



Palace Wood Primary Reading Newsletter



Term 4 2020 iss.1

Welcome to the very first edition of our termly newsletter, dedicated wholly to the wonderful world of reading! Every term, we shall be sharing our reading news with you so we can work together to instill a love of reading amongst our school community. 😊

Book/Story Events

Waterstones (Bluewater)

29th Feb. 11am Storytime & meet and greet with Bing! Check website for bookings.

7th and 8th March 11am - 4pm Supertato!
Many World Book Day activities over this weekend. Free event.

15th March 11:30am Storytime and Sign with The Three Little Pigs. Free, no need to book. Also at Waterstones Maidstone at 2:30pm.

The Marlow Theatre, Canterbury

A Monster Calls (this is a popular book amongst our upper KS2 children).

31st March-4th April

The Storm Whale (our Book Week text for Reception classes) 6-11th April

Oi Frog & Friends! 22nd-24th May.

The Princess and the Pea 25th May

Holes (Year 6 read this as part of their English reading lessons) 27th-30th May.

Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone

There was an old lady who swallowed a fly!
8th March 2:30pm

Rapunzel 8th April

The Wizard of Oz 15th April

The Adventures of Bo Peep 24th May

Book Week

Our theme this year is ... whales. We launch our Book Week on Friday 28th February with a special assembly from Greenpeace. We have many fun things planned for Book Week. We shall share our highlights and photos in the next reading newsletter. For now, here is what we're up to:

- Usborne Sponsored Read! From Monday 2nd- Friday 6th March, all the children in the school can be sponsored by family and friends to read and record the amount of minutes they read each day. Anything goes: recipe books, leaflets, poetry, comics, magazine, books... The money raised shall be used to purchase books from Usborne for our school. Sponsor forms shall be sent home on Friday 28th Feb.
- 'Wear a splash of green' on Thursday 5th March. We shall **not** be holding a dressing-up day this year, instead, the children are to wear their usual school uniform but with an item **green** in colour. Green socks, tights, hairbands, cardigans...anything goes. This is in support of Greenpeace. We kindly ask for a £1 voluntary donation for the charity.

Competition Time!

In our book week celebration, we invite the children to decorate a wooden spoon as a book character! Decorated wooden spoons are to be handed-in to your child's teacher by Monday 9th March. Entries shall be judged by the Reading Ambassadors on Wednesday 11th March. There shall be two entries: **Acorns and Oaks. There are lots of ideas on Pinterest to get you started!**



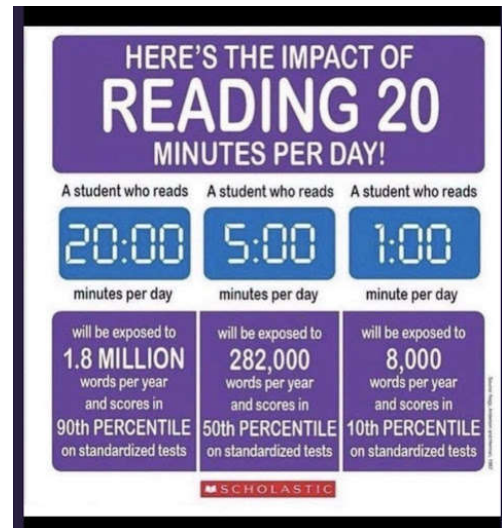
1st prize: £10 Waterstones voucher

2nd prize: £5 book voucher

3rd prize: book mark

Teach Your Monster to Read!

This is an award-winning phonics and reading game available on iPad, iPhone, laptop etc. The App is free to download until 28th Feb. This is great way to help children at home with their phonics. There are three levels, covering early phonics, matching letters to sounds and reading sentences.



Allington Library

Open Tuesday to Saturday.

Tuesday: 9am - 5pm (closed 1-2pm)
Wednesday: 9am - 5pm (closed 1-2pm)
Thursday: 2pm - 5pm
Friday: 9am - 5pm (closed 1-2pm)
Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Kent libraries are free to join and offer a wide range of services - from free access to books, computers, internet and information to the hire of music, audio books and films.

What we are reading in term 4 (book week text)

Reception - **The Storm Whale** (reading for meaning)

Year 1 - **Dear Greenpeace**, Jack and the Meanstalk, non-fiction texts on animals.

Year 2 - Horrid Henry and the Demon Dinnerlady, **Dear Greenpeace**, poetry

Year 3 - Nothing by Mick Inkpen, Bringing Down the Moon Johnathan Emmett, **The Whale**

Year 4- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, **The Whale**

Year 5 - Midsummers' Night Dream. **The Whale**

Year 6 - Romeo and Juliet, **The Whale**

Interview with Rory in Pandas

What's your favourite book and why?
Wake Up Do, Lydia Lou! By Julia Donaldson because I like to act it out.

Where and when do you like to read?
At bed-time in bed!

What are you reading at the moment?
The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog by Jeremy Strong which I bought from the Book Fair at school.

Interview with Mrs Ball our FLO

What's your favourite children's book and why? Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd because it's funny, rhymes and is about dog!

Where and when do you like to read?
I read every single night in bed before I go to sleep.

What are you reading at the moment?
The Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan, which was recommended to me by my daughter.