



St Teresa's
Catholic Primary School
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Reading Newsletter
Autumn Term 1
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Welcome back after a half term we hope was full of reading! Our reading newsletters will keep you updated with everything that is happening at school regarding reading as well as introduce you to new authors and illustrators and recommend books we think everyone should be reading.

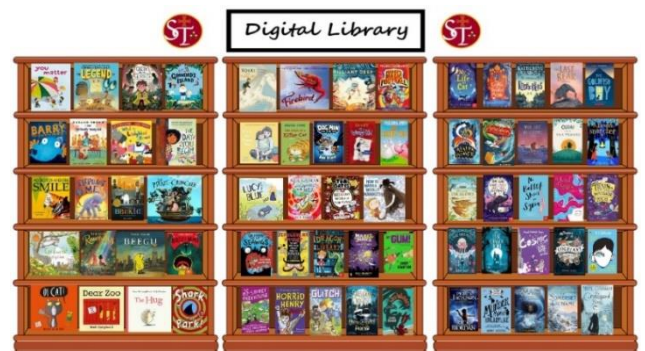
Let us introduce you to the Reading Squad.

The Reading Squad members are Orinayo, Heidi, Lyla, Oscar, Ella, Thea, George, Edith and Jessica and their mission is to make sure everyone knows how amazing reading is! We will write the reading newsletters (with help from Mrs Glenton) to keep everyone up-to-date with new books and authors, keep the books and reading areas tidy for everyone to enjoy and recommend stories to others.

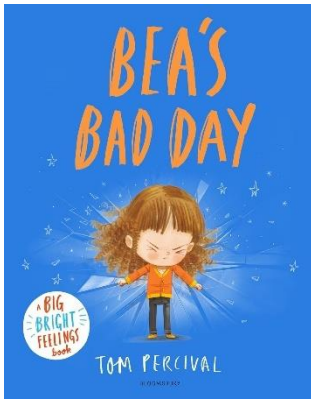
We have managed to secure another year for subscription boxes for all 4 phases so that children can receive a gift box every 2 months that will always contain 2 new books to be added to our library.

We are busy creating a 'Reading Retreat' which you may have noticed on the Key Stage 2 yard. It will be a place filled with books for children to read during playtimes and lunchtimes.

We have digital libraries available through the school website. There are lots of books to choose from (as well as spooky and Christmas themed books). Simply click on the cover and part of or the whole book will be read by the author themselves.



New book Recommendations



Bea's Bad Day is about a girl called Bea. She is going to have a big party but it doesn't go how it expected. I love this book and so do my family because it teaches you that no matter what happens or how it turns out, as long as you have fun with your family that's all that matters. I think that this book is for younger children because it shows you how to have fun and not to feel sad because something doesn't go your way. I think this is four stars because it is a brilliant book and teaches resilience.

Edith Class 9 (Reading Squad member)



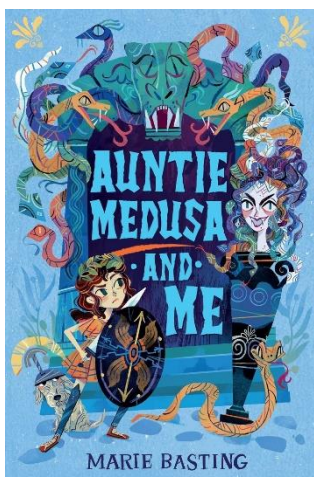
This story is about a girl called Eva, who had a skin condition called psoriasis, she is amazing at football and also loves it, but because of skin, she feels that everyone is looking at her. This book will help people overcome their fears and find the courage to increase their confidence to continue doing what they love. I would recommend this book because it reminds us that we are all equal and deserve respect.

Orinayo Class 10 (Reading Squad member)



If you read it, you will be captured inside and you won't be able to get out because it's so captivating. This is about a little girl called Silvia. She was sitting on a bench when she realised there was a ghost. This how she met Auntie Medusa. The craziest thing was that she couldn't talk because she was a ghost!

Ella Class 9 (Reading Squad member)



Reading Events



October 3rd 2024 was National Poetry Day and the theme was Counting. Classes read different poems based on this theme and even wrote some of their own poems.

On November 25th, St Teresa's will have a special visitor. Author Jane Clack will be joining us for the day.

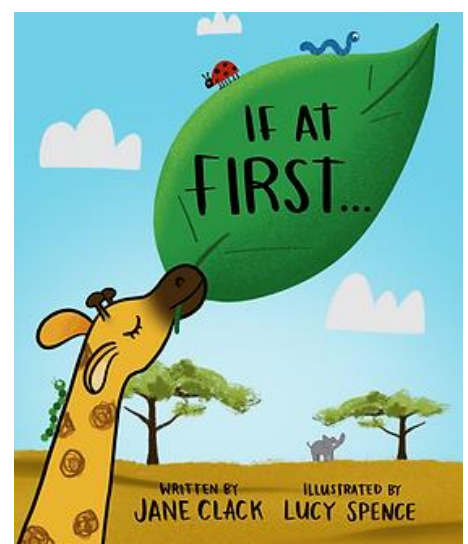
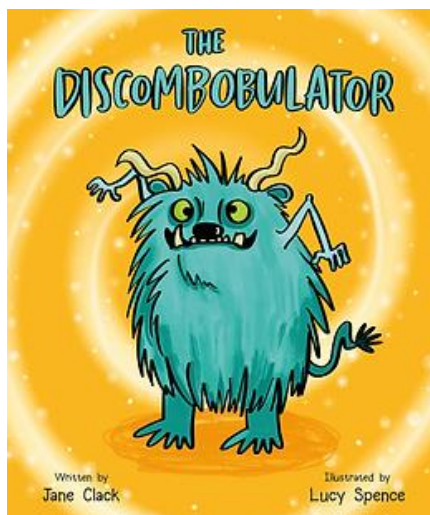
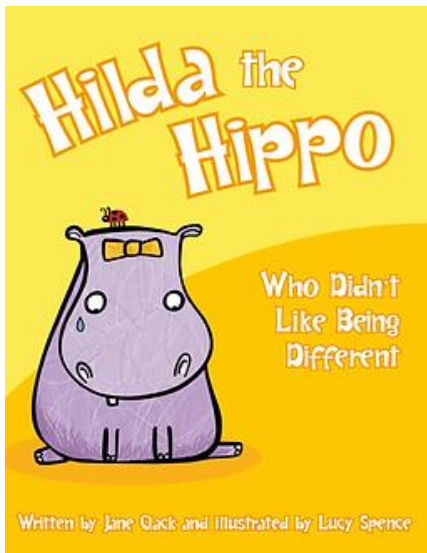
About Jane Clack

I've always loved children's books and, growing up, I was constantly surrounded by them. Even as an adult, I was lucky enough to enjoy all the latest releases from some of my favourite authors and share them with my pupils.

It's always been my ambition to write myself but life always seemed to get in the way. I'm so excited to finally fulfil my aspirations and see what I have committed on paper become the finished article.

I hope that my books will bring as much joy, magic and inspiration to this generation of children as the works of authors from my childhood did for me.

Not only are my books fun to read and charmingly illustrated, but the educational sections also make them invaluable as teaching resources for teachers and parents.



New book Recommendations



This is a book about a group of children that want to find dinosaurs. This is perfect for children that like dinosaurs and it has great illustrations that children will love.

I think this book is great for children aged 4-7

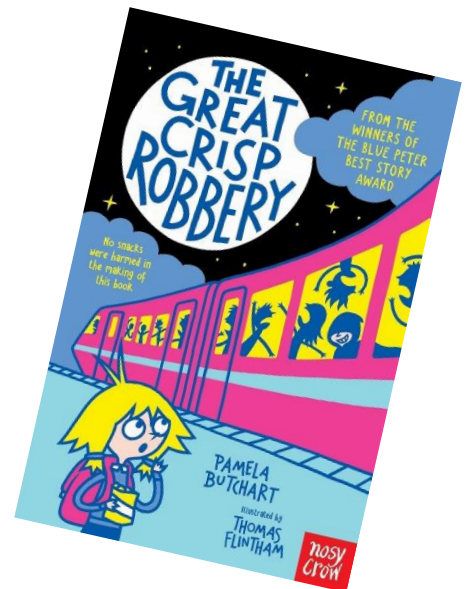
George Class 9 (Reading Squad member)



This book is called *The Great Crisp Robbery* by Pamela Butchart and is book 14 of her series. This book is about the adventures of Izzy, Jodi, Zach, Gary and Maisie. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and I can't wait for the next one in the series!

The target audience is children aged 7-11. This book is intriguing and humorous to read.

Thea Class 9 (Reading Squad member)



Personally, I think this book is for 9 to 11-year olds. My reason for this is some vocabulary might be difficult for younger readers to understand and has various cultural references such as some names like 'maharaja' meaning a monarch or king. It is definitely good to read and hard to put down. As well as this, if you look at the back of the book, it says 'a sumptuous read by a master storyteller.' Referring to that fact that Jasbinder Bilan - the author of the book - is a very talented writer.

Heidi Class 10 (Reading Squad member)

