



Greentrees Primary School

Reading Round Up

Infant edition—February 2025

Paws and Read sessions with Pru.

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In these sessions we have spent time getting to know Pru before reading our reading books to her. Pru is so impressed with our reading skills but Eve reports that after a morning hearing us read she spends the afternoon snoozing and snoring!



John - 'Pru was so soft and she really liked my reading because I saw her do a little smile when I was reading.'



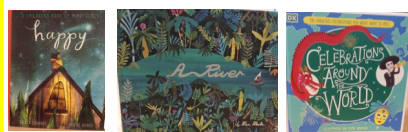
Ollie - 'It was really nice reading to Pru. When it is your turn you will enjoy it because she just lays there and listens and sometimes she looks at you.'



Infant library...

We love visiting our school library each week, at lunchtimes and before and after school on **Wednesdays**.

See you there?! Here are some of the books we have been borrowing this term:



10 ways to become a better reader...



Miss Bath recommends...

Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. It is about a boy who finds a sad penguin at his door. The boy decides to help it find its way home and they end up rowing all the way to the South Pole! I've enjoyed all of the Oliver Jeffers books I've read and this one does not disappoint! I really like the ending but I won't spoil it, look out for this book in the library next time you're in there!



Learning to read at Greentrees

At Greentrees, we foster a genuine love of reading and one of our wildly important goals is that every child becomes a fluent and confident reader who develops the habit of reading often for pleasure and information. At Greentrees we follow a systematic, synthetic approach to teaching phonics daily in EYFS and KS1. We follow Phonics Shed which is a validated phonics scheme.

The children read Phonics Shed books which are fully-decodable and consistent with their developing phonic knowledge. To maximise opportunities for children to hear and talk about a rich and diverse range of stories the children also being home a 'share with me' book which is clearly identified by a star on the front cover.

FS2

Dotty - 'I love 'The Nag', it is so funny'

Dylan - 'That's my favourite too!'

Dotty - 'Well the pig does something a bit rude and a nag is a type of horse'

Dylan - '...he has gas!'

Dotty - 'We can read the words p-o-p'

Dylan - 'The nag digs a hole at the end because of the gas'

Year 1

George - I love phonics! I love Cody the jellyfish and Music the unicorn. I actually enjoyed reading Nancy the princess where 'c' makes the 's' sound. Nancy has a mole but she thinks it's dirt. I have a mole too, look!

Year 2

Thomas - 'I loved reading Joe who stubbed his toe. It's the oe, oe oe sound. It's really funny. Joe stubs his toe on a shovel. I laughed when I read that and he goes 'oe, oe, oe!'

Term 4 reading



Term 4 is packed with lots of events and opportunities to enhance reading for all the children at Greentrees. We are looking forward to welcoming not one but two authors next term Will Hamilton-Davies the author of 'The Shrew with the flu' and Laurie Newman the author of 'Jessie the Jellyfish'.





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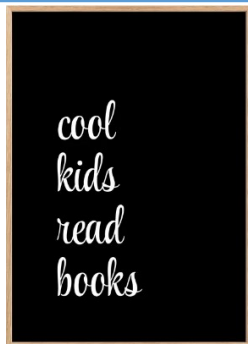


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Savannah - 'I felt nervous to start with but then I saw Pru and I was confident.'

Olivia C—I love reading! After reading to Pru I am going to try reading to other animals!



Junior library

We love visiting our school library during our weekly class sessions and before school thanks to our Year 6 librarians. Here is what we think:

"I'm enjoying reading with friends" - Isobel

"Going to the library expands my imagination" - Molly

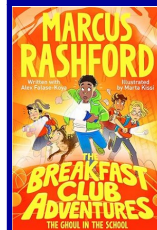
"Reading in the library helps me to calm down and it's a place I can let my imagination go" - Evie

"I like finding new authors" Sylvia

"I'm enjoying the Tom Gates books at the moment" Veyom



Book review by Zachary Peat



The Ghoul in the School is about four friends investigating the mystery of a ghostly figure haunting the gym.

The basketball team is on 0 points—could the gym be haunted?

I would recommend this for people who like mysteries because they have to solve a case by working as a team. I think it would be suitable for 7-9 year olds because I am 8 and I enjoyed it and think others will too.

Mrs McKay recommends...

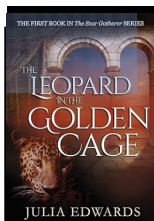


The Creakers

By Tom Fletcher

Can you imagine waking up to find that all of the adults have disappeared?

This is what happens to Lucy Dungston. As chaos ensues, Lucy takes charge and decides to try and find the missing adults. In doing so, she stumbles across a mysterious world called The Woleb and meets some even more mysterious creatures called the Creakers. You will not be able to put this book down, it is engaging, funny and even a little scary at times, but don't worry Tom always gives you a warning before the really scary parts!



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Some of our favourite Phonics Shed books at the Infants and some of our new Ruby and Emerald books at the Juniors

