English at St. Margaret's C.E. Primary School- January Updates







Reading at St. Margaret 's C.E. Primary School

During this challenging time, it is important that your child keeps reading at home. Although reading a paper copy of a book is the best way to learn to read, we have to look for alternatives as it just isn't possible to send reading books home at the moment. Encouraging your child to continue to follow the reading schemes available in school using the e-Books is currently the best way to do this.

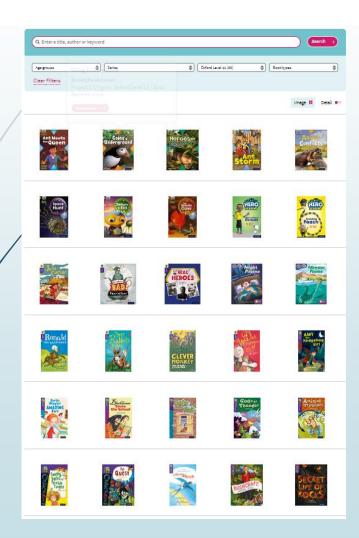
EYFS and KS1 currently have access to Pearson's Bug Club. If you are unsure about how to access this or about the level that your child should be reading, please contact their class teacher.



Oxford Owl eBook Library

KS2- We have now purchased a subscription for the Oxford Owl eBook Library. Please read the next slide for more information. There will also be an e -mail to follow.

Oxford Owl eBook Library



I would like to welcome you to our new Oxford Owl eBook Library. During this lockdown, we think it is important that the children at St. Margaret's continue to follow the reading scheme that we use in school. As we are unable to send reading books home, we have subscribed to the Oxford Owl eBook library. This library contains the books that would have been available in school for your child.

Your child's class teacher will be sending you information about your child's class login and password so that you can access these books at home.

This month's updates!!!

Virtual School Library



The virtual school library has relaunched itself this month in association with the Oak National Academy. The library has a new author each week. They make one of their books accessible online for your child to read.

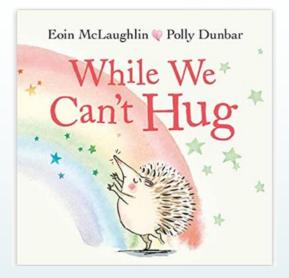
https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/jacquelinewilson-our-first-author-week-our-relaunchedvirtual-school-library-oak-national-academy/

National Storytelling Week.

- Next week, to celebrate National Storytelling Week, the National Literacy Trust is joining forces with Premier League Primary Stars and Girls FC author Helena Pielichaty to bring children a series of football-themed activities, exclusive video content, a free ebook and a Facebook Live event!
- From Monday 1 February, you will find all the activities and information on wordsforlife.org.uk/premierleague
- For more information follow the link:
- <u>https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/we-team-premier-league-and-helena-pielichaty-exciting-football-takeover-words-life/</u>



Useful resources for Early Years



New books such as While We Can't Hug by Eoin McLaughlin and Polly Dunbar, published by Faber and Faber, can help children understand the changes that have been happening all around them recently. Listen to Eoin introduce the book and read the story.

<u>https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/back-nursery-and-reception-wellbeing-resources/</u>

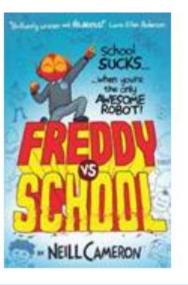
Books of the Month-AGE 4-6



Fergal is perfectly happy with his Mum and Dad - but then Baby Fern turns up. This heart-warming tale explores feelings of anger, jealousy and love and will strike a chord with any child who is adjusting to the arrival of a new sibling

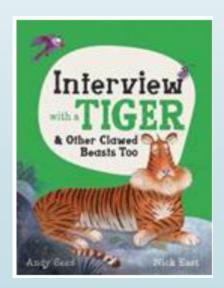
When all the animals on the farm have gone to bed and the moon is shining high in the sky, the vegetables are getting ready to party! It's time for a raucous veggie music festival featuring bands like the Red Hot Chillis, the superstar Pumpkin, and DJ Brussel Sprout - meanwhile the carrots form a conga line and the radishes start rocking out. Not even a thunderstorm can stop their fun!

New releases for children aged 7-8



Packed with quirky, surprising and sometimes disturbing facts, presented in an accessible and entertaining question and answer format, this book is a must for any animal lover or budding conservationist.

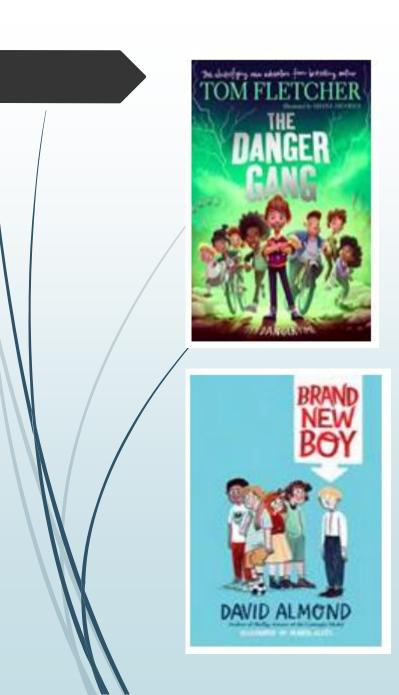
Freddy is proud to be a robot boy - but he keeps getting into trouble at school! This funny, lighthearted chapter book examines what it feels like to be different and explores issues of friendship, jealousy and bullying.



When Pip@256X#YY.3_7, who lives in 3020, arrives in 2019 through an XL toilet seat, Rahul, genius child-inventor, faces a race against time to return Pip to her own world.

Sofia's mother is the most sought-after bonecrafter in Italy - but when she goes missing, Sofia must uncover her secrets and find out what she was running from. A story about family, full of action, history, and beautiful detail

New releases for 9 - 11



Franky's life is turned upside down following a terrific storm one night, with flashes of eerie green lightning and a definite whiff of poo - then everyone around him begins to act a bit weird... time for the Danger Gang to save the day

There's something a bit weird about the new boy in class, George. Maybe it's something to do with the fact his ear just fell off. A funny, profound, and beautifully illustrated story from *Skellig* author David Almond.