



Terrington St Clement Community School

# Reading Newsletter

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## Reading update for the Autumn Term 2020

Dear readers,

At Terrington St Clement Community School we believe you can never do enough reading and are always looking for ways to develop our readers and help them to succeed. After all, it is a life skill, one that is always evolving and a core skill for our learners to learn if they are to succeed academically.



This academic year we have had to organise things a little differently. Over the summer all classroom bookcorners and reading resources were revamped and many new titles were added to these resources across the school.

All learners across the school now bring home a weekly reading bundle and reading bookmark. These are slightly different per phase, are closely linked to reading expectations and more importantly are aimed at fostering good reading habits.

In KS2 we have introduced Whole Class Reading lessons. Every half term each class reads a WCR text. KS2 classes have daily reading lessons that involve lots of book talk and shared thinking. The WCR have been positively received and these sessions have a real buzz and everyone gets involved. Learners are thoroughly enjoying these texts and can even be spotted continuing reading out on the playground! All KS2 classes have now read two chapter books this term and this is in addition to their books in reading bundles and their two class novels.

KS1 have new guided reading sets and are beginning to introduce chapter books into book bundles. Again, these texts are being positively received by our learners.

We would also like to welcome our new librarian, Mrs Bragg. She has been busy getting to know some of our KS2 readers and they are wowing with their enthusiasm.

Well done to all our readers. Keep up the good work!

## *A message from our Reading Ambassadors*



*As Reading Ambassadors we have been encouraging readers across school this term with some of the following activities:*

- *recorded storytimes for EYFS and KS1 classes*
- *poetry performance and challenge for 3/4 readers*
- *WCR book reviews for 5/6 readers*
- *presented reading challenge badges and celebrated with those learners who have achieved their 20 reads*

*A few extracts from our WCR bookreviews...*

### *Letter From The LightHouse by Emma Carroll*

*The book is based in WW2. It's all about 2 evacuees named Olive Bradshaw and her brother Cliff. They are sent to Devon from London without their Mum and their older sister has just gone missing. The children stay in a lighthouse and so the adventure begins. I liked the book. I found it interesting. My favourite character is Sukie because she is bossy and cares about the job in hand.*

*by Matthew 5/6H*

### *The Storm Keeper's Island by Catherine Doyle*

*This is an adventure story set on the island of Arronmore. It is about a boy called Fionn and his journey to becoming the next storm keeper. The book made me feel excited, scared and it also made me sad. The only thing I didn't like about it was it left on a cliff-hanger! Everytime we read it, I wanted to read more!*

*by Emma 5/6B*

### *Malamander*

*by Thomas Taylor*

*Malamander is about a boy called Herbie and a girl called Violet. Violet is looking for her parents who have mysteriously disappeared. Herbie works as a lost and founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel. My favourite character was Herbie. This book made me feel excited and I did not want to put it down.*

*by Oliver E 5/6S*

### *Wonder*

*by R.J. Palacio*

*This is about a boy named August who has a face anomaly and has never been to school before. His parents decide to send him to school at the start of 5th Grade. August is different to his peers and is bullied because of this but things are about to change... The book made me very aware of bullying and people with disabilities. I like this book because it had lots of new and interesting words.*

*by Isabella 5/6D*

*Happy Christmas from the Reading Ambassadors!*

## 12 Days of Christmas Reading



Why not challenge yourself and see how many of these you can try.

1. **A partridge in a pear tree:** Read a story set in the countryside, the forest or a jungle.
2. **Two turtle doves:** Turtle doves symbolise love. Read a book where there is a strong relationship between the characters. This does not have to be romantic love!
3. **Three French hens:** Read a book set somewhere other than the UK.
4. **Four calling birds:** Read a book where one of the main characters is an animal.
5. **Five gold rings:** Read a book where there is a treasure or something precious the main character seeks.
6. **Six geese a laying:** Snuggle down! Make a cosy reading den. Enjoy your choice of book with a family member.
7. **Seven swans a swimming:** Read a book where there is a link to water in some way. This could be a river, lake, sea, the rain, snow, etc.
8. **Eight maids a milking:** Read a book where the main character is a female lead.
9. **Nine ladies dancing:** Read a book that brings you joy and happiness.
10. **Ten lords a leaping:** Read a book where one character has power or responsibility eg. king, queen, pharaoh, headteacher...
11. **Eleven pipers piping:** Read and perform a winter-themed poem.
12. **Twelve drummers drumming:** Read a book from an author you have not come across before.



## Christmas Reads

As part of our 10 day countdown to the end of term for learners they have shared some Christmas themed stories.



Why not take a look at some of the titles on these lists for some ideas for Christmas and new year reads.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/2020-christmas-gifts-3-5>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/2020-christmas-gifts-5-7>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/2020-christmas-gifts-7-9>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/2020-christmas-gifts-9-11>

### Happy Jolabokaflo!



*In Iceland books are exchanged on Christmas Eve and you spend the rest of the night reading. People generally take their books to bed along with some chocolate. Books are typically published around the Christmas season, leading to this surge in reading known as jolabokato, which translates roughly to 'Christmas book flood' in English.*

*It started during WW2 when paper was one of the few things not rationed in Iceland. Because of this Icelanders gave books as gifts while other things were in short supply.*

*Why not start a jolabokato tradition in your home this Christmas? If you do, send us a picture of you and your family settling down for some festive reading!*

*Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Take care and keep safe x*