



Greentrees Primary School Reading Round Up

Infant edition— May 2025

Salisbury Library Reading Challenge

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Savannah in Pandas was very proud to be the first Greentrees pupil to add a leaf!

The Infants have managed to add 26 leaves to the trees! Well done Infants for turning the 'trees green' through all your fantastic reading so far! The challenge is on for one more week. Let's see how many more leaves we can add.



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Phonics Shed new character

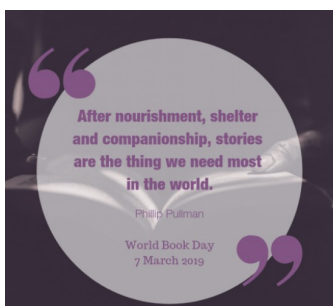
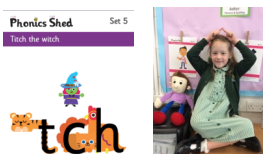
Phonics Shed have added a new phoneme 'tch' and the character for this trigraph is Titch the witch.

We have created the action for this character and we are going to be credited with this in their planning on their website!

See – Titch the witch

Sound – /ch/

Name – 'Tee', 'See' and 'Aitch' Action – make a small triangle shape with fingers and put on top of head like a witch's hat



Mrs Vickerman recommends...

I have chosen the book, Marge in Charge, by Eglantine Ceulemans. In Year 2, we have read this book together and it led to many giggles! The main character is Marge, a tiny babysitter with rainbow hair who turns everyday moments into wild adventures. Gemma and Jake are the children she looks after.



The funniest part was when Marge caused complete mayhem at the swimming pool — she didn't follow any of the grown-up rules, which made it so silly and fun! I really enjoyed the book because it was full of surprises and made us laugh out loud.

Book Review by Jack, Lemurs

The Ugly Five by Julia Donaldson

I like reading this book with my family. I like all of the different animals in this book and the song they sing.

My favourite character is the hyena and I like the part where he eats the bones.

I would recommend this book to my friends because they will like all the animals and it shows that everyone is different.



Phonics focus

As part of our daily phonics lesson, Phonics Joe and his friends in the Phonics Shed garden help us learn our phonics. We start by learning the Chapter 2 phonemes which is all of the single letter phonemes which includes 's', 'a', 't', 'p' and 'i' before moving on to Chapter 3 digraphs (two letters making one sound) and trigraphs (three letters making one sound) like 'ch' and 'igh'. Chapter 4a focuses on the alternative phonemes like 'oe' and 'aw'. Chapter 4c continues to teach us more alternative phonemes. The very first phoneme we learn is:

Phonics Shed Set 1
Sam the snake

See – Sam the snake

Sound – /s/

Name – 'ess'

Action – hands together and wriggle upwards like a snake from chest
Upper-Case – Sam's mum

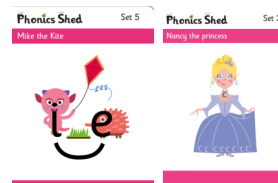
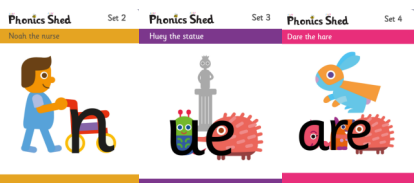


Slide down Sam, from head to tail.

Phonics Screening Check

The phonics screening check is a statutory reading check that all year 1 children will take during w/c 9th June 2025. The check is designed to see whether your child has reached the expected level in their **decoding**, **segmenting** and **blending** skills.

Some of our favourite Phonics Shed characters are:





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The Juniors have managed to add 62 leaves to the trees! Well done Juniors for turning the 'trees green' through all your fantastic reading so far! The challenge is on for one more week. Let's see how many more leaves we can add.



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Year 5 Poets

Joselyn, Thesara and Phoebe from Lions were inspired by poetry reading in class and have written their own poem, linking it to their enquiry learning last term. Here is an extract from their poem below:

Don't kill the rabbits,
Go eat some carrots,
Tend to a raddish,
Go feed the parrots!

When there's not enough meat,
for everyone to share,
Turn temporary vegetarian,
And go eat a pear!

"I write for kids because I think the most interesting (and most humorous) stories come from people's childhoods. When I was writing Diary of a Wimpy Kid, I had a blast talking on the phone to my younger brother, Patrick, remembering all of the things that happened to our family when we were growing up."
Jeff Kinney author of The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series

Mrs Stratford recommends...

The Ancient Egypt Sleepover is a fast-paced, exciting adventure story about a boy called Mo. Mo has won a special prize to a sleepover at the British Museum. However, he has no idea how dangerous it will be! I loved the mystery element of this story and the clever ending! I also loved the characters, who keep you guessing.



Book club

This term book club are being authors and writing their own stories! A few children have told me about their stories below:

Edith

Story title: Missing

Iris goes missing in Cornwall, will they ever see her again?!

Eve & Edwin

Story title: Explosion Night

A boy called Todd has one year to save the world from exploding. Will he manage it?

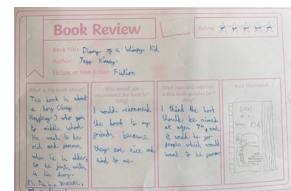
What have you been reading at home?

Mohammed, Scorpions

Mohammed has been enjoying reading 'The Diary of a Wimpy Kid.'



He would recommend this book to all his friends and has rated it 5 stars!



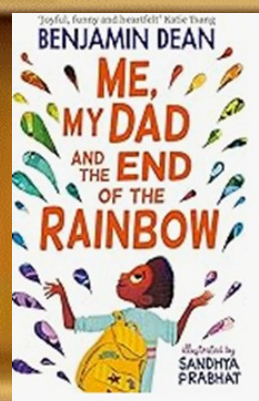
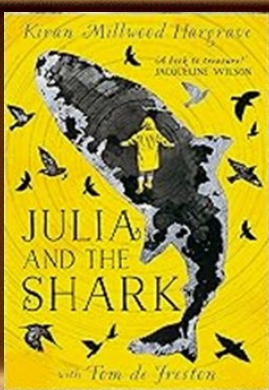
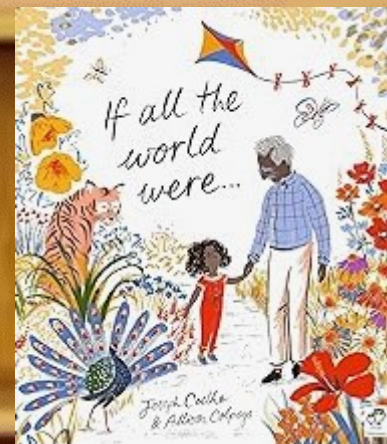
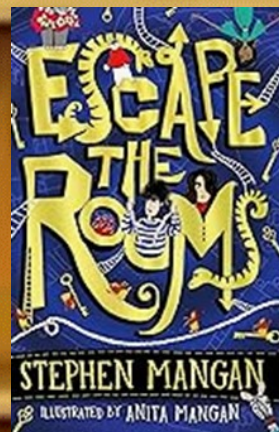
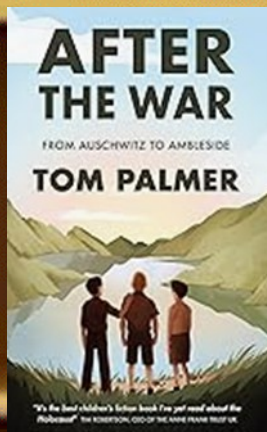
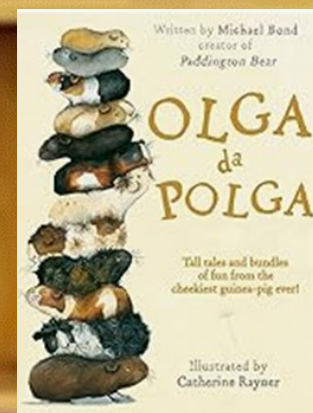
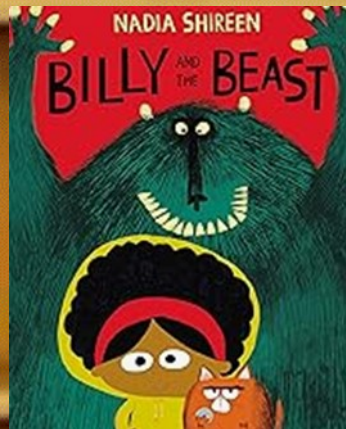
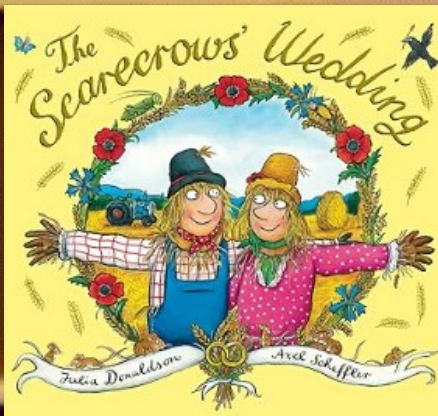
If you would like to share what you are enjoying reading at home then please email your class teacher and we will add these to our termly



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If you enjoyed The World Book Day books you may enjoy these books by the same authors...



Reading in our community

JOIN THE STORY ADVENTURERS' CLUB!



This free challenge to read 100 books is for children aged four to 16 years old. It's not a race and there is no time limit.

Start the reading adventure at your local Wiltshire library today!



Wiltshire Council

Holiday fun at Salisbury library

Activities for children
Saturday 24 to Saturday 31 May 2025



Saturday story and craft, Saturday 24th May 10:30 – 11:30am

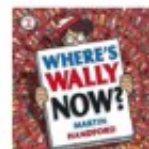
Share fabulous stories and crafts at our regular fortnightly event. Suitable for story loving children aged 3+.

Drop in, no need to book.

Where's Wally? Tuesday 27th May, 2 – 3:30pm

Join us for crafts, puzzles, colouring and a Where's Wally Trail - Wally fans of all ages welcome!

Drop in, no need to book.



Paddington, Thursday 29th May, 10 – 11:30am

Everyone's favourite bear! Enjoy Paddington-themed crafts and colouring – all ages welcome.

Drop in, no need to book.

Under 5s Rhyme Time, Friday 30th May, 9:45 – 10:15am

Rhymes and songs for under 5s and their families.

Limited places, please book at the library.



Call 01722 324145 for more details.



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Look what the impact is if you read with your child for 20 minutes a day..

20 is plenty!

Children who read for
20 minutes a day...



Will have a world of
imagination & creativity
opened to them



Will have better
general knowledge



Will be exposed to 1.8
million words a year



Will improve critical
thinking skills



Will improve their
communication skills



Will have a broad
vocabulary



Will have reduced
stress levels



Will learn how to
develop empathy



Will improve their test
results

