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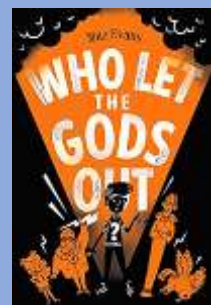
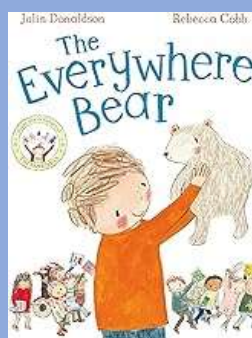
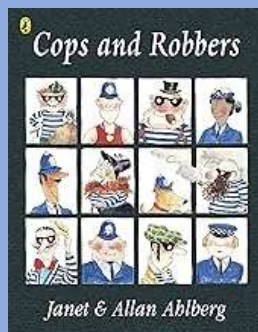
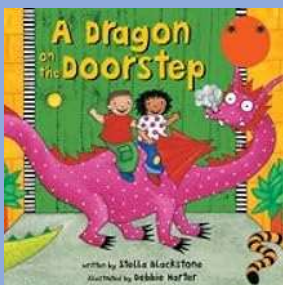
Preston Primary

Reading Matters

Mystery Reader

This half term our school reading for pleasure theme was 'Mystery Reader'.

Children across the whole school were excited to find out who their mystery reader was each week. They appreciated seeing different adults and hearing a variety of books. Adults enjoyed reading aloud to different classes and sharing their love of books. Mrs Oliver read 'A Dragon on the Doorstep' by Stella Blackstone, to Foundation, Mr Mealy read 'Gretel the Wonder Mammoth' by Kim Hillyard, to Little Owls, and Miss Farmer read 'The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds, to Snowy Owls. There were lots more wonderful books read aloud across school.



Reading aloud has many benefits for children of all ages. We challenge you to read aloud to your child for at least 5 minutes every day during half term. Share the joy of books together.

Library Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who completed the Summer Reading Challenge with their local library. The children had to read six books to complete the challenge. They received a certificate and medal to acknowledge their commitment. We are very proud of you all. If you have a certificate and medal you would like to show us, please bring them to school and share them with your class teacher.



Your local library has announced they will be running a Winter Mini reading challenge. We will share more information in the next newsletter.

Please do not forget that your local library will be open over half term. We encourage everyone to sign up for a free membership to the library. You can find more details including opening times in this link. [Our Libraries - torbay \(torbaylibraries.org.uk\)](http://torbaylibraries.org.uk)

Well done Jessica for completing the library Reading Quest with Paignton Library. Jessica read an amazing 50 books! Some of her favourites were, Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Old School and Dork Diaries – Pop Star. Jessica said these books were funny, and she enjoyed the fact they were written in the style of a diary.



Building a reading Community



Rock Up and Read

Key Stage 1 held their first 'Rock Up and Read' session of the year. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying books together.

Every class will be holding a 'Rock Up and Read' session before the end of the academic year. Further information and dates will be shared in future newsletters from the class teachers.



Our school library needs your help!

We are excited to be restocking and redeveloping our school library space.

We would like to purchase a significant number of new books for children to enjoy. We are looking at different ways to fund the purchasing of new books. If you have any connections or know of any grant opportunities, please contact the school office with details.

We are currently compiling a book wish list and we need your help. It is important that the children have a voice and are involved in the restocking of the school library.

If your child has enjoyed reading a particular book or series of books, and they would like to recommend them for the school library, please click on the link below to add them to our wish list.

You can use this link multiple times to recommend books.
Thank you in advance for help.

<https://forms.office.com/e/t279GPkp8Q>

Blue Peter Reading Badge – Apply this Half Term



We are excited to share news that Blue Peter are encouraging children to apply for a Blue Peter Book badge. The new badge has been designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda!

To earn your badge, you need to demonstrate your love of reading by sharing your thoughts on a favourite book, draw a character or scene from the book, and tell them about other books and writers you adore. You must be aged between 5 and 15 years old.

You can apply directly to Blue Peter by using an online uploader form, or print a paper copy of the application form and return it to school by **Friday 10th November** and we will post all the applications together from school.

Application forms can be accessed via this link [Blue Peter Book badge](#)
[| Find out how to earn the Book BP badge - CBBC - BBC](#)

A Blue Peter badge enables children to enter attractions around the country for free including the Eden Project and Wookey Hole Caves.

Complete your application this half term!

BBC 500 Words Competition

As detailed in last issue of 'Reading Matters'. This is a reminder that the BBC 500 words competition closes on 10th November.

This year there are two age categories, 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds. Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story. Click on the link to find out more information from the website. [Information page: 500 Words 2023 - BBC Teach](#)

We hope you are inspired to write a 500 word story. Good luck and have fun.



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:

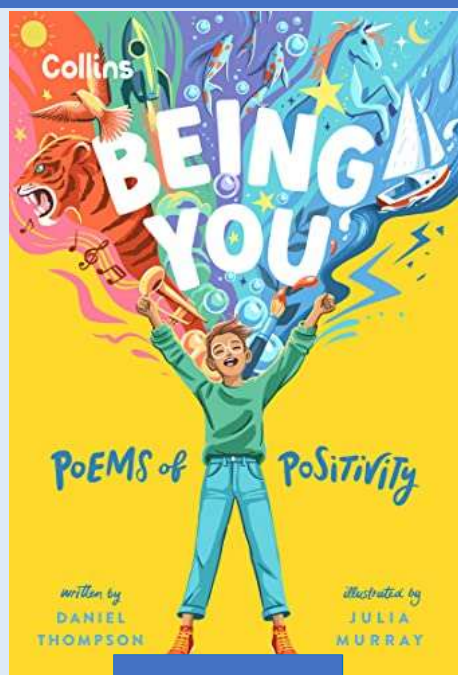
Ms Rushworth – Princess Smartypants by Babette Cole <https://youtu.be/CeXe07UWUK4>

Miss Pettitt - Grobblechops by Elizabeth Laird https://youtu.be/pP_5x8eHro

Mrs Bastin – The Odd Fish by Naomi Jones and James Jones <https://youtu.be/FLNre1AMYIY>



Book Recommendations



Poetry

Being You- Poems of Positivity

By Daniel Thompson

Aimed at 7+ years

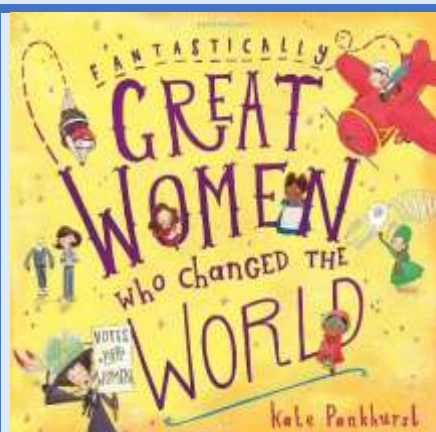
Why would I recommend this book?

Sometimes, if I don't have much time to read, I enjoy picking up a poetry book so that I can finish a complete poem in a short time. I particularly enjoyed this poetry book as it is full of poems that make you feel positive and relaxed.

One of the things I also like about this poetry book is the fact it has colourful illustrations, which add to the positive feeling as you are reading each poem!

I like reading this book the most at the beginning or end of the day, to start and finish my day off positively.

Miss Farmer



Non Fiction

Fantastically great women who changed the world.

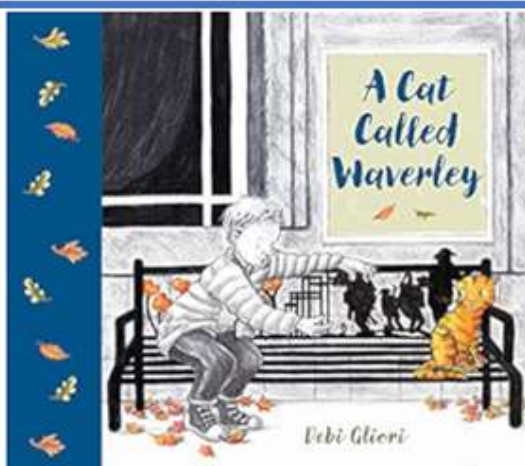
By Kate Pankhurst

Aimed at... KS2

Why would I recommend this book?

This book is full of facts about amazing women who have so many great achievements. I enjoyed reading this book because it has taught me about women through history who have changed the world. My favourite person to read about was Amelia Earhart who went on some amazing adventures.

Miss De Rosa



Fiction

Book Title A Cat Called Waverley

By... Debi Gliori

Aimed at...Key Stage 1 and Foundation

Why would you recommend this book?

This charming picture book takes readers on a delightful journey through the life of a remarkable cat named Waverley, whose story is both touching and inspiring. The book is beautifully illustrated, and the artwork adds depth to the narrative. The illustrations bring Waverley's world to life, allowing readers to fully immerse themselves in the story. It is a story of resilience and hope. Waverley's determination to overcome adversity is both inspiring and a gentle reminder of the strength within us all.

Mrs Braddon