

# LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Spring 2024 library newsletter. Here you will find lots of bookish news and features, such as suggestions for what to read next, help with achieving the reading challenges, an interview with Mrs Cooper, and of course your fantastic book reviews and recommendations!

## Book Review Help

Need some help writing a book review for your reading challenge?

Try including some of this vocabulary:

The story takes place...

The plot focuses on...

One of the highlights is...

This reminded me of...

This book made me feel...

I chose to read this because...

## Useful Adjectives

Fast-paced, gripping, thrilling, surprising, odd, humorous, emotional, fascinating, inspiring

## Congratulations!

Well done to everyone who has completed a bronze, silver or gold reading challenge this year. You are all fantastic readers!

Especially well done to our Gold Olympian Reading Ambassadors. If you're not sure what to read next, try asking them. They have read a lot of books!

Well done too to our lunchtime librarians. Your help in keeping the library tidy and organised is much appreciated. Keep up the good work!



## What books are classes around the school reading?



Year 3 - Charlotte's Web by E.B. White      Year 5 - Skellig by David Almond

Year 4 - Max and the Millions by Ross Montgomery

Year 6 - Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone





## Reader Interview with Mrs Cooper

### What did you like to read as a child?

I have always LOVED to read, even as a young child. Both my parents love to read and we would visit the town library where I lived each week and I would take out the maximum number of books I was allowed to take and then devour them ready to take back to swap for different books the following Saturday. My favourite books were mostly adventure stories like The Famous Five, Secret Seven or The Adventures Of...stories. I also liked books set in America such as Anne of Green Gables and the Little House on the Prairie books.



### Why do you enjoy reading?

As a child I enjoyed reading as a way to experience adventures that I would be too scared to do in real life - I was scared of a LOT of things when I was young! As an adult I love to read as it helps me to relax and get away from the trials and tribulations of a busy life as a teacher and a mum.

### Do you have a favourite book character?

This is a tricky one! I wanted to be Anne from Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery when I was young because she was so brave and plucky but I also loved Laura Ingles from the Little House on the Prairie books because she was brave and went on to be a teacher (which was always my dream too!)

### What have you read recently that you would recommend?

I don't read children's books as often as I used to when I was a class teacher but one of the last books I read was The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. This is not my usual sort of book but I loved the maps and the sheer magic of it. I would highly recommend it for upper KS2 children.

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**BOOK  
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024



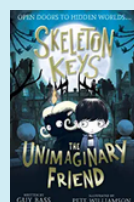
Don't forget World  
Book Day!

It's on Thursday 7th March.  
Who will you dress up as?

## Hungry for more?

Enjoyed your class read?

Class book sequels, available in the library



Remember, the school library is open at  
lunchtimes for each year group.  
Mon - Y3, Tues - Y4, Wed - Y5, Thurs - Y6

# YOUR REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Thank you for all your fantastic book reviews. I am sorry I cannot include them all, but here are just a few. Please remember to include your name so we can credit you on the newsletter.

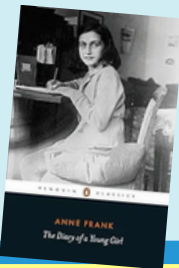


Twelve year old Jordan loves drawing cartoons, but rather than send him to art school, his parents send him to a private school where he just doesn't fit in. A graphic novel about making friends and staying true to yourself.

"..kept me engaged with its comic style pages" - Milo, 6AE

Whilst on holiday, Amelia and her friends accidentally discover a curse and are shrunk to the size of bugs! They must work together to break the curse - which is hard when you're so very tiny!

"..it has such good cliff hangers." - Sophie J, 5VH



Read the diary of young Anne Frank, detailing her daily life as she and her family are forced to go into hiding in Amsterdam during the second world war.

"..a really moving non-fiction book." - Matilda, 6MB

A group of children crash land in a rainforest and meet an explorer who helps them survive.

"The theme is resilience and resourcefulness of young people. Also, it is about human nature and bravery" - Eva P, 6AE



A graphic novel telling the story of two brothers, forced to leave their home in Somalia due to the war, and their daily life as refugees in a camp in Kenya.

"it's a very beautiful, engaging and emotional book" - Isla K, 6AE

When Monkey's rocket crash lands in Bunny's forest, he is determined to cause mischief and Bunny is determined to stop him!

"It was so funny. I will be reading the next in the series for definite!" - Reuben, Y, 6AE. Also recommended by Leo B 4MM







After mistaking Santa Claus for a burglar and slapping him in handcuffs, Claude has to get in the sleigh and deliver presents before midnight!

"Claude is a silly, cheeky dog that is lots of fun!" - Georgia 5MGL

Tom has brilliant plans for his two weeks off school. Unfortunately, both the dentist and his annoying sister are standing in his way!

"Anyone who likes practical jokes will like this book!" - Jakey 5MGL



The third book in the Cogheart series, in which Lily and Robert are captured by sinister characters and taken away in a flying circus.

"It is jam packed with thrills and amazing cliff-hangers!" - Leila, 6MB



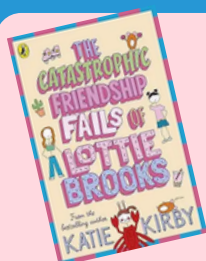
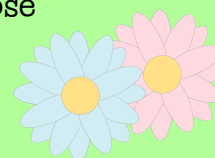
Three children of the Greek Gods are sent on a quest to save Hera. However, this is no easy mission and they run into previously undefeated enemies!

"Just reading a page is enough to get you hooked!" - Freddie, 6FCB



Merdyn the warlock is banished from the Dark Ages to the 21st century where he meets 12 year old Rose. They agree to help each other and a whole load of hilarious trouble ensues!

"I loved how the relationship between Merdyn and Rose developed." - Rosie, 6FCB



Lottie starts Spring term at secondary school full of optimism. However, things are never that simple and her friendships start to fall apart. Is this just another awful episode in Lottie's embarrassing life?

"..will really bring a smile to your face." - Sophia, 6FCB

Looshkin is a graphic novel about a silly cat who just loves to cause chaos!

"Dog Man fans will like this book a lot!" - Edward, 6MB



Finally, an author recommendation - Pamela Butchart. Pamela has written lots of books including Attack of the Demon Dinner Ladies and Baby Aliens Got My Teacher. She is recommended by Alicia P, 6MB.

"I read the whole series and I am still waiting for the next! ..you will be laughing for hours!"

