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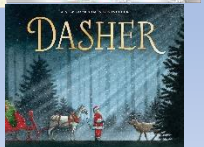
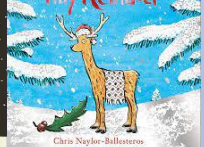
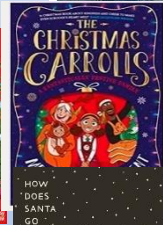
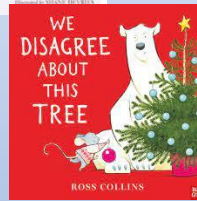
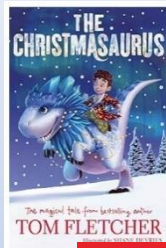
Welcome to our festive edition of 'Reading Matters', a whole school newsletter dedicated to our love of reading. As the festive season is in full swing, we know many of our families like to buy a book for Christmas. In this edition we will be recommending some popular Christmas books that you might like to buy or borrow from a local library.

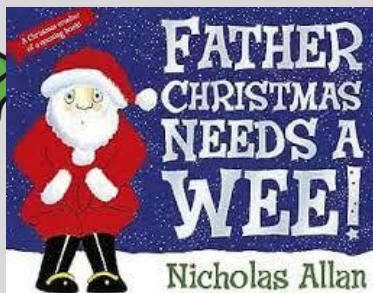
There is no greater gift at Christmas than the gift of a book. While Santa is busy reading your lists, I wonder what you will be reading this Christmas?

12 Books for Christmas

We hope you enjoyed our 12 books for Christmas that we shared on the school news app. Here is a summary of the 12 wonderful festive books.

- 1 – The Christmasaurus By Tom Fletcher
- 2 – Pick a Pine Tree By Patricia Toht
- 3 – The Christmas Pine By Julia Donaldson
- 4 – Tiny Reindeer By Chris Naylor-Ballesteros
- 5 – 'Twas the night before Christmas By Clement C. Moore
- 6 – The night I met Father Christmas By Ben Miller
- 7 – We disagree about this tree By Ross Collins
- 8 – How does Santa go down the chimney? By Mac Barnett
- 9 – The Christmas Carrolls By Mel Taylor-Bessent
- 10 – The Christmas department store By Maudie Powell-Tuck
- 11 – Dasher By Matt Tavares
- 12 – You can't let an elephant pull Santa's sleigh By Patricia Cleveland-Peck





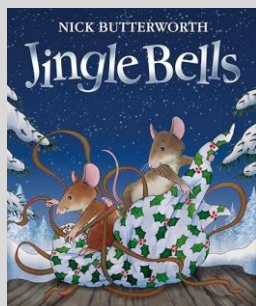
Recommendation by Mrs Clague

Father Christmas Needs a Wee!

This is a funny book with lots of rhyming and counting.

At each different house that he visits, Father Christmas drinks and eats all the goodies left out for him. Before long he really, really, really needs a wee. So much so that he even forgets to leave the presents behind! What will happen next? Read the book to find out or click on the link to hear me read the story.

<https://youtu.be/TDDyCR3Jphy>

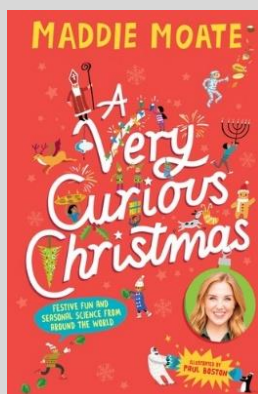


Recommendation by Mrs Bastin

Jingle Bells – by Nick Butterworth

I really enjoy books written by Nick Butterworth. This is a festive story about two small mice who have one problem this Christmas – the cat! How can they stop him from spoiling everything?

Will Christmas be ruined?



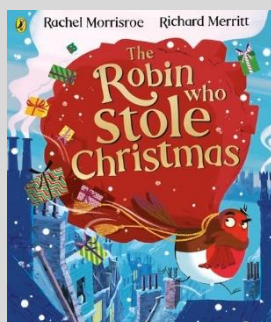
Recommendation by Mrs Oliver

A very Curious Christmas by Maddie Moate (non fiction)

Have you ever wondered why crackers go bang? This book is filled with interesting facts about Christmas. From how toys work to the science behind fairy lights.

Prepare to be amazed by the craziest Christmas facts including upside down Christmas trees and presents delivered by goats.

There are also lots of wintry activities and craft ideas to get you in the holiday spirit.



Recommendation by Miss Farmer

The Robin Who Stole Christmas by Rachel Morrisroe

I would like to recommend this very funny story. A little red robin is the worlds most wanted thief. He has rather an unusual plan this festive season – he wants to steal Christmas.

Can he be stopped before he steals all the mince pies and baubles?

Reading Ambassadors

As part of our continuing journey to promote a love of reading, we have appointed Reading Ambassadors from across the school. The role of a Reading Ambassador is to share their voice, and that of others, about how we can develop a whole school love of reading. They will collaborate in different reading projects and share a whole school vision on the importance and joy of books.

One of the many projects is the redevelopment of our school library. Thank you to FOPPS (Friends of Preston Primary School) for the very generous donation of £5000 to spend on new books for our library. It is very important that the whole school is involved in restocking the library and we have included everyone in different ways. We are encouraging the children to take responsibility of the project so they will respect the books and share recommendations with one another.



Local Library Trips

In the past few weeks, we have taken small groups of children to visit the local library. The children were given the opportunity to browse books with their friends and they created a wish list for the school library. Children researched unknown authors and recommended books to one another.

As a continuation of this in school, every child has had the opportunity to browse books and make recommendations for the school library. The children spent time in their classes exploring different genres and talking about books. It was wonderful to see children sharing their love of reading and getting excited about books.

We are looking forward to purchasing books for the school library in the new year.



More festive books to enjoy



Click on the links to enjoy these stories being read aloud.

The Snowflake by Benji Davies

[BBC iPlayer - CBeebies Bedtime Stories - 850. Richard E Grant - The Snowflake](#)

Winnie and Wilber Meet Santa by Valerie Thomas

https://youtu.be/gl1Wjl_QXCI?si=2ACXG14DyX7TxXG

Twas the night before Christmas read by Mrs Clague

<https://youtu.be/a-vx9W7A6QY>

