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We hope you have noticed the big focus on Reading for Pleasure at Chuter Ede. This half term we have achieved our Bronze Award!



We are now going for Silver and we want to get parents involved. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon!



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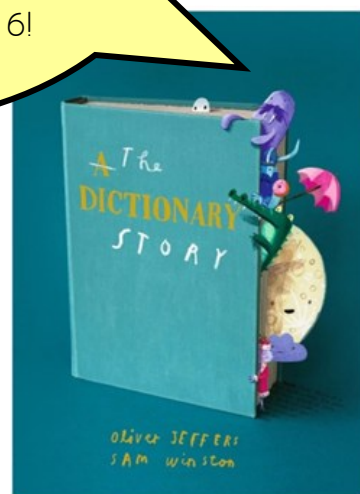
Staff Book Club Recommendations

As staff, we have a responsibility to know as much as we can about children's literature so that we can make recommendations to our pupils. We couldn't possibly read all the brilliant books that are published so we have begun to share our research by holding our first staff book club this half term. We each read a book that had been published within the last two years and then shared our thoughts. We'll be looking to buy some of these to go into class reading areas but know some children might like copies of their own, so here are our recommendations..



Mrs Adwick recommends 'The Dictionary Story' by Oliver Jeffers. If you like 'The Day the Crayons Quit', you will like this too! It is fun, clever, entertaining and beautifully illustrated. Suitable for children from Foundation to Year 6!

Mrs Hunter recommends 'The Letter with the Golden Stamp' by Onjali Q. Rauf for year 5 and 6 children. It's funny and sad and makes you wonder what Audrey has been up to. It might make you see your friends differently.

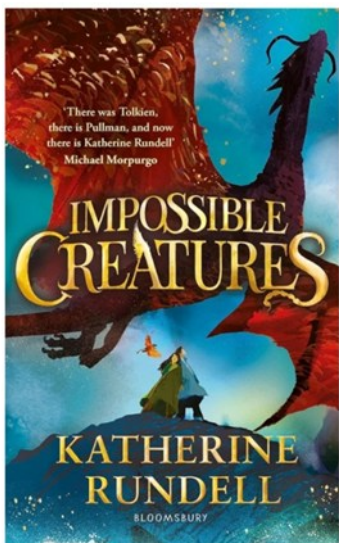




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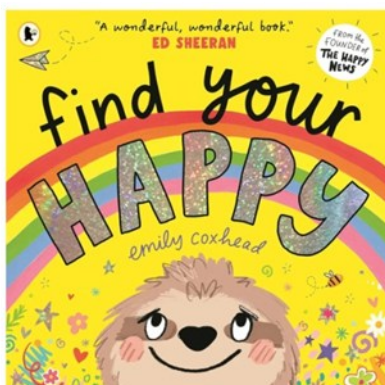
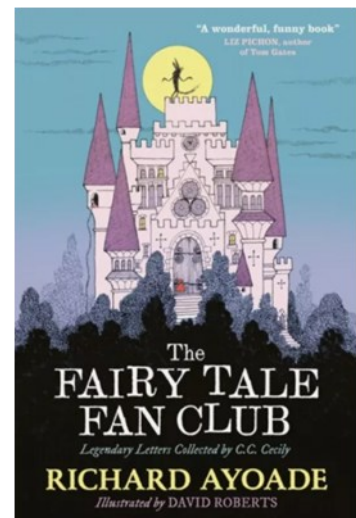


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Mrs Wilson recommends 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell – a fantasy story for Years 5 and 6. It's a lovely story about mythical creatures with beautiful language and an easy plot.

Mrs Hargreaves recommends 'The Fairy Tale Fan Club' by Richard Ayoade for children in Key Stage 2. It's a collection of imaginary letters written to fairy tale characters who respond in role – easy to dip in and out of!



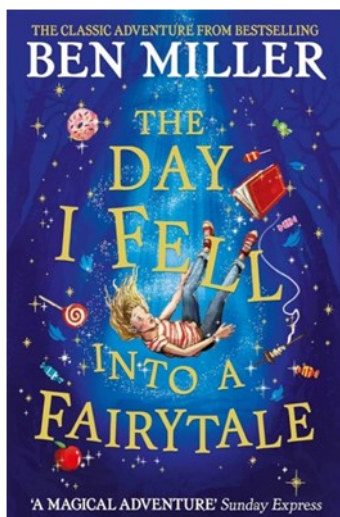
Jess recommends 'Find your Happy' by Emily Coxhead – a gorgeous picture book for any age which addresses feelings and how to manage them. It has bright, colourful characters and pictures..



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Mrs Follen recommends 'The Day I Fell into a Fairytale' by Ben Miller for years 4 -6. It's a clever story which weaves together fairy tale characters and plots with modern characters.

'The Girl Who Couldn't Lie' by Radhika Sanghani is a brilliant read for mature Year 6 girls, dealing with all sorts of sensitive issues!



Mrs Ford recommends 'A Girl Called Justice' by Ellie Griffiths for Year 5 and 6 children. It's an adventure and mystery set in a boarding school.



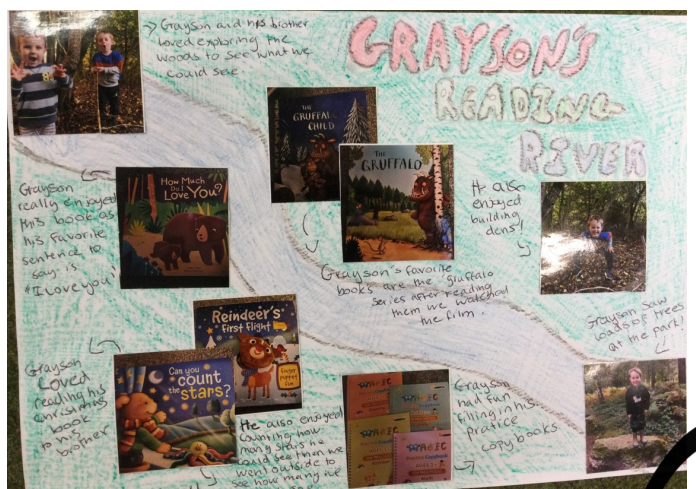
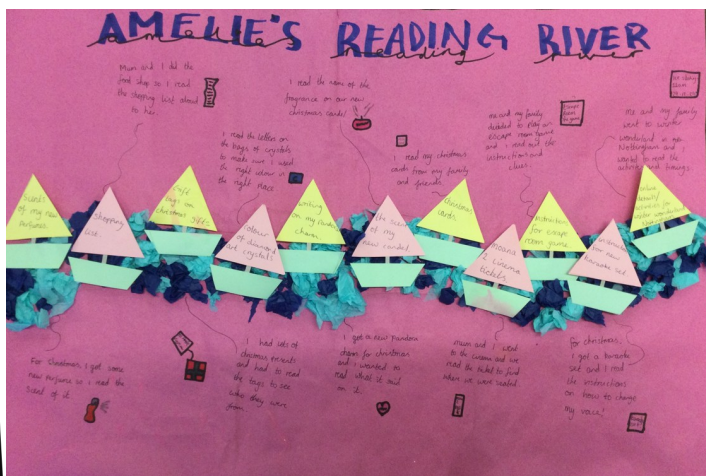
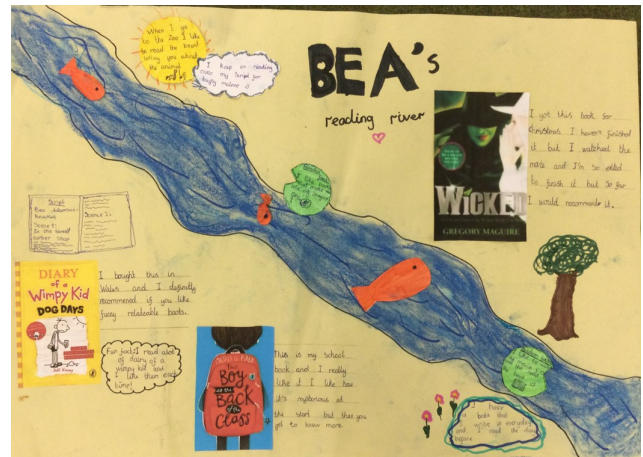
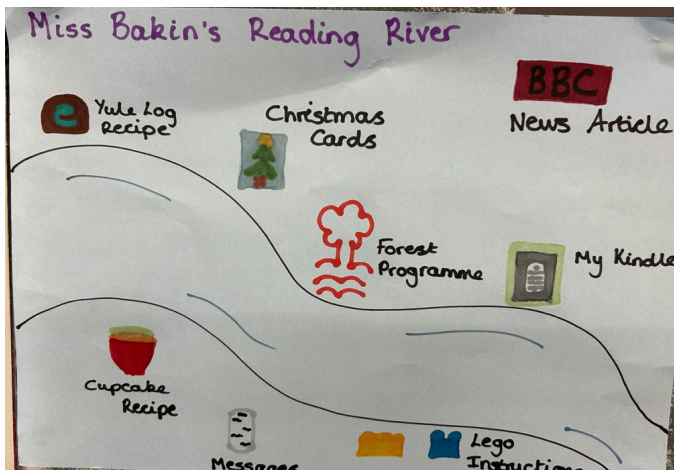
We're always looking out for new recommendations, so if your child has read something new that they've really enjoyed, do let us know!



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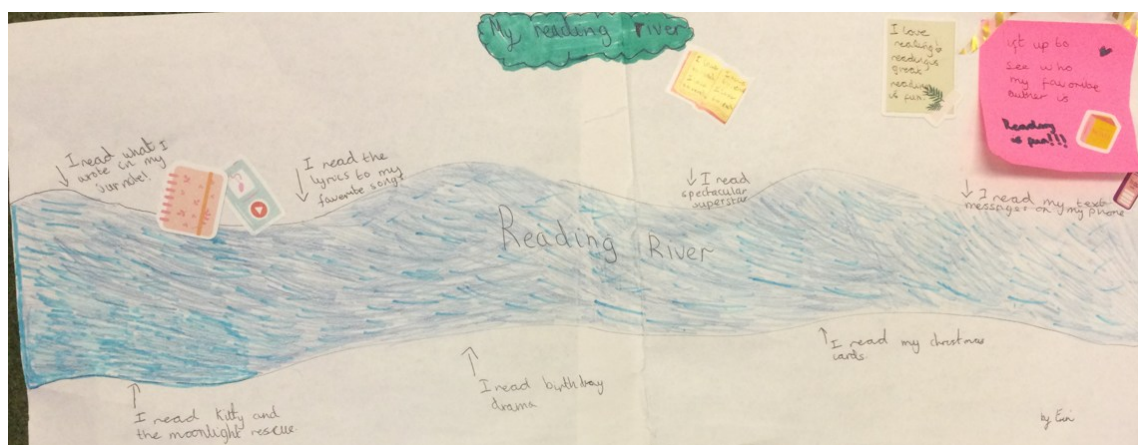
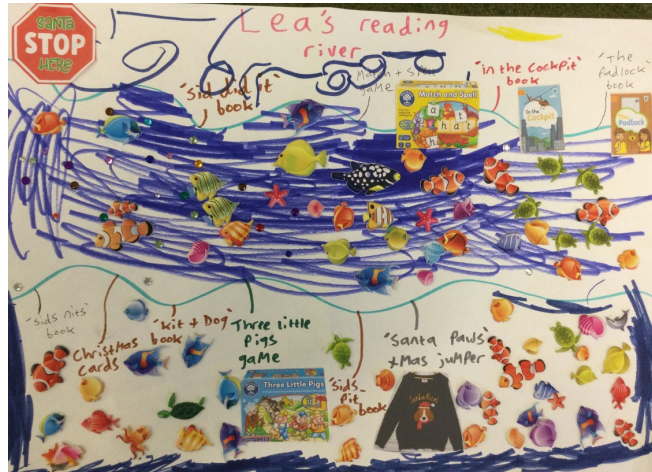
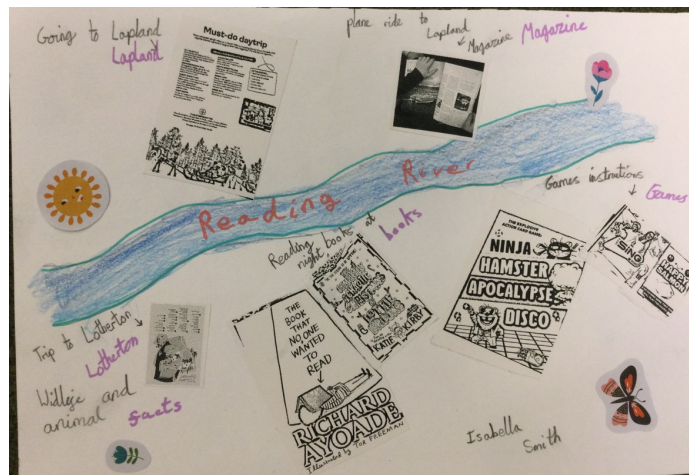
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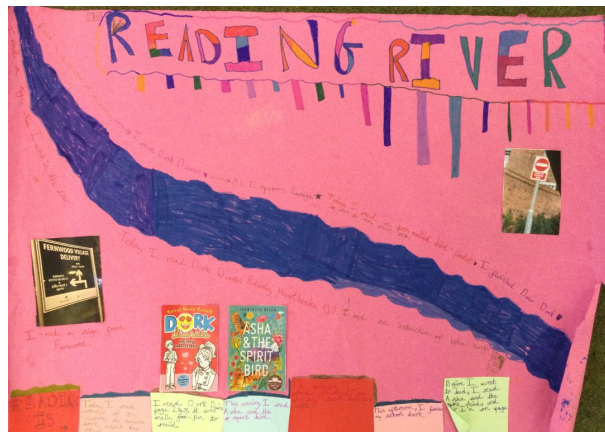
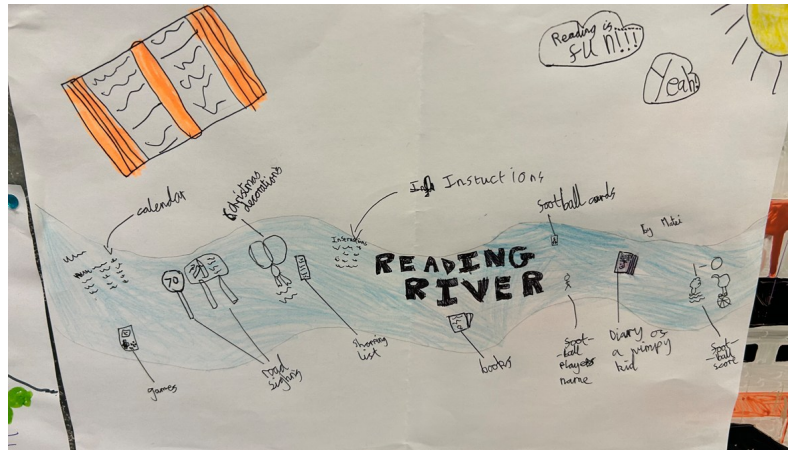
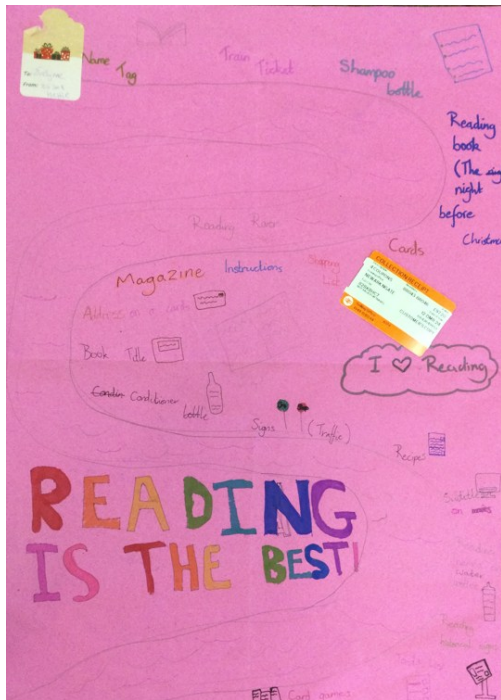
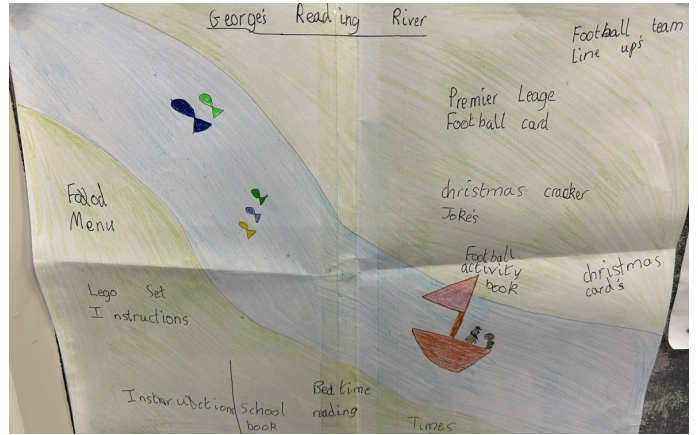
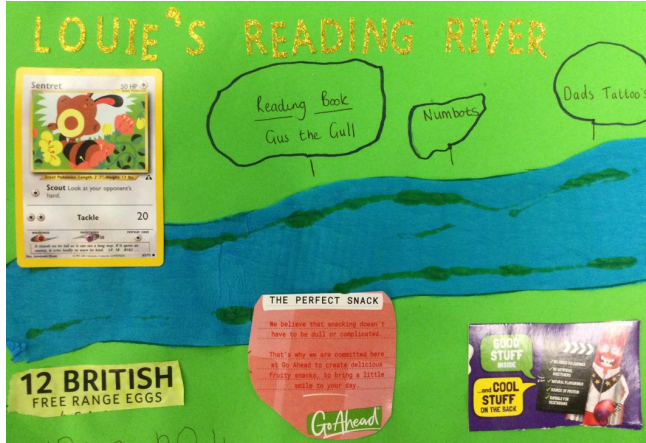
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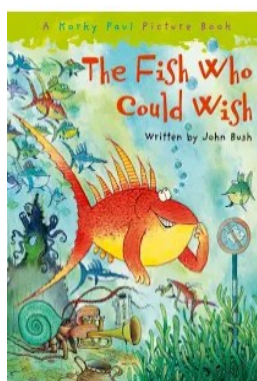
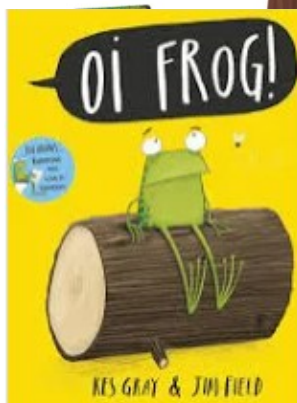
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Julia Donaldson

...try these!



Readers who love the rhyming pattern of Donaldson's stories might like these.



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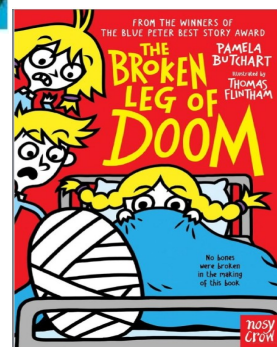
Horrid Henry

...try these!



A fun new series!

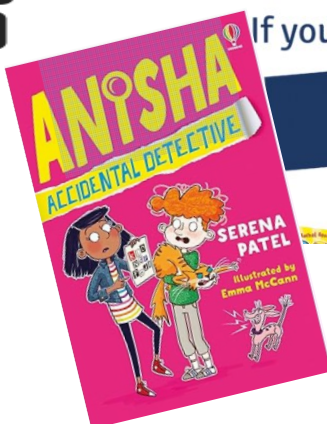
For children who love reading about the escapades of a mischievous character.



If you like...

Dork Diaries

...try these!



Readers who love doodle style diaries. Try the graphic novel 'Frankie's World'





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Teachers have been enjoying spending some quality time promoting reading for pleasure and helping children develop their reading habits.

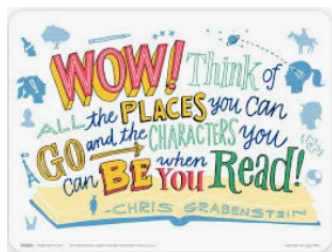
Where do you like to read?

We have found out that some children like to share books in groups, some sitting on a cushion while others like being on their own.

Miss Bakin's class were so engrossed in reading and sharing books with friends they didn't want to stop!



Miss Donald watched in amazement as her class organised themselves into small groups to share books they were interested in. This is a really powerful time to allow our children to become readers.



Our Reading Ambassadors can be spotted reading in different classes this term.

Year 3 love it when Year 5 Reading Ambassadors come to visit.





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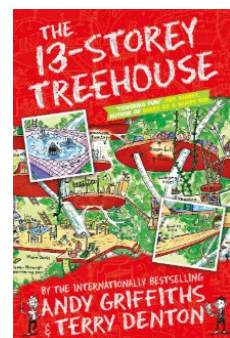
Young Ambassadors Programme



The YOUNG AMBASSADOR programme for those aged 7 - 21 is open for new applicants from the 1st February. If your child is interested, please see the link below for more details.

<https://www.newarkbookfestival.org.uk/get-involved/young-ambassadors-programme/>

Joshua in IKH/CH loves reading. He visited Mrs Follen's class and all the children were really impressed with his confident and expressive reading. She recommended one of her books to try out and he loved it - here's his review: 'The 13-Story Treehouse' by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. The thing I liked best was the bubblegum bubble filled with burp gas! The funniest bit was when they filled the grinder with popcorn beans and they were flying everywhere. I also liked the lemonade fountain. I really recommend this book and give it 9 out of 10 stars. There was nothing scary, but it was interesting in chapter 12 - there was a bunch of canaries (a bunch of cats that turned into canaries) called catnamies and they can fly. There is also a gorilla shaking the treehouse and the canaries save Andy and Terry. I would recommend this book to older kids to read or kids with parents to read together as I think parents would like this book too.

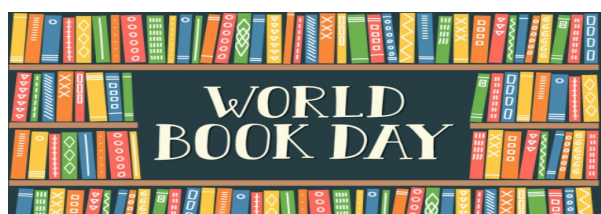




The first ever Waterstones Children's Book Festival is taking place in Lincoln from Friday 14th – Sunday 16th February. Bursting with events featuring bestselling and beloved children's authors, including Skandar creator **A.F. Steadman**, the graphic novel genius behind Heartstopper **Alice Oseman**, Bunny vs Monkey legend **Jamie Smart** and all-round children's literature icon **Jacqueline Wilson**, the festival boasts a huge variety of events and activities to suit all ages. Hear authors talk about how they create fictional worlds or take part in a writing workshop. Find out how to mix words and pictures in comic book creation sessions or say hello to beloved characters with a series of fun costume appearances. There is so much to see and do at the Waterstones Children's Book Festival that makes it the ideal destination for all young bookworms. Events will take place in different locations across the heart of the city, including The Engine Shed, Southside, Lincoln Central Library, and Waterstones bookshop itself.



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World Book Day is coming up next half term. Look out for more information to follow. No dressing up but lots of different ways to celebrate reading are planned.

