



Preston Primary Reading Matters

Reading Bingo

This half term our school reading for pleasure theme was 'Reading Bingo'. Every class was challenged to read a variety of texts from the bingo sheet. This included: reading a traditional tale, reading a joke book, reading about an event in history, reading a rhyming book, reading a book that has a map inside and reading two books by the same author. This was a great way for children to explore a variety of texts. Well done to all the classes that got a 'full house' and completed the challenge.

I enjoyed reading the joke book. My favourite joke was...

What clothes do you wear in a storm?

Thunderpants

Katie

It was fun reading stories in the Woodland Camp.

James

I enjoyed reading lots of different books with my friends. Oi Frog and Oi Dog are funny books.

Leo

Whole Class Reading Bingo Challenge

Read a book from an unfamiliar author	Read a book in the Woodland Camp	Read a traditional fairytale	Listen to an audio book
Read two books by the same author	Read a non-fiction book	Read a joke book	Read a book set in another country
Read an award winning book	Read a book with a number in the title	Read a graphic novel or comic	Read a story from a religion
Read about an event in history	Read from a book of short stories	Read a rhyming book	Read a book that has a map inside

Can you get a full house? Have fun.



World Book Day 2023

Children across the school enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. Thank you for all your support in making it a special day. There were many fantastic costumes, and it was wonderful to hear children talking about their favourite books. It is important for children to have time to talk about books and share their interests.

Children enjoyed book votes, book blankets and most important of all, time to relax and engage in book talk with friends.

World Book Day is a brilliant way to come together and share the love of reading. Here are some photos to celebrate the day.





Storyteller

Thank you to storyteller, Malou Evans, for visiting school on World Book Day. The children were delighted by Malou's return to school to share new tales and her love of storytelling. The performances were fun, interactive and inspiring. All the children were mesmerised and immersed in the experience. Thank you to Friends of Preston Primary (FOPPS) for funding the event, it was a special way to celebrate World Book Day.





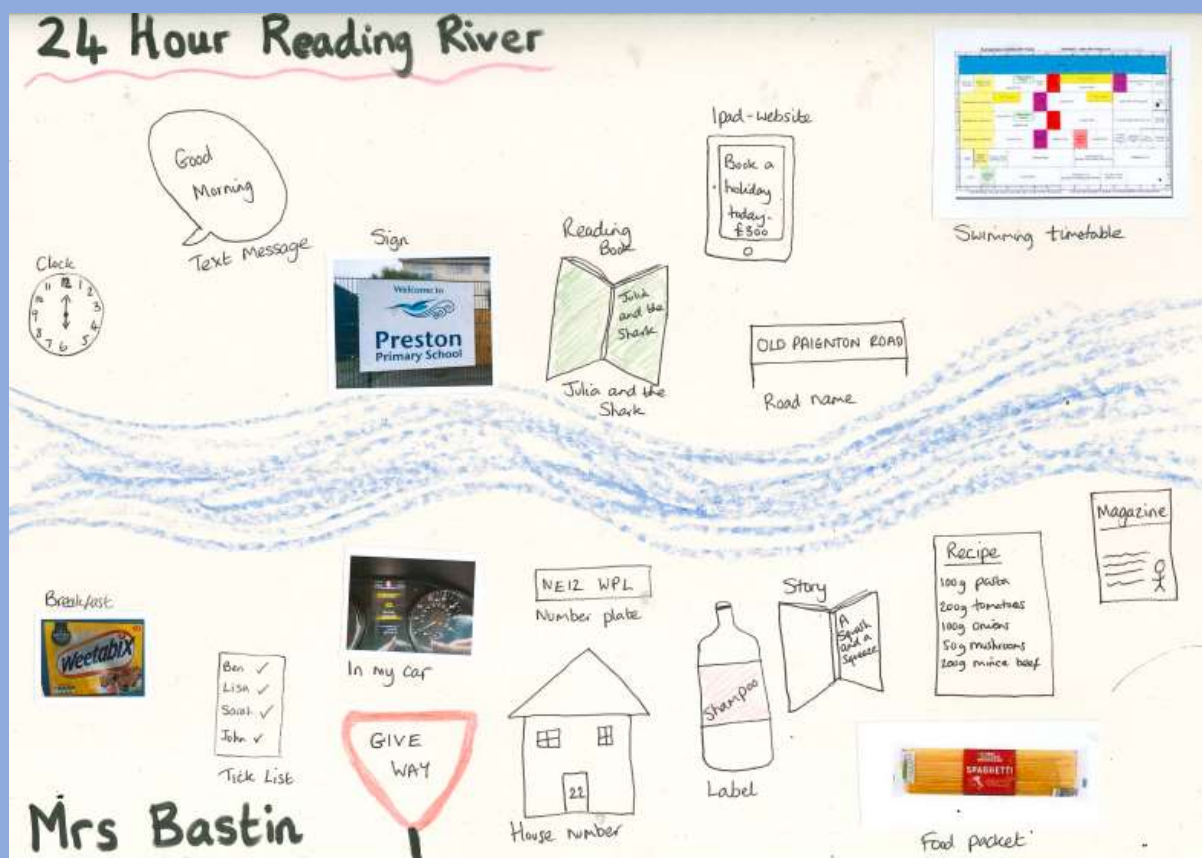
Easter Holiday Challenge

24 hour Reading Rivers - We are all readers!

During the Easter holiday we would like every child in the school to create a '24 hour Reading River'. Being a reader does not only mean reading books. The aim of the '24 hour Reading River' is to help children understand the importance of reading and that reading is all around them - they are reading all of the time.

Reading Rivers show the journey of reading over a set time, in this case, a 24 hour period. We would like children to record everything they read in their environment. We have chosen a 24 hour period as we feel this will not be too onerous over the Easter holidays, so that everyone can get involved.

Essentially, a reading river is a personalised list, in the shape of a river's journey, with all the things you read marked along it. What extra information you add to it is up to you. You can add details to your reading river through writing, drawing, or using pictures and labels. As well as fiction or non-fiction books you might read, you may also include: - Newspapers, magazines, road signs, maps, cereal boxes, menus, Instructions, e-books and much more. It is up to you how you present your reading river but please remember it is not an art project. The focus is the reading content. This is Mrs Bastin's 24 hour reading river.



We will be creating displays with the 24 hour reading rivers in classrooms and in the school corridors. Please give them to your class teacher after Easter. Have fun and we look forward to sharing your reading journey.

There are more 'Reading River' examples at the end of this newsletter.

Virtual Author

This half term Foundation and KS1 were treated to a virtual author visit from Rachel Morrisroe. Rachel shared her book, *The Drama Llama*. The story is about a boy called Alex. Like lots of children, Alex sometimes worries about things – like dancing badly or getting an answer wrong in class. However, unlike lots of children, every time he worries a real-life llama appears! And the more Alex worries, the bigger the llama grows... which starts getting him into all sorts of trouble!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the story, and as part of the visit they had a fun quiz and a llama drawing masterclass with the illustrator.

What a treat to have a real author bringing the story to life. We have purchased copies of the book for children to enjoy in the classroom and school library.



Rock Up and Read

This half term Foundation introduced the first 'Rock Up and Read' sessions.

This was a chance for parents to come into the classroom and enjoying reading for pleasure with their child. The children were delighted to be able to share a book with their grown up as well as showing them the places that they love to read, like in the reading hammocks and our reading 'boats'.

The adults said...

'I have loved being able to come into school to read with my child and be welcomed in by you all.'

'Thank you for allowing this opportunity, it was lovely to come in and read with my child.'

'It is wonderful to be able to share books with my child and see them so happy and confident.'

In the future, we would like to develop the 'Rock Up and Read' sessions across the school. Key Stage 1 will be holding 'Rock Up and Read' sessions on Wednesday 3rd and 17th May. More information will be provided in the KS1 newsletter.



Congratulations



Congratulations to Miley, who has read over 200 books in the Secret Book Quest at Paignton library.

Miley received her second super special golden certificate! We are very impressed with Miley's dedication, she has completed a fantastic challenge and read many wonderful books along the way. If you would like to take part in the Secret Book Quest, visit your local library or click on the link for more details. [The Secret Book Quest 22](https://librariesunlimited.org.uk) (librariesunlimited.org.uk)



Congratulations to Lucas in Puffins who won a competition at Churston library to design a logo for their 50th anniversary.

Lucas had his winning design printed on bookmarks and chocolate coins. It was a family occasion because his brother Oscar received a highly commended certificate, and their grandma also won a prize. Well done to the whole family.

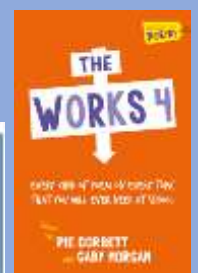
Staff Videos

Staff have recorded themselves reading from some of their favourite books. This includes fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Here are a selection for you to enjoy.

Mrs Stevenson - I am a Penguin - <https://youtu.be/VgzUJP2XZMI>

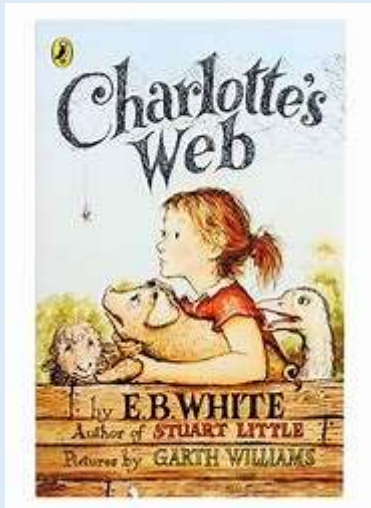
Miss Hazel - Bumble Bear <https://youtu.be/O1uA0PzB9P0>

Mrs Winter - Poems from The Works 4 <https://youtu.be/iXRgNVfdd8A>



Recommended Reads

The teachers would like to share their passion for reading by recommending some great books to read. After you have read one of these book recommendations please come and talk to us about it. We would love to hear your thoughts and if you enjoyed it, we can recommend further reading.



Fiction

Charlotte's Web

By... E.B. White

Aimed at... age 7-9, but adults will also love this book!

Why would I recommend this book?

Charlotte's Web is one of my favourite childhood books. It is a beautiful story about a girl called Fern, Wilbur the pig, and his friendship with a spider named Charlotte. With the help of Templeton the rat, and a wonderfully clever plan of her own, Charlotte works on an idea to save Wilbur's life.

The book reminds the reader what it means to be a good friend and the importance of friendships. One of the many amazing quotes from the book is,

"You have been my friend. That in itself is a tremendous thing."

I haven't read this book since I was in primary school, but I can still recall the story and its characters with fondness. Having revisited my happy memories of this book, Charlotte's Web is now at the top of my reading wish list.

Mrs Shepherd



Fiction

Adventures in Cutie Patootie Land and the Pizza Party.

By... Starrie Sky

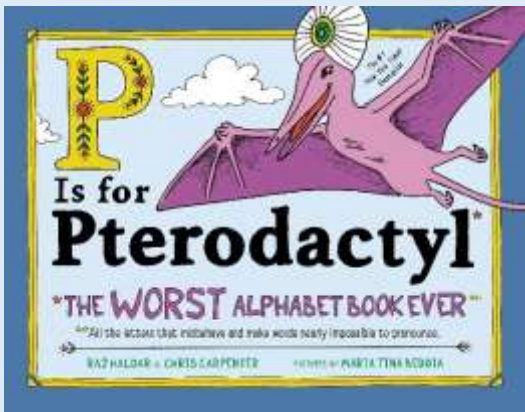
Aimed at... Age 7 and up

Why would I recommend this book?

This story is about three best friends, Heidi, Arika, and Olga that have planned a pizza party. The mean Mr. Zonk tries his best to spoil their fun, but the girls won't be fooled by his tricks. The friends fly around Cutie Patootie Land in their spaceship, saving the day.

The book is part of a series of adventures that the friends have. I love this series of books; I have spent many enjoyable hours reading these with my daughter when she was younger. They are lots of fun.

Mrs Nash



Non Fiction

P Is for Pterodactyl: The Worst Alphabet Book Ever

By Raj Haldar and Chris Carpenter

Aimed at 4 – 8 Year Olds

Why would I recommend this book?

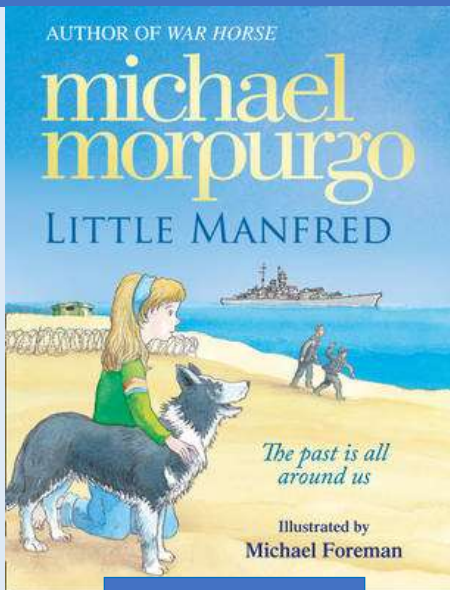
If like me, you enjoy a giggle at how silly our language is, this book is for you!

This is the WORST alphabet book ever, for a reason. Although the alphabet is in the correct order, all is not as it seems... words such as Pterodactyl feature under 'P' instead of 'T' and the letter 'F' is absolute mess.

What I enjoyed most about this book was the entertaining pictures that accompany the letters. Each picture makes sense of what is going on in the silly sentences, with the silly words. A great example comes under the letter 'E', here is a taste: 'Eileen the ewe was so euphoric the wolves were eaten, she even gave the eulogy.'

This book is incredibly enjoyable to read and is a fun way to explore how silly our language is. I hope you enjoy it!

Mr Mealy



Fiction

Little Manfred

By... Michael Morpurgo

Aimed at KS2



Why would I recommend this book?

I would recommend this book because it is about friendships.

Charley and her little brother, Alex, are walking their dog Manfred on the beach when they notice two old men, staring out to sea. A chance encounter brings them together and slowly Charley and Alex learn of their mother's past and the friendships that can be formed in the most difficult of circumstances. I hope you enjoy the book as much as I do.

Mrs Davis

Reading River Examples

