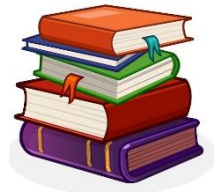




St. Augustine's Gazette

Reading Newsletter #1



Welcome to the very first edition of our reading newsletter, The St. Augustine's Gazette. This newsletter is designed for both parents and children and we hope you enjoy sharing it. Our aim is to keep you up to date with what is happening regarding reading at our school. You will find lots of information here about what we are doing to promote reading for pleasure, as well as a round-up of favourite books and new releases. Whether your child has not been able to put down a book recently, or if your bookworm-to-be has yet to discover the book for them, enjoy this newsletter.

Happy reading! Mr Kentfield-Wells

Meet the team!

As part of our Word Book Day 2024 celebrations, we used our British Values to democratically vote for our brand-new reading ambassadors. These ambassadors will help formulate our newsletters and will be busy helping to develop reading in school and promote a love of reading wherever they go! They are keen. They are ready. They are amazing readers. I know they will do a fantastic job! Here they are inspecting and enjoying our recent book fair.



Reading helps you learn.
Sophia, Y3.

Reading is as addictive as Netflix. You can read an entire series before you know it!
Chizara, Y6

Reading can expand your imagination.
Max, Y5.

Reading helps you learn more words.
Arthur, Y2. Jacob, Y3



Book Reviews

Have you read a good book lately? Which book would you recommend to your classmates? Could you write a review for the next edition of The St. Augustine's Gazette? If so, send your book review, along with your name and the title of the book, to your teacher on Class Dojo. Thank you!

Names for people who read a lot:

English: Bookworm.

Indonesian: Book flea.

Romanian: Library mouse.

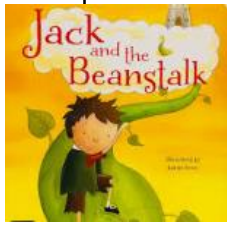
German: Read-rat

French: Ink drinker.

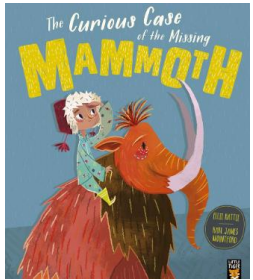
Danish: Reading horse.

What we have been reading this half term.

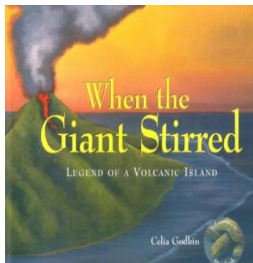
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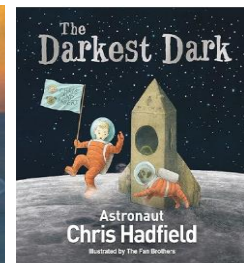
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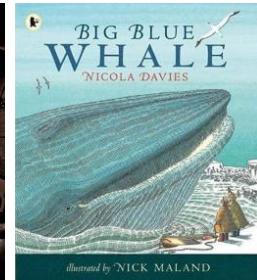
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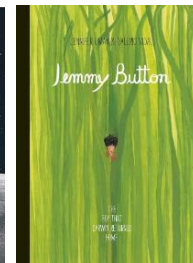
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We were so lucky when the illustrator, Sam Green, came to visit!



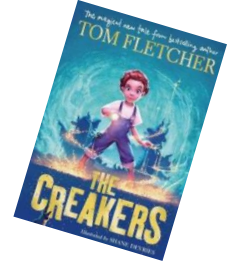
As part of our World Book Day celebrations, Sam Green came and spent the day with us. Not only did she share the book she has illustrated, Sam also gave some KS2 groups an illustration masterclass AND led other groups in some drama sessions too! All the children loved her visit and they are so proud of the artwork they produced and the creative drama work they devised.

Talk about reading and enjoying books for pleasure!

Thank you, Sam. You are always welcome at St. Augustine's!

Mr Kentfield-Wells Recommends...

My first recommendation is aimed at readers aged 7+



The Creakers by Tom Fletcher is a fun-filled adventure story with plenty of humour, charm, heart and of course, mild-peril!

Join Lucy Dungston as she and her friends wake one morning to find all the adults have disappeared. While most of the children in the town think it is party time, Lucy gets to work investigating what has happened, spurred on by her own mystery: her father who disappeared a few months earlier. Her investigation begins under her bed after hearing some strange and mysterious noises.

She soon comes across the monstrous Creakers. Don't worry though, they're pretty much buffoons and Lucy has some clever plans and tricks!

This is a lovely and funny book and it's even better if you do voices for the Creakers!

Poetry Corner

Spring Song



Author Unknown

Frogs croak
Rains soak
Chicks peep
Crickets leap
Bees hum
Robins come
Birds sing
It's spring!



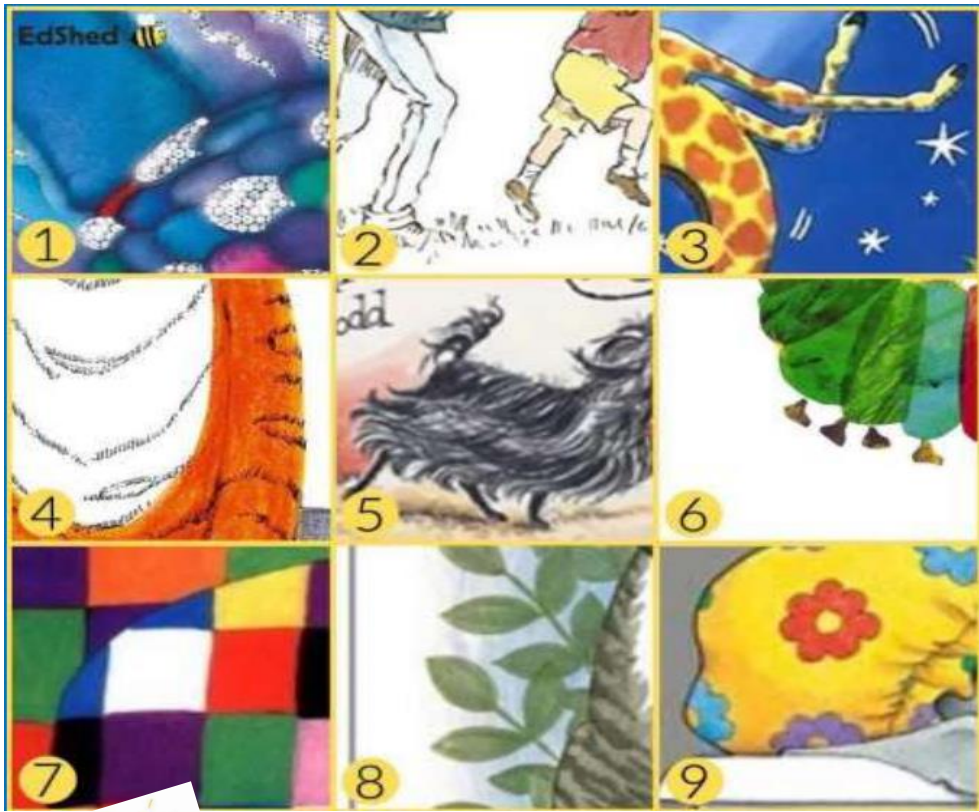
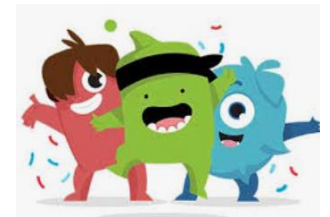
Have fun reciting this rhyme.

Picture Quiz

Do you recognise these famous book covers?

Write your answers down and bring them to Mr Kentfield-Wells for extra Dojo points!

Answers to be published in the next issue.



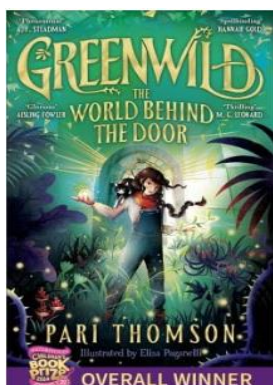
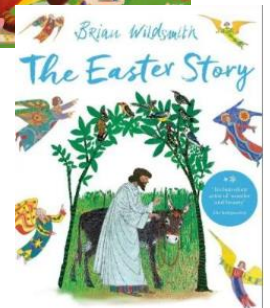
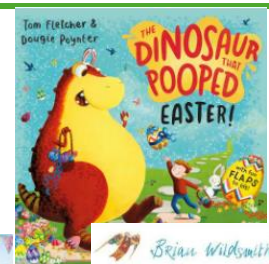
Why is it so important for my child to read every day?



Reading for pleasure makes a huge difference to a child's educational performance. Evidence suggests that children who read regularly not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background. Please help your child to practise their reading at home little and often. Just 10 minutes every day makes such a big difference!

Some Easter bestsellers to keep in mind!

The Dinosaur That Pooped Easter by Dougie Poynter and Tom Fletcher, We're Going on an Egg Hunt by Martha Mumford and The Easter Story by Brian Wildsmith. All bestsellers and have positive reviews on Waterstones, Amazon and other searchable websites.



Keep an eye out for this exciting new book. GREENWILD: The World Behind the Door by Pari Thomson has just won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2024.



Don't forget to use your World Book Day 2024 voucher. There are only a few days left! Expiry = 31st March 2024.