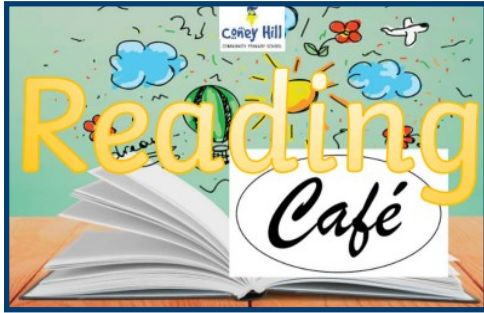


Welcome to our December reading newsletter—our way of telling you what has been happening with reading in school this term—and what a term it has been! Reading Cafes, new authors of the term and Starbooks celebrations too!

Read on to also find some festive reading recommendations, perfect for Christmas stockings!



It was absolutely lovely to have so many parents, family and friends joining us at the Reading Cafés this term. There was a real reading buzz in all the classrooms, especially in Reception class, jam packed with grown ups. Reading together is such a special time and has many benefits.

We can't wait for the next one—! Please look out for dates in Spring term!

What have we been reading this term?

Preschool: Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Reception: Peace at Last by Jill Murphy, We are All Equal by P. Crumble, Once We Were Giants by Martin Waddell

Year 1: Mrs. Noah's Pockets by Jackie Morris, Old Bear by James Hissey, The Lorax by Dr. Seuss, The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad

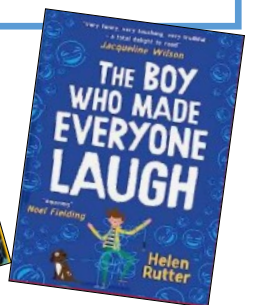
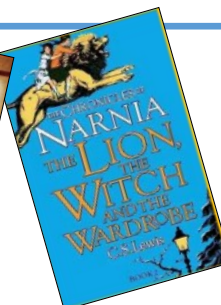
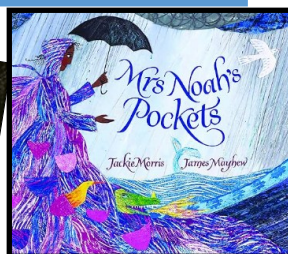
Year 2: The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith, Lila and the Secret of Rain by David Conway, Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

Year 3: Iron Man by Ted Hughes, The True Story of the 2 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Year 4: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis, Black Dog by Levi Pinfold

Year 5: The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter, Rain Player by David Wisniewski

Year 6: Anne Frank's Diary, The Arrival by Shaun Tan



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Having a clear out over half term?

Good quality books for our community book cupboard and borrowing shelf in the office. Please bring in any donations to the school office. Thank you!

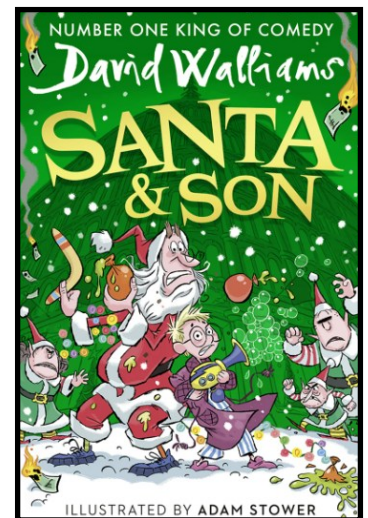
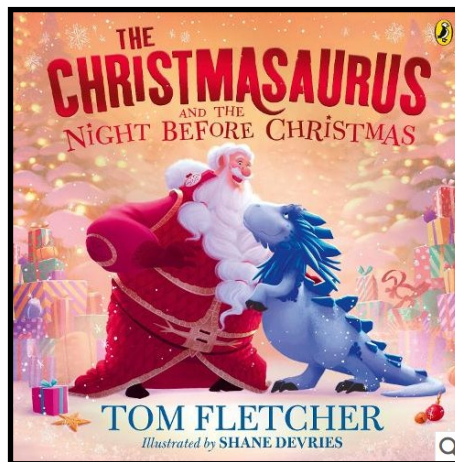
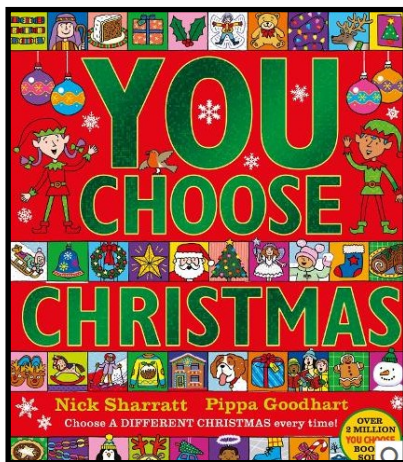


This week sees the second of our Starbooks reading celebration afternoons!

Each term, class teams will nominate children who have truly impressed staff with their reading—whether through consistent reading at home, enthusiastic participation in class, or a growing love for books. Those chosen will be invited to a special StarBOOKs celebration in school, where they'll enjoy hot chocolate, a relaxed book chat, and a cosy book club-style treat with staff and friends. It's our way of saying "well done" and encouraging even more reading joy! We can't wait for next week!



Christmas Reads



Make up your own Christmas adventure where YOU CHOOSE what happens. Which Christmas jumper would you like to wear? Where would you like to sleep on Christmas Eve? The possibilities are infinite in this magical storytelling toolkit which will inspire children age 3 and upwards to make their own stories again and again?

Meet the Christmasaurus, a very special dinosaur who's determined to make Christmas perfect . . . 'Twas the night before Christmas and at the North Pole, The festive excitement was out of control! The elves were all wrapping the last of the toys That Santa would soon give to good girls and boys ...' It's Christmas Eve and all Christmasaurus wants to do is help Santa and the elves get ready for the big day. But everything he does goes disastrously wrong.

In the most famous toy shop in the world, a robbery is underway. The shop's Santa and his son are locked inside with the baddies. Can our heroes stop them using just the toys in the shop as weapons? Pogo sticks! Bouncy balls! Remote-controlled helicopters! Bubble guns! Slime! Slinkies! Stink bombs! Santa & Son is a hilarious action adventure!