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# Preston Primary

# Reading Matters

## Book Buddies

This half term our school reading for pleasure theme was 'Book Buddies'. Each class took it in turns to visit other classes to share their love of reading. Children were able to talk about their favourite books, find out about new books, read to one another, and make recommendations. 'Book Buddies' is an informal and relaxed time to explore books and magazines. The children take ownership of this time choosing where and how to share a love of reading. Talking about reading and books helps develop an intrinsic motivation to read.

Adults were also involved by talking about books and why they love reading. It was wonderful to see children come together across the pages to learn from one another and share experiences. 'Book Buddies' has prompted lots of book talk and the children were always excited about their next session. It is always wonderful to see children inspired by one another.

I enjoy reading with the younger children. We read the book 'Winnie's Birthday' and read an interesting magazine with lots of animal facts. Alfie

It is fun sharing books with other people. I like it when people read to me. Sienna

I like visiting different classes and sharing books. It is great when you meet someone who likes the same books as you. Grace

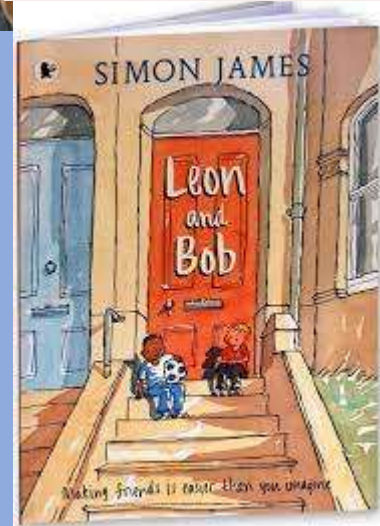
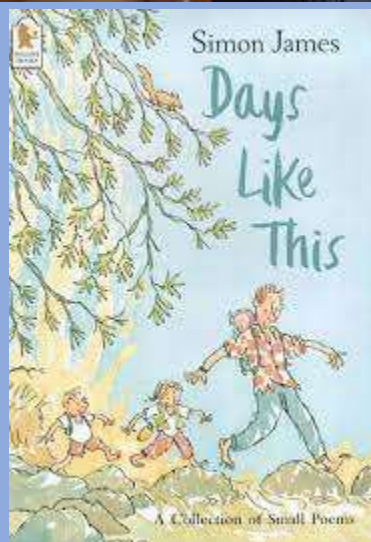
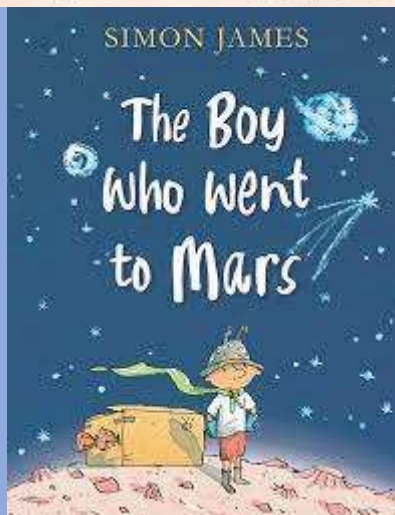
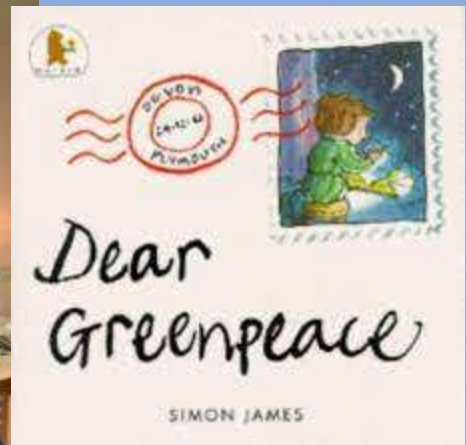
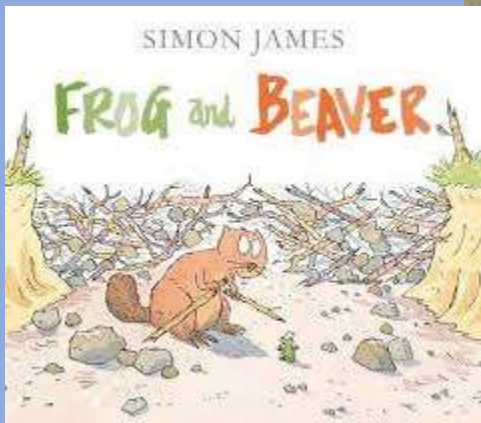


## Simon James - Author Visit

On **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** children across school will enjoy an inspiring visit from award winning author, Simon James. Some of Simon's popular books include: *The Day Jake Vacuumed*, *Dear Greenpeace*, *Frog and Beaver*, and *The Boy Who Went to Mars*. Mrs Bastin and Mrs Oliver recently attended a reading for pleasure conference and were inspired by Simon's talk. They were keen for the children at Preston Primary to share this experience as well. Simon is an engaging and charismatic speaker and will spend time with each unit sharing his stories and passion for books. Children will be able to ask Simon about his experiences and creativity for writing and illustrating.

At the end of the school day there will be an exciting opportunity for you to purchase some of Simon's most popular books and he will personally sign them for the children. We will provide more information regarding the location and timings of the book signing after half term. We wanted to make you aware of it now so that children could potentially start saving to make a purchase.

We are very grateful to FOPPS (Friends of Preston Primary School) for kindly funding this visit. We are very excited to welcome Simon next half term.







## **24 hour Reading Rivers – Well done!**

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.

Thank you so much to all the children who created a 24 hour Reading River. It has been wonderful hearing children talk about the reading that they do daily. There was a real appreciation that reading is all around us. Being able to display these in class has prompted lots of discussion. We will be combining the 24 hour reading rivers from across the school to create a display in the school corridor. If your child has not brought in their 24 hour Reading River but would still like to create one, we would always encourage them to bring one in. Thank you for your continued support in creating a whole school reading culture.



## **Building a reading Community**

### **Key Stage 1 Rock Up and Read**

This half term, Key Stage 1 held two 'Rock Up and Read' sessions. This was a chance for parents to come into the classroom and enjoy reading for pleasure with their child. They shared stories, poems, magazines, and non-fiction books. It was wonderful to see families sharing a love of reading.

### **Foundation Poetry and Song Recital**

To support early reading, children in Foundation enjoy singing and learning poetry. These early literacy skills help children to learn new vocabulary and promote a love of language. This half term, the children performed a repertoire of poems and songs to their parents. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were very impressed with their clarity, delivery, and expression.

**Here is a link to a poem and a song from Foundation.**

**[https://youtu.be/JaE\\_unlFeQI](https://youtu.be/JaE_unlFeQI)**



## Royal Reads

Children across the school enjoyed celebrating and learning about the coronation of King Charles III. In recognition of this memorable occasion, we would like to share some books about Kings (some real and some fictional).

1. **The King's Pants** by Nicholas Allan.
2. **The King's Hats** by Sheila May & Mark Beech.
3. **King of the Swamp** by Catherine Emmett & Ben Mantle.
4. **The New King** by Roger Hargreaves.
5. **Amazing Facts: King Charles III** by Hannah Wilson & Chris Dickason.
6. **The King Who Banned the Dark** by Emily Haworth-Booth.
7. **The Cat and the King** by Nick Sharatt.
8. **King of the Sky** by Nicola Davies & Laura Carlin.
9. **Winnie the Pooh Meets the King** by Jane Riordan & Andrew Grey.



## 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 Braddon – I Wonder Why Spiders Spin Webs - <https://youtu.be/09DB7fupjYo>

Miss Farmer - Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers - <https://youtu.be/NWIHKqOH0TY>

Mrs Shepherd - Room on the broom - <https://youtu.be/L2Ansb0AJco>



# National Literacy Trust Coronation Booklist

To mark the Coronation of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort in May, the National Literacy Trust, in partnership with digital bank, Chase, ran a very special 2023 Children's Book Celebration to crown the top 23 children's books, and here are the results. These are the most popular books as voted by children across the UK. Have you read any of these books? Are there any of these books that you haven't read but would like to? Would you have voted for a different book? Share your thoughts amongst friends and family.

National  
Literacy  
Trust



## The Chase Coronation Booklist

The top 23 books voted for by children across the country to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

### Did you know...

Her Majesty the Queen has her own online book club called 'The Queen's Reading Room'. It is a charity working to provide opportunities for the appreciation of literature among adults and children in the UK and around the world. Here is a link to her website. [Children Chosen by Her Majesty Archives - Reading Room \(royalreadingroom.uk\)](https://www.royalreadingroom.uk)



# Wordsearch Fun

Have fun trying to complete the wordsearch. Answers at the end of the newsletter.

## Traditional Tales

a g i a n t f p p l g e  
b e a n s t a l k d o t  
b a s t l k i c e c l h  
e n t o w e r i r i d r  
j a c k l a y n r n i e  
d p r i n c e s s d l e  
w p e a f p w j c e o b  
a l r f a u i a k r c e  
i e g y i p t p e e k a  
a w o l f p c k s l s r  
p r i n c e h l o l c s  
n t g o l t i d w a r f



apple

beanstalk

Cinderella

dwarf

fairy

giant

Goldilocks

Jack

pea

prince

princess

puppet

three bears

tower

witch

wolf



# Celebrating Books Word Search

Use the book titles below to find out who wrote the book, then find the authors in the wordsearch.

z c d i c k e n s h s r  
w k y u t a x e g m r e  
f j w i l s o n a i f n  
a v x z v j g i d c m n  
h z v j y f l p a g m j  
o p p u l l m a n l o j  
r w l c a r r o l l r x  
o e q w f s w d x r p a  
w h d i v u e x m g u f  
i c c o w e l l b i r i  
t s j l v i j o c n g n  
z l z e b l y t o n o e

Billionaire Boy  
(D, W\_\_\_\_\_)

A Christmas Carol  
(C, D\_\_\_\_\_)

Alice in  
Wonderland  
(L, C\_\_\_\_\_)

Northern Lights  
(P, P\_\_\_\_\_)

The Famous Five  
(E, B\_\_\_\_\_)

How to Train  
your Dragon  
(C, C\_\_\_\_\_)

Hetty Feather  
(J, W\_\_\_\_\_)

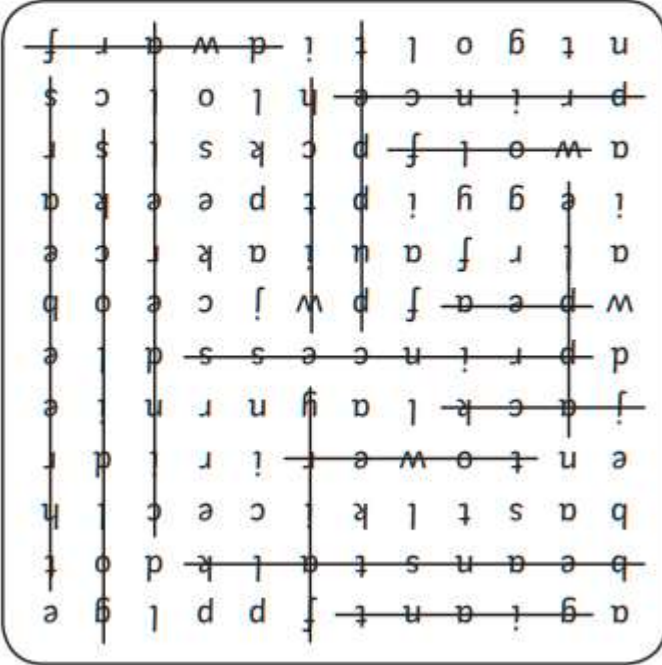
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(A, H\_\_\_\_\_)

Kensukes Kingdom  
(M, M\_\_\_\_\_)

Flour babies  
(A, F\_\_\_\_)

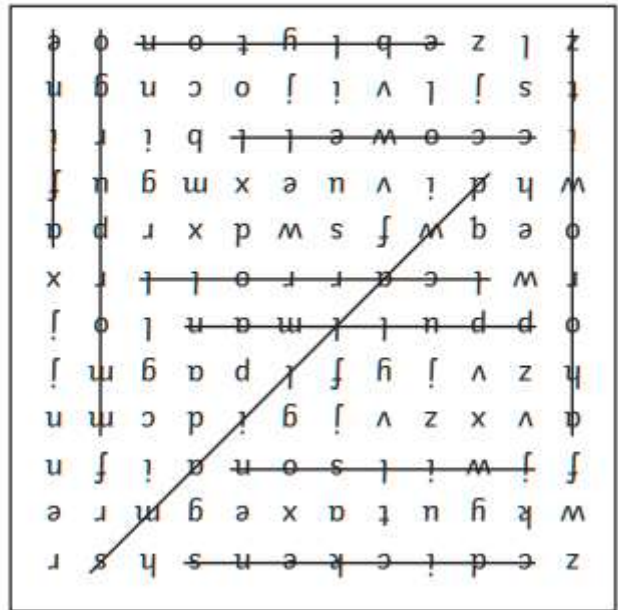
# Word Search Answers

apple  
Cinderella  
dwarf  
fairy  
giant  
Goldilocks  
Jack  
princess  
puppet  
tower  
witch  
wolf  
three bears



## Traditional Tales

Billionaire Boy (David Walliams)  
A Christmas Carol (Charles Dickens)  
Alice in Wonderland (Lewis Carroll)  
Northern Lights (Phillip Pullman)  
Stormbreaker (Anthony Horowitz)  
How to Train your Dragon (Cressida Cowell)  
Hettie Feather (Jacqueline Wilson)  
Flour babies (Anne Fine)  
The Famous Five (Enid Blyton)  
Kingdom (Michael Morpurgo)  
Kensles (Cressida Cowell)



## Answers

## Celebrating Books Word Search