



Greentrees Primary School

Reading Round Up

Infant edition—March 2025

Author visits:



The Infants enjoyed doodling woodland creatures with **Will HD**, author of the Shrew with the Flu. Will told us he became an author after reading stories to his younger siblings and thought 'I can write a children's book!' <https://willhdoofficial.co.uk>



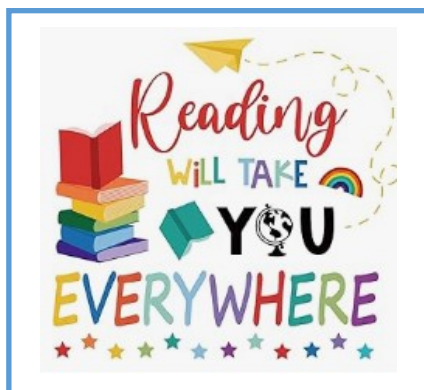
Laurie Newman, author of Jessie the Jellyfish, came in to share her book and talk to us about the effects plastic is having on our oceans. We all made a jellyfish to remind us to recycle and reuse.

<http://www.bluejaybooks.co.uk>



Book Bistro

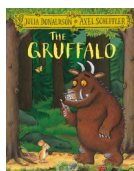
We visited the Book Bistro at the beginning and end of term and were invited to choose a book to take home and enjoy.



Mr Passmore, Pickwick CEO, recommends...



I recommend one of my all-time favourite books – the Gruffalo, by Julia Donaldson. It tells the story of a brave and clever little mouse who goes for a walk in the woods and outsmarts several animals who fancy eating him. I love the rhyming, almost sing-song style of the writing, and the illustrations are beautiful and engaging.



World Book Day—6th March



For World Book Day we dressed up as a word to highlight the importance of vocabulary for our children.

If a child is **never** read to they will have heard approximately 4,662 words by the time they are 5 years old.

If a child is read to **daily**, they will have heard approximately 296,660 words by the time they are 5 years old.

Exposure to vocabulary has such an impact on our children. Please read them a book today!



shadow - the dark image cast on a surface by a person or object blocking the light of the sun or another source of light.

camouflage - a way of hiding something by covering or colouring it so that it looks like its surroundings



folklore - the stories and ways of a group of people from a certain place or country that are handed down from generation to generation.

Book Bingo!

1. A book about an animal	2. Read a book in our school library	3. Your school reading book	4. A funny book	5. A book that rhymes
6. A non-fiction book	7. Your library book	8. A traditional story	9. A book with chapters	10. A poetry book
11. A book with a girl, boy or title	12. A book with a character who is different to you	13. Read your favourite book	14. Read a book outside	15. Read 2 books by the same author
16. Read a book by Julia Donaldson	17. Read to a family, friend, child or sibling	18. Read a book in your bed	19. Read a book to your pet or teddy	20. Read a recipe
21. Read instructions for a toy/game	22. Read a book about space/science	23. Read a book in the dark with a torch	24. A book with a superhero	25. A book that makes you happy

Term 4 Reading Challenge

We were all set the challenge to complete a Reading Bingo challenge which included reading a book outside, reading a book that makes you happy and reading a recipe! Well done to you all and a special mention to the children who achieved BINGO by completing their card—see next page.

BINGO!

Evie D
Isobel R
Harrison G
Avery H
Jack W
Natalia P
Beatrice S
Joseph C
Kayden J
Teddy H
Noah C
Harry L
Elliot St
Beatrix W
Dylan S-C
Sophie Mc
Ruby D
Simni I
Ollie G
Isla B
Arthur S
Beatrix L
Chloe W
Isaac D
Matthew D

Isla D
Joshua P
Felicity P
Hannah-Mae G
Georgie M
Lily W
Luna D
Finley W
Charlie F
Isobel C
Holly P
Kit H
Alice S
Savannah L-S
Evie C
Archie C
Amelia L
Alice S
Elliot S
Jack W
Alma S
Yuvan W
George S
Lara C



Greentrees Primary School Reading Round Up

Junior edition— March 2025

Author visits:

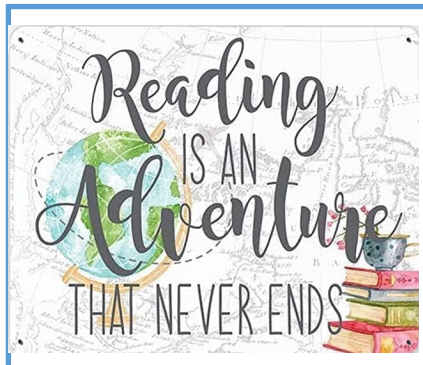
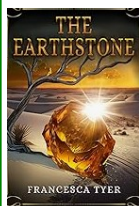
The Juniors enjoyed a fantastic workshop from the brilliant author, Julia Edwards. Julia is the author of the Scar Gatherer series, a sequence of seven time travel adventures for 8-12 year olds.



All the children attended an assembly where Julia read a short story about a boy who time travelled. She then held workshops for each year group focussing on a different era of time. Children used their inference and retrieval skills to answer questions.



On Monday 17th March Francesca Tyer, author of 'The Earthstone', visited the Juniors. She told us she was 8 years old when she decided she wanted to become an author. She inspired us all to write our own short, magical stories. The children wrote some brilliant stories



World Book Day—March 6th

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

For World Book Day we dressed as a word to highlight the importance of vocabulary for our children.

A strong vocabulary at KS2 is crucial for children's academic success as it significantly improves their reading comprehension, writing ability, communication skills, and overall learning across all subjects, allowing them to access and understand more complex concepts and express themselves effectively; essentially, a good vocabulary is the foundation for deeper learning in later years.



fragile—easily broken or damaged.

disguise—give someone or something a different appearance to conceal their identity.



professor—a university academic of the highest rank.

Book Club

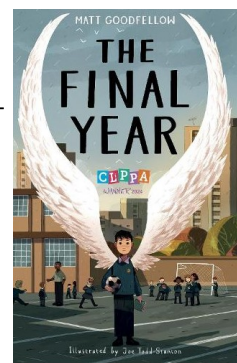


Junior Book Club has been a great success and fun for all. We have performed play scripts, looked at picture books, listened to stories and even relaxed with a hot chocolate in the Library, whilst we read our books. It was impressive to listen and hear the children's passion first hand of being lost in their world of books.

James Passmore,
Pickwick CEO,
recommends...



I recommend 'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow. It's written in quite a unique way, with the text set out almost like poetry. It tells the story of Nate, a ten-year old boy in his last year at primary school. It covers some quite challenging themes, exploring his vulnerabilities and emotions as he navigates growing up, shifting friendships and dealing with a family emergency. It is beautifully written and really heart-warming.



Term 4 Reading Challenge

We were all set the challenge to complete a Reading Bingo sheet over Term which included reading a book based on a true story, a book with more than 100 pages and a book published in the year you were born! Well done to you all and a special mention to the children who achieved BINGO by completing their card—see next page.

BINGO!

Eve P

Jake P

Sophie L

Dylan S

Edith E

Sophia P

Luke D B

Sophie D B

Catherine F

Zeta M

Savannah M

Henry H

Amberle P

JulesH

Thesara K

Maryam T

Mohammed T

Oliver Mc

Cassia T

Annabel R

Luke P

Poppy M

Ryley G

Maria J

Shahzai A

Amelia P

Joselyn Y

Reading, reading, reading!

Extreme reading, parents/Carers coming in to read to us, visiting the library...



Savannah's mummy and little sister came in to read 'Room on the broom' to Pandas complete with witches hats, outfits and character cards they had made to help the Pandas join in with the story - what a wonderful story time!

Reading, reading, reading continued!



Thank you to everyone who came to our book fair! With the books we sold Scholastic have given us £200 to put towards new books for our libraries!

Naomi, the Children's librarian at Salisbury Library, came in to talk to the Infants and the Juniors about the library. She had heard about all the fantastic reading we have been doing this term and had a question for us.

Who reads more?

The Infants or the Juniors?

Naomi has a Challenge for us to find out the answer to this!

Watch this space...

