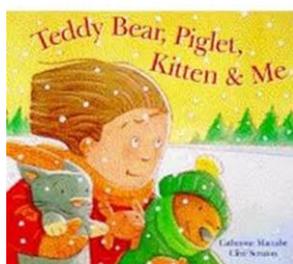


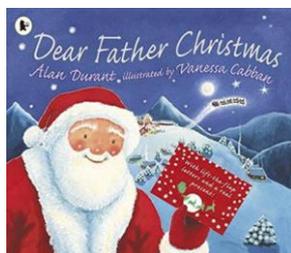
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RECOMMENDED
READS FOR DECEMBER 2020!

Welcome to our first Reading Newsletter here at Holy Family School. Each term we will bring you all things READING! The newsletters will include book recommendations from staff members and fellow pupils, information on upcoming events, top tips for pupils who are looking to improve their reading skills. There might even be competitions too!



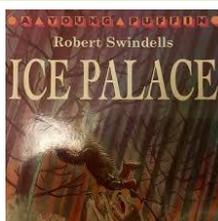
Mrs Morrisons' recommendation for EYFS is *Teddy Bear, Piglet, Kitten and Me* by Katherine McCabe.

I have chosen this story as it has beautiful illustrations and is written in rhyme. It inspires awe and wonder about the Christmas Story and reminds us that God can see us and loves us no matter how small we are.



Mrs Steele recommends *Dear Father Christmas* by Alan Durant for younger readers too.

The illustrations in this text are brilliant and they even provide excitement through letters to and from Father Christmas himself! We use this book as a stimulus to support the children to write letters to Father Christmas. I am currently reading it at home with my daughter and she absolutely loves it! It brings the excitement of Christmas through a story whilst teaching the children about letters too!

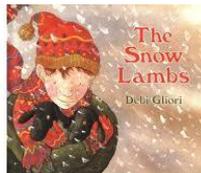


Miss Yallanki recommends the *Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells. The story is centred around Ivan who lives in a land where the winter is dark and fearful. Starjik, King of Winter, steals Ivan's little brother and Ivan braves the bitter cold to find him. Ice Palace is a fantastic, action packed story which will leave you on the edge of your seats. This book is full of exciting vocabulary and amazing description.



Miss Knight recommends the nursery children really loved listening to and joining in with *Stickman* by Julia Donaldson.

It is a rhyming story with lots of strong vocabulary for younger children to learn alongside rhyming words. The children guessed what happens next in the story and when Stickman snuck into our nursery, because he was lost, they really enjoyed creating stickman's family, home and bed using different media.



Mr Heron recommends *Snow Lambs* by Debi Gliori

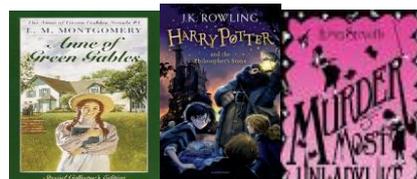
A heart-warming tale of a brave and loyal sheepdog with a nice surprise ending!



Mrs Westray recommends the classic of Charles Dickens's tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, who is haunted by three spirits and learns the true meaning of Christmas has had, along with Dickens's other Christmas writings, a lasting and significant influence upon our ideas about the season as a time for celebration, charity and memory. Year Three have just devoured this book and absolutely loved it!

Year Five are also reading this book, here's what Mr Barlow says about it

It is a great Victorian traditional story about the importance of Christmas. Caring, sharing and celebrating what we have and what we can give to other people.



Year Six Book Recommendations

Harry Potter by J. K. Rowling recommended by Courtney
Murder is Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens recommended by Amelia
Ann of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery recommended by Julia K

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS



- ☞ Set a routine. ...
- ☞ Read at home. ...
- ☞ Make a special **reading** spot. ...
- ☞ Be a great **reading** partner! ...
- ☞ Take books everywhere. ...