Marley tells Scrooge that three spirits will visit him.

First, the Ghost of Christmas Past visits and shows Scrooge his own Christmases past, including the Christmas when his fiancé left him for being obsessed with money.

Second, the Ghost of Christmas Present shows Scrooge all the happiness occurring at the various Christmas festivities around the city.

Finally, The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come shows Scrooge what will happen after his own death, and Scrooge is horrified to find that everyone will celebrate it.

Distraught, Scrooge begs for another chance, and suddenly wakes in his own bed. Forever after he honours the spirit of Christmas with kindness, generosity and warmth.



Christmas Dinner of Souls (Age 9+)

It's a dark and lonely Christmas Eve in the dining room of ancient Soul's College. The kitchen boy, 11-year-old Lewis, has helped prepare a highly unusual meal, made with unrecognisable ingredients, cooked by a mysterious chef. And then the guests arrive ... and carnage ensues. They are ex-students of Soul's College, and they are all completely demented. They demand bottle after bottle of wine, flinging their cutlery and howling like banshees until ... silence. The Dean of Soul's College has arrived, and the evening's ceremonies must begin. For this is the annual meeting of a secret club for those who despise children, warmth, happiness, and above all Christmas. Each member must try to outdo the others by telling the most terrible, disgusting story they know.



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