



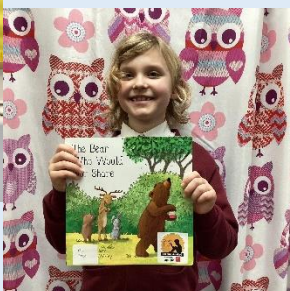
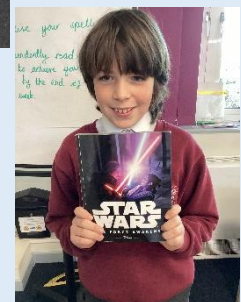
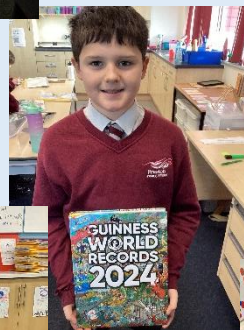
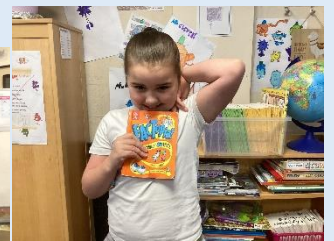
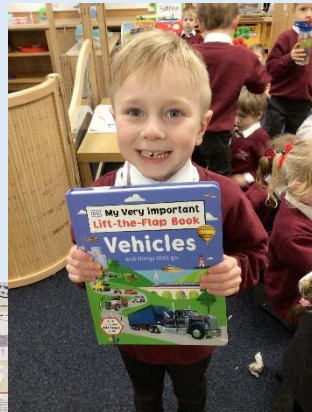
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Preston Primary Reading Matters

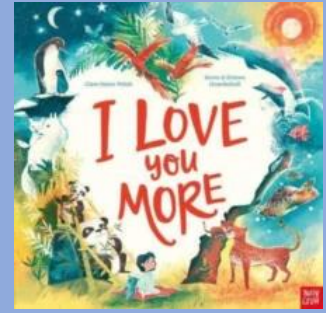
Children's Choice

This half term our school reading for pleasure theme was 'Children's Choice'. Across the school, children have been bringing their favourite books from home to share in class. They shared fiction books, non-fiction books, poetry, and magazines. It has been wonderful to hear children speak with passion and enthusiasm about their favourite books. They have been inspired by one another's book choices and have enjoyed listening to them being read aloud. Here are some of the children's choices.



Author Visit – Clare Helen Welsh

As a whole school we promote a love of reading through a variety of activities. Puffins and Penguins had a very special visit from local author, Clare Helen Welsh. She has written many popular children's books including 'Slime? It's Not Mine', 'Poo! Is That You?' and 'The Tide'.



Clare read her brand new book, 'I Love You More' to the children. They were the first group of children to hear the new book being read aloud; this was a real privilege. It is a great book about the power of love and the children enjoyed acting out the pages.

Linked to Puffins and Penguins learning enquiry, 'When I Grow Up', Clare talked to the children about the different jobs she has done over the years but how being an author is her favourite job. She explained that her own children are her inspiration, and her dog, Hope, is her writing buddy. Puffins and Penguins visited Clare's office, 'The Authormobile'. This is a van that she has transformed into a cosy writing space, and it is filled with all her books. Clare often travels around the countryside looking for inspiration for her next book. The children found this very exciting and enjoyed relaxing and reading Clare's books.

Thank you, Clare, for sharing your fantastic books. We hope Clare will return one day and share her wonderful books with the whole school.

This half term Clare will be holding a storytelling event at The Ivybridge Bookshop. She will be sharing her new books, 'I Love You More' and 'There's a Gorilla at the Door'. This will be a great event to share a love of reading.

Click here for more details.

[The Ivybridge Bookshop](#)



Half Term Storytelling at The Ivybridge Bookshop

Sat 10th Feb, 11 am

Children's
Storytelling
Clare Helen
Welsh



Ivybridge's favourite children's author Clare Helen Welsh with her latest books - a wild party, and the love between a parent and a child.



Tue 13th Feb, 11 am

Children's
Storytelling
Julian Hilton
Bradley's Magic
Adventures

Discover Bradley's adventures with dinosaurs, magic carpets and rockets.



Rock up and Read Sessions – Save the Date



Unit 1 (Puffins and Penguins) Monday 18th March

Unit 4 (Hawks, Eagles and Kestrels) Tuesday 19th March

Unit 3 (swifts, Starlings and Sparrows) Wednesday 20th March

Unit 2 (Tawny Owls, Little Owls and Snowy Owls) Thursday 21st March

All starting at 2.45pm

After half term every Unit will be holding a 'Rock Up and Read' session. This is the opportunity for parents, carers, grandparents, aunties and uncles to come into school and read with children.

During the session there will be a variety of books and magazines available. This is a time where adults can read aloud to children, talk about books, and share a love of reading. Reading aloud to children of all ages is hugely valuable, even fluent readers.

We strive to motivate every child to enjoy reading for pleasure. One important element of promoting reading for pleasure is **reading aloud and informal book talk**. We hope you can join us for the 'Rock Up and Read' sessions.

Puffins and Penguins visit Torquay Library

Every child in Puffins and Penguins has had the opportunity to visit Torquay library this half term. The children enjoyed browsing, sharing, and talking about books.

One of our school aims is 'Love to Learn'. We want every child that joins Preston Primary in reception to visit a local library. These early reading experiences give children the opportunity to read for pleasure and become lifelong readers.



World Book Day – Friday 8th March



Reading is at the heart of our curriculum. **As a school we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March.** Children can come to school dressed as a character from a book and bring their favourite book to share with others.

If you would like inspiration, please go to the World Book Day website. [Families - World Book Day](#)

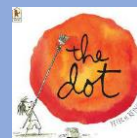
There will be various activities throughout the day enabling children to share and talk about their love of books. Back by popular demand, Storyteller, Malou Evans, will be visiting school again this year. She will share some wonderful stories with every Unit. Thank you to FOPPS for funding this event again. The children are very lucky to have such wonderful experiences.



Our school Eco club would like donations of any good quality unwanted World Book Day costumes. These will be made available for children who need them. Please pass donations to the school office by Friday 23rd February.

Staff Videos

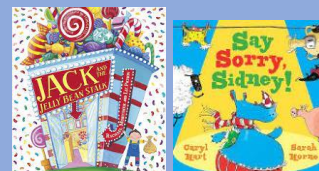
Staff have recorded themselves reading from some of their favourite books. This includes fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Here are a selection for you to enjoy:



Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk by Rachael Mortimer – read by Mrs Plumridge <https://youtu.be/eWrnS6cA6ZM>

The Dot by Peter H Reynolds – read by Miss Treleven <https://youtu.be/83CeVBpVZFo>

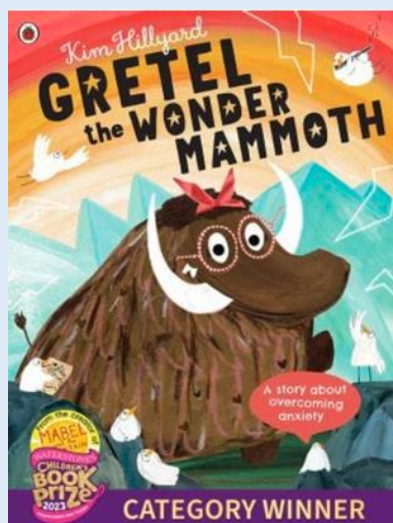
Say Sorry Sidney by Caryl Hart – read by Mrs Johns <https://youtu.be/9Eq8Mvk483I>



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



Gretel the Wonder Mammoth

By Kim Hillyard

Aimed at 5-8-year-olds.



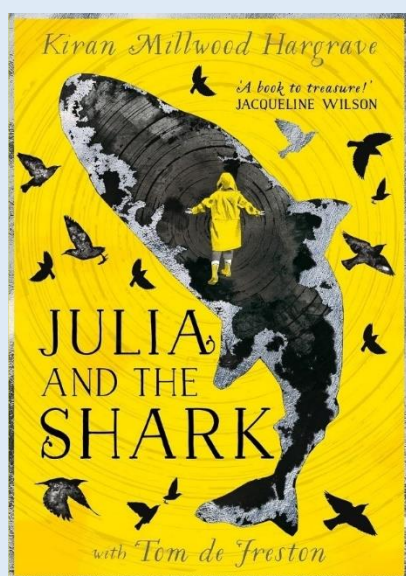
Why would I recommend this book?

This picture book is a fantastic read. It tells the story of Gretel, who is the last Mammoth on earth. At first, she loves her celebrity status, but she soon grows sad and struggles to understand why.

This book is a lovely way of exploring the feelings around anxiety and teaches children to understand that sometimes the bravest thing you can do is ask for help.

Mr Mealy

Fiction



Julia and the Shark

By Miss Treleven

Aimed at 9-11-year-olds.



Why would I recommend this book?

Julia must travel to Scotland to live in a lighthouse over the Summer. It is an unusual place, and it is difficult for Julia living in an unfamiliar place and having to make new friends. However, the greatest difficulty that Julia must face is her mother's growing obsession with finding the elusive Greenland shark, which is rumoured to be 400 years old. Will Julia's mother's obsession with the shark put the whole family at risk or will she find the answers she's looking for? You'll have to read this brilliant book to find out!

I could not put this outstanding book down! It is a beautifully illustrated and vibrant book. I thought it was interesting how the whole book is illustrated in yellow and black and that there are some illustrations that cover and reveal secret words and drawings which were hidden in the depths of the ocean.

Miss Treleven

Local Library Information

We encourage every family to visit a local library over half term. Joining the library is completely free and gives access to a wealth of books, magazines, music, ebooks, and audio books. There are libraries in Brixham, Churston, Torquay and Paignton.

Torquay Library Opening Hours

Opening hours:

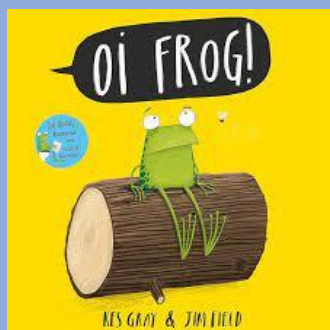
Mon	09:30 - 18:00
Tue	09:30 - 13:00
Wed	09:30 - 18:00
Thu	09:30 - 16:00
Fri	09:30 - 18:00
Sat	09:30 - 16:00

Paignton Library Opening Hours

Opening hours:

Mon	09:30 - 17:00
Tue	09:30 - 18:00
Wed	09:30 - 13:00
Thu	09:30 - 18:00
Fri	09:30 - 17:00
Sat	09:30 - 16:00

On Monday 12th February 10.30 – 11.30, Torquay library are holding an 'Oi Frog' event. This is a fun story and craft session for children aged 3+.



Code Club at Paignton Library

Every first and third Saturday of the month, Paignton library run a coding club for children aged 8 – 13 years. Why not try the club and browse the library on the same day. The next coding club is Saturday 17th February, 10am – 12pm.



Time: 10:00 - 12:00

Description: Are you interested in Computer Games and want to know how to make your own? Have a go at Coding using Scratch and find out more about our Code Club, where you can make cool games, animations and websites too! Ages 8 - 13. Parents are encouraged to attend along with their children. First and Third Saturdays of the month.

Audience: Child

Cost: Free

Theme: Code Club