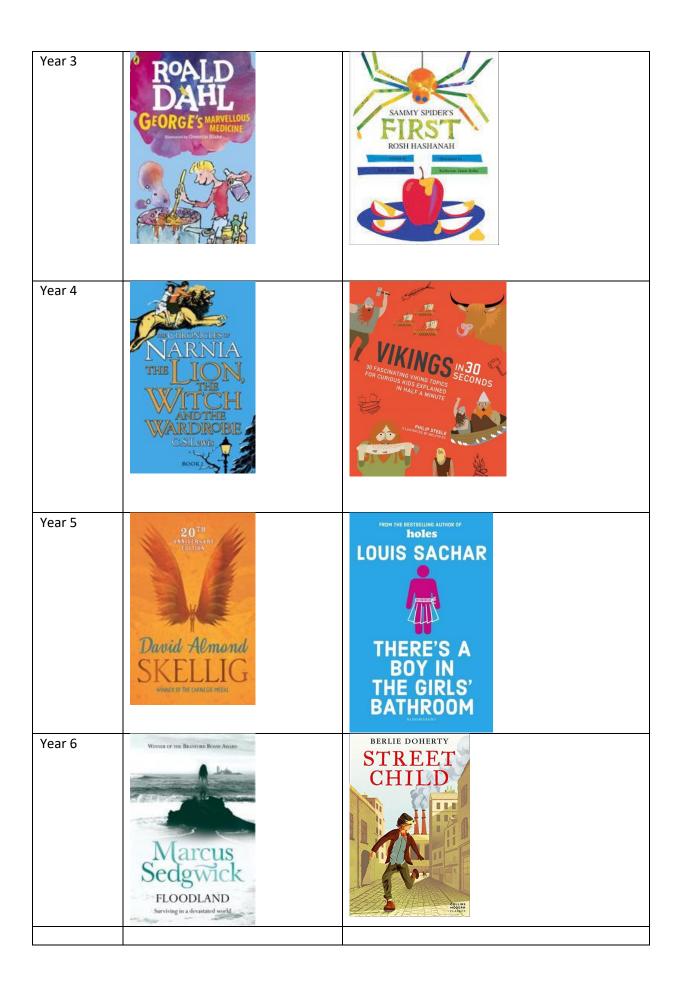
What we have read this Half Term

Year Group	Whole Class Reading	End of Day Read
Nursery	THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR by Eric Carle	Teeny Weeny Tad Pole Sheridan Cain Jack Tickle
Reception	The Tiny Seed	WE'RE COING ON A LION HUNT David Axtell
Year 1		Usborne Lift the Flap Looking after Our Planet
Year 2		TEN SEEDS RUTH BROWN



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on Friday 4th March 2022! Children enjoyed a range of activities in the afternoon as well as wearing their best book character costumes! Pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 had the fantastic opportunity to meet with newly published author Charlotte Eaton Kimber. She spoke to the children about how the book "There's a King in the Kitchen" was published, her wring process and inspiration for writing the book. Children have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of the book for £7. If your child is interested in purchasing a copy, please enclose £7 and your child's name, class and year group in an envelope and give it to Emma in the Primary Reception.

The costume contest winners are:



Nursery – Amelia – Cubs

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COVER HER FACE



Reception – Safaa – Coral

Year 1 - Harley - Squirrel Class



The Magic of Reading

As a thank you for the fantastic reading that has been happening throughout the school this year, children who have achieved 100+ Reads will be attending a free magic show centred around reading on Thursday 31st March! There will be two performances for EYFS/KS1 and KS2. Children have until Monday 28th March to reach this milestone and receive their invitation! A gentle reminder that children should be reading their books which are sent home by class teachers every day at least. You are more than welcome to also record any additional books your child may read at home! The more, the better!

The Magic of Reading

A magical and enjoyable explanation as to the delights of reading a novel and reading books is not just fun but important too. How a book is structured to keep you interested in a story, to keep you wanting to read more. We explain about beginnings, middles and ends, and about how conflict and resolution will keep you hooked. This not only explains how famous authors have put their own tales together, but shows how the children can write a good story themselves.

The marvellous magic routines we perform in the show are all designed around classic children's novels such as James and the Giant Peach, Five Children and It, The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Treasure Island, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, The Borrowers, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz series and more modern tales too. This show is entertaining, informative, and explains about conflict and resolution in children's literature and about the structure of a good story. The magician plays many different characters from the books.



Reading with your child

Sharing a book with your child can be a magical experience. By building story time into your bedtime routine you and your child will be:

- Entering a shared world to explore and learn together
- Letting your child's imagination run free
- Introducing your little one to new words and meanings
- Giving them the chance to ask questions
- Helping them to relax and soothe sleep
- Having fun together!

The Department for <u>Education's Hungry Little Minds</u> campaign, delivered in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, has lots of ideas to make your story time special:

Repeat, repeat, repeat

Reading the same book again and again will help your child to get to know the story. Once they know it well, ask them about what's happening in book and praise them when they respond.

Look at the pictures

The beauty of children's books is that it doesn't matter if you don't read all the words - you can tell a story from the pictures! If your child knows the book well, or even if they don't, let them have a go at becoming the storyteller just from looking at the pictures on the page. It will help them to improve their speaking skills and grow more confident.

Let them choose

Your child will enjoy choosing books for themselves from a bookshelf they can reach or book box at home, or even ebooks on a phone or tablet. This will help you both to discover the kind of stories they enjoy the most.

Listen up

Your child might prefer to listen to audiobooks. Why not listen together for a completely immersive and relaxing experience?

Take a trip to the library

Visit your local library with your child to find loads of new stories and activities together!

Words for Life has lots of activity suggestions to help make the most of reading with your child.

Half Term Reading Bingo

Have a go at completing a full card on our Half Term Reading Bingo! Take some photos completing the tasks on the bingo cards and share them with your teachers when we come back for the final Summer Term!

Book Bingo!

Colour in the books once you have completed each challenge.

