



Greentrees Primary School

Reading Round Up

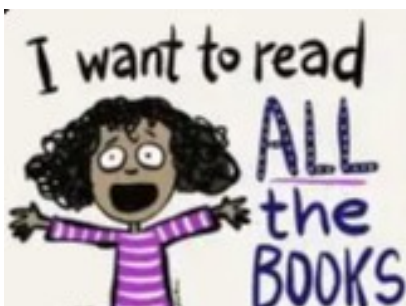
Infant edition—February 2026

Author Visit

Local author, Jonathan Crosser, came into the Infants to share his book, *A Frosty Morning Walk*, with us last week.

The book tells the story of his daily walks at the Country Park with his dog Lea.

Jonathan awarded a special edition of the book, which had been signed by Lea, to two children who asked him the best question during his visit - How did you decide on the characters to be in your book? and 'what is the setting of your story?' and presented them with it in Celebration Assembly—well done!



Infant library

Our library is open before school (8am-830am) and after school (305pm-335pm) on **Wednesdays** each week.

Next term we are inviting each class to come to the library on a Wednesday morning for a story, what better way to start your day!

The children can be dropped at 810am at the office where their teacher will sign them in so we know they are in school. Mrs Tomlinson will meet them in the library with the story starting at 815am. The children will head to class at 830am.

Wednesday 25th February - Treefrogs
Wednesday 4th March - Geckos
Wednesday 11th March - Lemurs
Wednesday 18th March - Orangutans
Wednesday 25th March - Koalas
Wednesday 15th April - Pandas
See you there?!

Mrs Edmonds recommends...

This is one of my favourite books by my favourite author Roald Dahl. The story is about a fox family who team up with other woodland animals against human farmers for their own survival. The story is about love, hardship, loyalty and friendship. I like it because I walk lots in the countryside with my family and dog Luna and can imagine the setting and characters around me. I also enjoy the illustrations by Quentin Blake. I have visited the Roald Dahl museum and his home town too where he got lots of inspiration for his many stories. too!



2026 National Year of Reading

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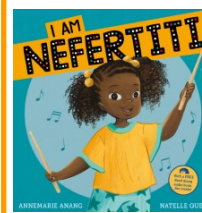
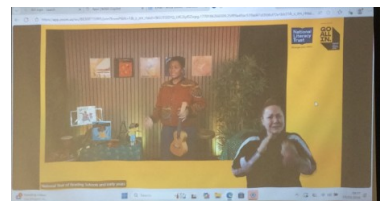
The National Year of Reading 2026 is the biggest campaign in a generation designed to help more people (re)discover the joy of reading and make it part of their everyday lives. The campaign asks the nation to Go All In on their passions and interests for 2026 and discover how reading can unlock the things they already love – be that music, football, baking, family-time, sci-fi, or... anything.

As part of this, Year 1 took part in National Story Telling Week.



The theme this year was soundtrack your story. Music connects us to words. It helps us express who we are and how we see the world.

Year 1 took part in a live workshop with the author Annemarie Anang who is the author of *I am Neferiti*. The children used their voices and bodies to create a soundtrack for the story.



Tiny Happy People

CBeebies Parenting is the new home of the Tiny Happy People website which is a support community for parents and carers to help develop children's language and communication skills, so they get the best start in life. 1 in 4 children starting primary school need support with their language, communication and literacy skills.

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Junior edition— February 2026

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As part of this, Year 3 took part in National Story Telling Week.



The theme this year was soundtrack your story. Music connects us to words. It helps us express who we are and how we see the world.

Year 3 took part in a live workshop with rapper and story teller, Alim Kamara, who has previously performed at venues such as the Royal Albert Hall. The workshop was based on the theme 'Soundtrack your story'. It inspired us to create some great raps and story creation through music and rhythm.



Competition

To celebrate World Book Day and the UK's National Year of Reading 2026, National Book Tokens are inviting children of all ages to **DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN** for their annual competition. The National Year of Reading theme, Go All In, is all about diving deeper into the things you already love through reading. Whether you're passionate about football, animals, space, fashion, gaming, or making people laugh, books can bring your interests to life in exciting new ways.

Children have the opportunity to create a bold, eye-catching gift card design that celebrates their interests and shows how books help them explore ideas, spark imagination and go further through reading.

Six winning entrants will bag HUNDREDS of pounds for their schools and themselves so they can choose all the books they need Plus, one overall winner will see their design turned into a real National Book Token.

[Design a National Book Token competition 2026 - World Book Day](#)

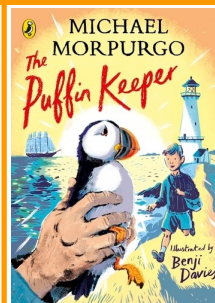
World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. Children and staff are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on this day to celebrate all things reading! We will be travelling the globe during the day hearing stories from all over the world!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Children will bring home their World Book Day voucher on Thursday **12th February**. More information about the books you can buy with this voucher is attached.

Mrs Ong recommends...



If you enjoy stories about animals, secrets and the power of nature, this book is for you!

'The Puffin Keeper' tells the story of a boy called

Allen, who is raised by a lighthouse keeper on a remote Scottish island. He helps to care for injured, stranded puffins and learns how to understand the natural world around him. As Allen gets older, he discovers secrets of his past and realises how important kindness, patience and love are.

This is a short but unforgettable read that will make you want to turn every page.

Junior Library

Our library is open before school (8.30-8.45am)

Every lunch time (12.30-1pm)



Following on from National Story Telling Week, try some of these story telling games at home. Let us know the stories you create and we will include them in our future editions of the reading round up!

Storytelling games to play at home

Try out these storytelling games at home with a family member or friend.

ABC story-making

Create a story together from thin air! You'll need two or more players. One person starts with a sentence beginning with "A," the next continues with a sentence starting with "B," and so on through the alphabet. Take turns adding sentences to see where your story goes.

Now, bring your story to life with sound. Can you add a rhythm, sound effect or background beat to match what is happening? Let the words become the soundtrack to your imagination!

Storytelling with real stories

Ask a friend or family member to tell you a story about their life. Prompt with questions, e.g., "What was the naughtiest thing you did when you were a child?" or "What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?" Then, tell the story to someone else, adding extra bits to make it more dramatic.

As you retell the story, think about the sounds that would go with it - laughter, footsteps, music from the time or even a dramatic drum roll. Think about the activity where you heard sounds on your walk and collected your own sound library. Use the sounds in your made-up tale to make the memory sing!

Story-making with objects

Collect 6-8 random small objects in a box or bag. You can use anything - a teddy, a coin or a fork. Take it in turns to pick an object without looking and use it to make up a story together. For example, if you take out a teddy, you could say, "Once upon a time, there was a tiny bear who..." Then, take out another object and decide what happens next: "Once upon a time, there was a tiny bear who found a shiny, gold coin. He picked it up and..." Build a story using all the objects.

As each object appears, think about what it sounds like in real-life, or what it might sound like in your imagination. Could the teddy hum a tune or could you say "mmm" as if you're enjoying food when you pick up your fork? Layer these sounds to create the perfect soundtrack to your story.

The children have all bought home a World Book Day voucher which can be used towards the cost of a book at any participating book shop between 12th February and 15th March. They can also be used at our Scholastic Book Fair between 25th-27th March.

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Below are this year's World Book Day £1 books, from laugh-out-loud tales to magical mysteries, there's something here for everyone.

