



Reading Newsletter

Spring 2021

Welcome to our Spring Term 2021 Reading Newsletter—a place for us to share reading recommendations and support our children in accessing and enjoying great books.

It has been another term full of fantastic reading and, despite the many weeks of remote learning that this term brought, we were incredibly proud of how much reading for pleasure still took place at home, and how well our children engaged with their online reading sessions.

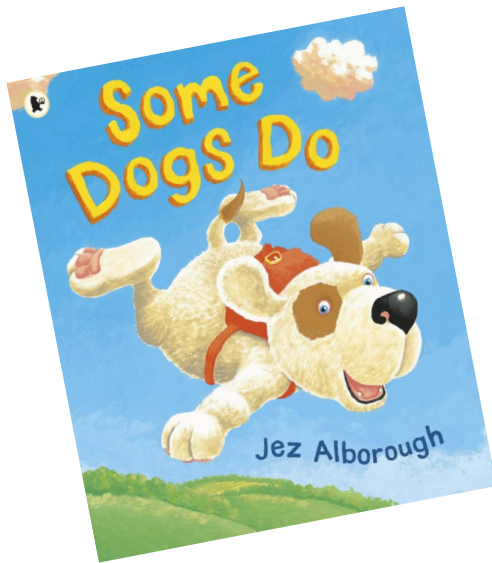
During lockdown, it was also wonderful to see how many children in Year 2-6 enjoyed the Zoom Author Event with Liz Pichon—author of the very popular Tom Gates books. It was such a brilliant and inspiring session and the artwork that the children produced, from Liz's fabulous draw-a-long, was fantastic! We would like to extend our thanks to the fabulous independent book shop 'Chicken and Frog' who ran this event. If you are interested in more Zoom Author Events such as these, please do visit this link to join the many fabulous events that they are running for children and families throughout the Easter Holidays: [Events - Chicken and Frog Bookshop](#)

We would also like to mention how incredibly pleased we are with our new sets of non-fiction books which are being used to support our History curriculum in KS2. Our investment in these fantastic books was made possible by some of our fabulous families who made an incredible gesture to raise money to donate towards books for our school. Thank you!

Now, as we enter the final week of Spring Term, we are looking forward to our children taking part in the 'Ready Steady Read' Usborne reading challenge. All the money raised from this event will go towards new Usborne books for our school. Please check your School PING for more details on this!

Lastly, we would like to wish all of our families the very best for a peaceful and relaxing Easter break. Happy reading!

Readers aged 5+



Some Dogs Do by Jez Alborough

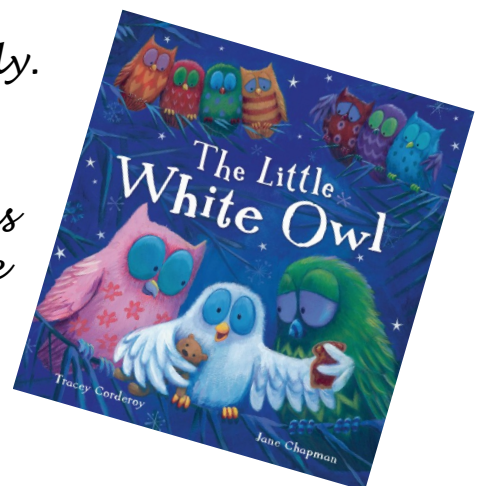
All dogs walk and jump and run, but dogs don't fly—it can't be done... Or can it?

On the way to school one day, Sid is so full of happiness that he starts to fly. But no one believes him. Dogs don't fly, they say. Poor Sid is miserable, until his dad lets him in on an amazing secret: some dogs do!

An uplifting book, full of wonderful rhymes, that urges children to follow their dreams!

The Little White Owl by Tracey Corderoy and Jane Chapman

Once there was a little white owl who lived by himself in the snow. He didn't have a mummy. He didn't have a daddy. He didn't even have a name. But he didn't really mind too much. It had always been like that. And his head was full of happy stories... Then one day, the Little White Owl sets off to explore the world, and gets a very wonderful surprise...



This beautifully illustrated and charming story teaches us to be more accepting towards others, and that the most important thing is what's inside. A brilliant message for children and adults alike, with the most adorable little owl ever!

Readers aged 7+

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold

Imagine being friends with a polar bear...

There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life...

This moving story will win the hearts of children and show them that no one is too young or insignificant to make a difference.



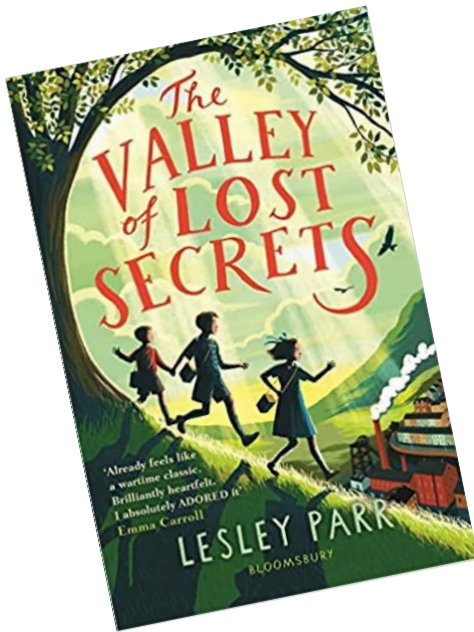
Bear Grylls Adventures Series

Each book in this fun new 12-book series from Bear Grylls follows a different child on the outdoor activity camp. Once they are given the magical compass, they meet the inspirational adventurer in an amazing place and learn new skills and facts they can take back with them to their real life. As well as good adventures, these are great motivational reads that remind children to take responsibility for their own actions, and attitudes. The stories are well paced and nicely illustrated, and are great for those aged 7+ who are developing confidence as readers.



Readers aged 9+

The Valley of Lost Secrets by Lesley Parr



September 1939. When Jimmy is evacuated to a small village in Wales, it couldn't be more different from London. Green, quiet and full of strangers, he instantly feels out of place. But then he finds a skull hidden in a tree, and suddenly the valley is more frightening than the war. Who can Jimmy trust? His brother is too little; his best friend has changed. Finding an ally in someone he never expects, they set out together to uncover the secrets that lie with the skull. What they discover will change Jimmy - and the village - forever. A mesmerising mystery about bravery and brotherhood from an outstanding new voice. This is an enthralling wartime adventure perfect for fans of Emma Carroll and Ross Montgomery.

Amari and the Night Brothers by BB Alston

Perfect for fans of Nevermoor and Harry Potter!

Amari Peters knows three things. 1. Her big brother Quinton has gone missing. 2. No one will talk about it. 3. His mysterious job holds the secret ...

So when Amari gets an invitation to the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain this is her chance to find Quinton. But first she has to get her head around the new world of the Bureau, where mermaids, aliens and magicians are real, and her roommate is a weredragon.

With an evil magician threatening the whole supernatural world, and her own classmates thinking she is the enemy, Amari has never felt more alone.

