



Coppice Academy

Autumn 2

Reading Newsletter



Season's Greetings!

It has been a very busy half-term for Reading at Coppice Academy as we build up towards Christmas!

We have hosted a very successful Book Fair, Year 5 have attended the theatre performance of their Reading text 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and we have continued to reward excellence in Reading with our newly-stocked Book Vending Machine. Staff have also been caught out reading whilst working (see evidence later!)

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Reading Percentage

Class Winners

1ST 4D
 2ND 5E
 3RD 6H

Home Reading Expectations

- All children are expected to read for 10 minutes every night, at least 3 nights per week. Please sign their reading diary pages in their organiser to confirm they have done so.
- Reading books need to be in school every day.
- If they have read and bring their book in, they get 2 ticks on the class chart.
- The class with the highest percentage on a Friday win extra playtime and the Reading Champion wins a book prize from our Book Vending Machine!

Week Beginning 4th September 2023

Spellings:

Monday
Book title:

Today I have read:

At school:

Page ____ to page ____

At home:

Page ____ to page ____

Parent signature: _____

Tuesday
Book title:

Today I have read:

At school:

Page ____ to page ____

At home:

Page ____ to page ____

Parent signature: _____



Our approach to supporting children to read for pleasure encourages 6 behaviours:

Being read to regularly

Having books at home and at school

Having a choice in what to read

Finding time to read

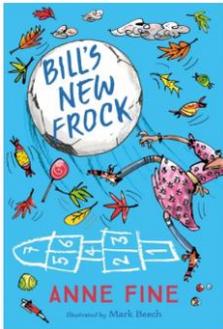
Having trusted help to find a book

Making reading FUN!

Next half-term's texts...

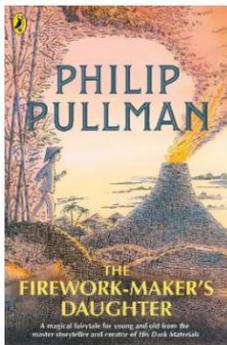


Year 3



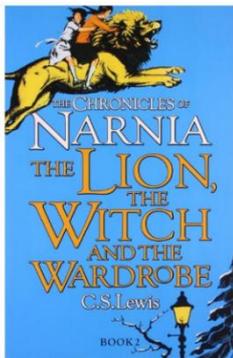
Bill wakes up one day as a girl, and is horrified to be sent to school in a frilly pink frock with fiddly shell buttons. There he finds life suddenly very different. The bully whistles at him, instead of kicking him, he can't be picked to lift a table - not being a 'big strong boy' - his work's supposed to be ultra neat and he's being cast as Lovely Rapunzel, who in any case never gets to say anything! By the time he gets home the impractical frock is covered in mud and - thank goodness - Bill will never have to wear it again!

Year 4



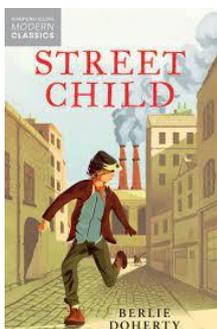
Lila doesn't just want to be a Firework-Maker's daughter, she wants to be a Firework Maker herself. But although she's learned a lot she still must get through the most difficult and dangerous part of her apprenticeship - and her father won't tell her what it is. In search of this final Firework-Making secret, Lila heads off alone on a journey. It is a journey filled with dangers beyond anything she could have imagined, a journey on which she will learn so much more than the one secret she set out to find . . .

Year 5



When the Pevensie children - Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy - step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find themselves in the land of Narnia. Frozen in eternal winter, Narnia is a land of snow and pine forests, and its creatures are enslaved by the terrible White Witch. Tempted by the promise of endless Turkish Delight, Edmund becomes the White Witch's servant - and it's up to his brother and sisters to release him from his enchantment and to rid Narnia of the witch. But just when it seems that all hope is lost, the Great Lion Aslan returns to help the children to save Narnia.

Year 6



The unforgettable tale of an orphan in Victorian London, based on the boy whose plight inspired Dr Barnardo to found his famous children's homes. When his mother dies, Jim Jarvis is left all alone in London. He is sent to the workhouse but quickly escapes, choosing a hard life on the streets of the city over the confines of the workhouse walls. Struggling to survive, Jim finally finds some friends... only to be snatched away and made to work for the remorselessly cruel Grimy Nick, constantly guarded by his vicious dog, Snipe.

Reading @ Coppice

What we're reading!

~~Did this story get any children's characters? By sharing your views you are helping to introduce~~

The Boy Who Grew Dragons. This book is exciting and we are really enjoying it. There is a character called Thomas and he has a pet dragon We can't wait to find out what happens at the end. This was a really funny book when the dragon 'Flicker' did an explosive poo which landed on Tom's face.

The Wreck of Zanzibar is about a boy called Billy who lived on an island with his family. There was a storm that ruined all the houses so Billy sailed away to look for materials to build them. It is a good book as it is interesting to see what happens next. A sad book but with a happy ending.

Year 5 & 6

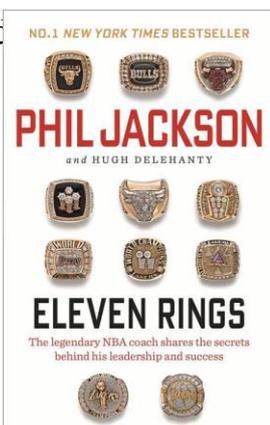
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The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is about 4 children, Lucy, Edmund, Peter and Susan who go into a wardrobe and find a place called Narnia. It is such a magical book! There is a lion and a witch who made a deal. It ends up with the lion starting a war.

Goodnight Mr Tom – I think the book was a bit sad and a bit happy because a child William Beech gets treated badly but in the end lives happily with Tom. I really loved this book as I can picture the story.

Staff – Mr Smith

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This book has been such an inspiration!

It tells the story of Phil Jackson, legendary NBA basketball coach of the Chicago Bulls & LA Lakers and how he coached, mentored and led his teams to win 11 NBA Championships!

This book has shown me the importance of dedication, team-work and togetherness.

Scholastic Book Fair

Did you know that you can help your children? By sharing your love of reading with your children. A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Scholastic Book Fair during Parents' Evening week earlier this half-term.

Together, we bought an incredible £450 worth of books and raised over £180 to spend on books for our school!

Some of these new texts will be used to re-stock the Book Vending Machine and some will be kept for rewards for World Book Day which we will be celebrating in school on Thursday 7th March 2024.

The Scholastic logo, featuring a red book icon to the left of the word "SCHOLASTIC" in white capital letters on a red background.

Blue Peter Book Club



Did you know that you can help your children?

By sharing your love of reading with your children.

In 'The Christmas Carrolls', we join nine-year-old Holly Carroll in her enchanting world, a daily celebration of Christmas. On a mission to spread cheer, Holly faces an unexpected challenge and her infectious Christmas spirit is about to encounter its greatest test...

Find out more at: [Ask the Author: The Christmas Carrolls | Mel Taylor-Bessent Author | Blue Peter Book Club 2023 - CBBC - BBC](#)

Don't forget, you can still apply for your very own Blue Peter Book Club badge at:

[Blue Peter Book badge | Find out how to earn the Book BP badge - CBBC - BBC](#)

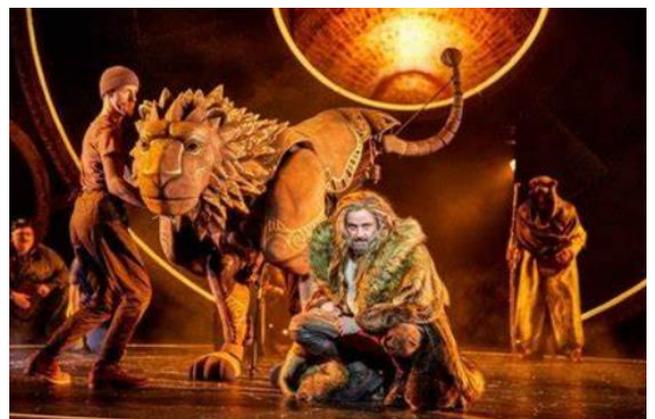
Year 5 Step into Narnia...



On Wednesday 29th November, Year 5 stepped into the wondrous, magical winter wonderland of Narnia as part of their work on *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis.

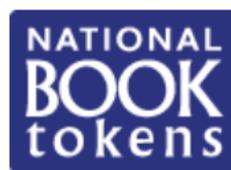
The children and staff travelled to The Rep theatre, where they were treated to a stage spectacular of the classic war-time tale involving the Pevensie children, the evil Queen of Narnia and the heroic King Aslan.

The children represented Coppice Academy impeccably and were a credit to our school.





From January, our new and improved 'Book Club' will launch on Mondays after-school with Mr Smith using the Premier League Reading Stars programme. Since 2012, the programme has worked with over 100,000 children, raising levels of attainment and helping children to enjoy reading for pleasure. Premier League Reading Stars is an inspiring 10-session reading programme created to increase engagement and progress levels in reading for KS2 pupils. The sessions, known as Fixtures, give pupils the opportunity to practise their reading skills, including comprehension and inference, using football-related resources and texts.



Stuck for gift ideas this Christmas? Why not give the gift of reading?

Give them the excitement of choosing a new book as well as the joy of reading it. National Book Tokens are accepted in bookshops everywhere and online, and come in a range of designs, with personalised, e-Gift and monthly subscription options just a click away.

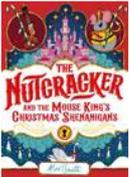


[Christmas gift cards - National Book Tokens](#)

The Book Trust website contains a wealth of information along with a book finder to help children discover the very best books for their age range: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

Each month, the Book Trust reviews dozens of books for children. Here are some of the ones they have picked for **December**:

Ages 6 – 8



The Nutcracker and the Mouse King's Christmas Shenanigans

Author: Alex T. Smith

Publisher: Macmillan Children's Books

Interest age: 6-8

Reading age: 8+

When the Mouse King steals all the sweets across the land, the Nutcracker embarks on a riotous journey to Marshmallow Mountain to save Christmas. This hilarious tale with vibrant, energetic illustrations is sure to become a festive favourite.



Luna Loves Christmas

Author: Joseph Coelho **Illustrator:** Fiona Lumbers

Publisher: Andersen

Interest age: 6-8

Reading age: 7+

Luna and her family are doing something a little different this year for Christmas – they're volunteering. First, Luna helps Mum deliver food bank packages to neighbours and then she and Dad bake cookies for the big community Christmas dinner. A truly magical book and a real celebration of community and family.

Ages 9 – 11



The Silver Road

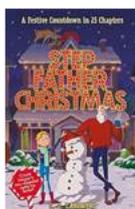
Author: Sinéad O'Hart

Publisher: Piccadilly

Interest age: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

Dealing with contemporary concerns such as climate change, yet steeped in ancient Irish myth, history and folklore, this thrilling fantasy crackles and fizzes like the magic within its pages.



Step Father Christmas

Author: L. D. Lapinski

Publisher: Orion

Interest age: 9-11

Reading age: 8+

Harper suspects Mum's new boyfriend, Nick, is really Father Christmas. He works with reindeer and has a big white beard, for goodness sake! But can she prove it? A fun, festive read.

The Evidence!



We are after all a reading school!





