



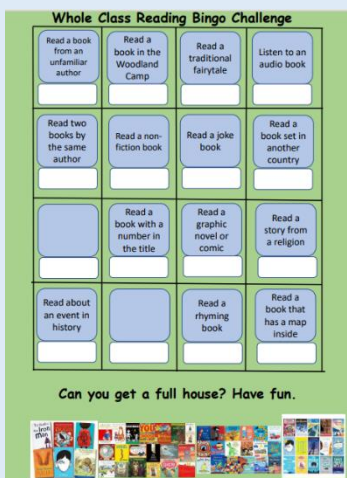
Spring 2 2024 (Issue 11)



# 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. All classes were also given two empty squares where the children could set a particular class challenge to read. 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.



## Reading Bingo Challenge

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a reading bingo challenge to complete in the Easter holiday.

Remember to keep a list of all the books you read. You can share the list with your teacher and friends.

If you would like to send us a photo of one challenge, please e-mail them to

[admin@preston.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:admin@preston.torbay.sch.uk)

Have fun!

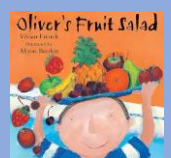
## Staff Videos

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:

The Bear Who Would Not Share by Graham Oakley – read by Mrs Fox <https://youtu.be/X8-BuZrkIKc>

The Great Paper Caper by Oliver Jeffers – read by Miss Farmer <https://youtu.be/10hLuc0hThs>

Oliver's Fruit Salad by Vivian French – read by Mrs Braddon <https://youtu.be/8-RGTN8XMLo>



**HAPPY  
WORLD  
BOOK DAY**

## World Book Day

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 book talk between adults and children about their favourite books and reading and exploring them together. It is important for children to have time to talk about books and share their interests.

Children enjoyed the storyteller visit, author workshops, book votes, book blankets and most 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 mesmerized and immersed in the experience. This was also a great opportunity for children to see the kind of job roles for people who aspire to make a career from their love of reading, writing and performing as part of one of our school aims: 'Ready for Work'. The children came away from Malou Evans' workshop feeling completely inspired. Thank you to Friends of Preston Primary School (FOPPS) for funding the event, it was once again a special way to celebrate World Book Day.



## Rock up and Read Sessions



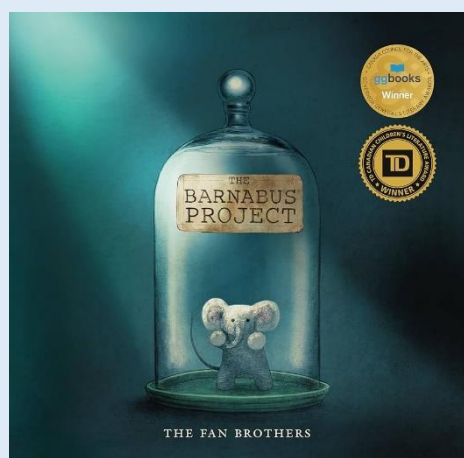
This half term we held 'Rock up and Read' sessions across all units. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers, grandparents, aunties, and uncles come into school and read with children. The children were delighted to share with their adults a variety of good stories, magazines, poetry books, and non-fiction books as well as the spaces that they enjoy reading in. This is an excellent time where adults and children can read aloud to one another, talk about books, and share their love of reading. Reading aloud to children of all ages is hugely valuable, even for 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 enjoyed the 'Rock up and Read' sessions. We look forward to more 'Rock up and Read' sessions in the Summer Term.

# 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



## The Barnabus Project



By The Fan Brothers

*Aimed at 5-9-year-olds.*

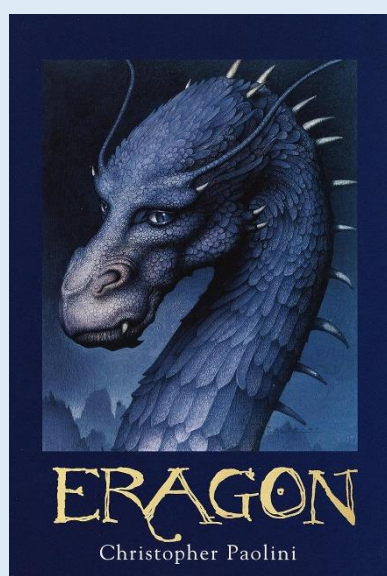
### Why would I recommend this book?

I really enjoyed reading this book as Barnabus shows our school values throughout the book. He shows great teamwork in helping his friends, and determination to achieve his goal.

I like the message of the story that everyone is unique and there is no such thing as 'normal'.

**Mrs McDade**

## Fiction



## Eragon



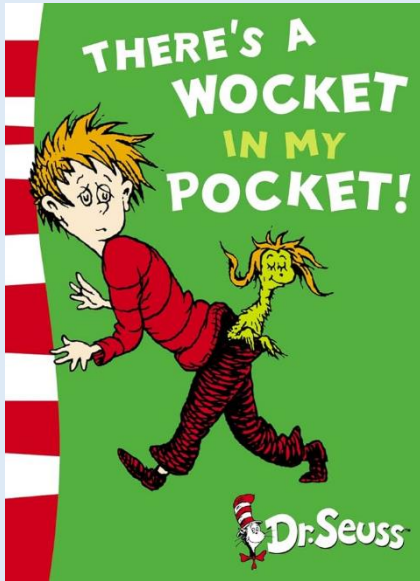
By Christopher Paolini

*Aimed at Year 5/6 and beyond.*

### Why would I recommend this book?

This is an amazing adventure book and a great leap into the fantasy genre. You follow the main character, Eragon, as he discovers a small, blue stone which changes destiny forever. I love the rich language that the author uses in his descriptions, and I am amazed that he was only 16-years-old when he wrote the first draft of this book.

**Mrs Stevenson**



## There is a Wocket in my Pocket!

By Dr Seuss

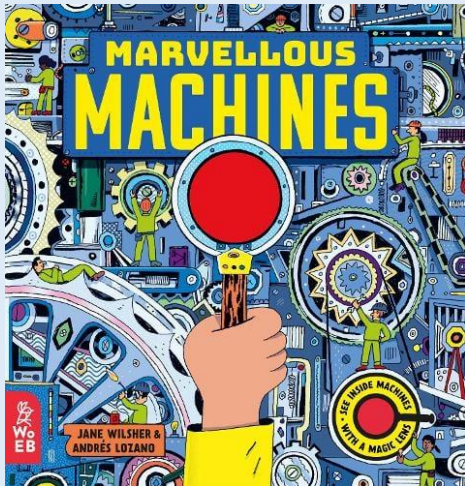
*Aimed at 5-9-year-olds.*



### Why would I recommend this book?

I would recommend this book as it is a great way for all children to understand and experiment with rhyming words, in a way that is humorous and engaging.

Miss Lewis



## Marvellous Machines

By Jane Wilsher and Andres Lozano

*Aimed at Year 5/6 and beyond.*



### Why would I recommend this book?

I have really enjoyed learning about the ways that different machines in different places work. The information is laid out on brightly coloured double-page spreads with amazing artwork. There is a magnifying glass that lets you 'see inside', which is fun! There is also a treasure hunt on each page which challenges you to find different parts of the machines. My favourite information page is all about submarines. I learnt so much that I didn't know before, and it challenged me to learn lots of new words. Some other great topics included are robots, telescopes, and telephones. It's fascinating! This book is really fun to read, and I would enjoy sharing it with my friends and family.

Miss Pettitt



## Book Box

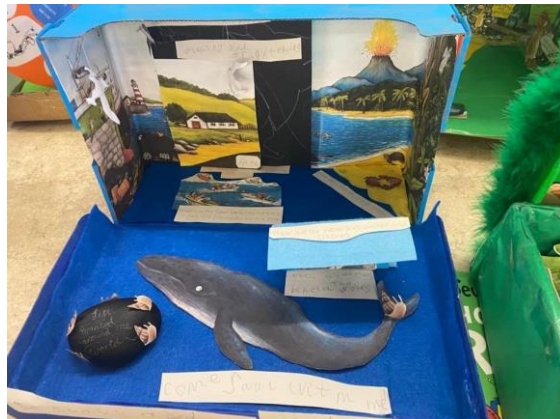
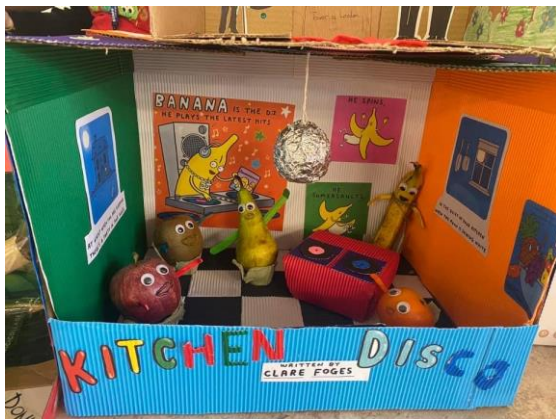


Congratulations to Dasha, who was so inspired by last half-term's reading for pleasure theme of 'Children's Choice' that she decided to create a book box of her favourite book. In her book box, Dasha has created an artistic scene from her favourite book and has also summarised the book and explained why it is her favourite. What a brilliant way to showcase our favourite books!

### Easter Book Box Challenge

You could also create a book box of your favourite book. You could bring them into school to share with your friends; this is a brilliant way to inspire your friends with your reading recommendations.

Here are a few examples to inspire you.



## Local Library Information

We encourage every family to visit a local library over the Easter holiday. Joining the library is completely free and gives to 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

**Libraries Unlimited**

## EASTER

OPENING HOURS

GOOD FRIDAY - 29TH MARCH CLOSED  
 SATURDAY - 30TH MARCH OPEN AS USUAL  
 EASTER SUNDAY - 31ST MARCH CLOSED  
 EASTER MONDAY - 1ST APRIL CLOSED

You can continue to browse the online catalogue to reserve or renew items at: [devonlibraries.org.uk](http://devonlibraries.org.uk)  
[torquaylibraries.org.uk](http://torquaylibraries.org.uk)

Supported by **Devon** and **TORQUAY COUNCIL**

**HAPPY  
WORLD  
BOOK DAY**



The deadline to spend your World Bood Day token is 31<sup>st</sup> March. If you still have your token, you can exchange it at book shops for a world book day book. Torquay Library also has spare tokens if you have misplaced yours.

**Libraries Unlimited**

### Torquay Library Easter HAF Sessions!

## Entitled to free school meals?

Friday 5th April - 10am-2pm (Drum Devon Workshop)  
 Friday 12th April - 10am-2pm (Grow your Own Veg Workshop)

We are very excited to be offering Holiday Activities and Food sessions this year! Including a hot meal and fun activities for children (aged 5-12 eligible for Free School Meals) and their parents.

Contact Torquay Library on 01803 714452 or email [torquay.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:torquay.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk)  
 Limited spaces - First come first served

Libraries Unlimited is a registered charity 1170092.  
 To donate, please visit [librariesunlimited.org.uk](http://librariesunlimited.org.uk)

Supported by **Devon** and **TORQUAY COUNCIL**

**Can you complete the Reading Bingo Challenge?**

### **Reading Bingo Challenge**

Read a book from an unfamiliar author <input type="text"/>	Read a book in an unusual place <input type="text"/>	Read a traditional fairytale <input type="text"/>	Listen to an audio book <input type="text"/>
Read two books by the same author <input type="text"/>	Read a non-fiction book <input type="text"/>	Read a joke book <input type="text"/>	Read a book set in another country <input type="text"/>
Read a book in a den <input type="text"/>	Read a book with a number in the title <input type="text"/>	Read a graphic novel or comic <input type="text"/>	Read a story from a religion <input type="text"/>
Read about an event in history <input type="text"/>	Read a book recommended to you <input type="text"/>	Read a rhyming book <input type="text"/>	Read a book that has a map inside <input type="text"/>

**Can you get a full house? Have fun.**