



Thurston CE
Primary Academy



Thurston's Reading News

Thurston's Reading News Issue 9 – Autumn 2021

Welcome to Thurston's Reading News – the first issue of this new academic year.

Sharing and listening to stories is a big part of developing an ethos of reading for pleasure.

This year, each class has dedicated time in their daily timetable to listen to their teacher read their class story. Our current texts are:

Year 1 and 2:

Dolphins: Roald Dahl stories

Penguins: Roald Dahl stories

Turtles: The legend of Kevin...

Year 3 and 4:

Elephants: My brother is a superhero

Pandas: Pippi Longstocking and Varjak Paw

Rhinos: The Sheep-Pig

Year 5 and 6:

Leopards: Once, The London Eye Mystery

Lions: The Breadwinner

Tigers: The girl of ink and stars

Please make sure you are signing the reading bookmarks (KS2) every time your child/children read at home. Well done to Owen S who was September's prize winner.

Happy reading!

Miss Earrye

Raising a reader – Top Tips

Make connections between reading and real life

Help your child apply what he or she is reading to everyday life. Making connections between books and your child's own experiences can help increase their interest in reading.

Encourage reading at home and everywhere in between

Teach your child that reading is more than just books. Practise reading menus, movie names, road signs, instructions for games.....

"READING IS A PASSPORT
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES."
- MARY POPE OSBORNE



New school library

Children have been enjoying spending time reading and sharing books in our new library. Many new fiction and non-fiction books were purchased last term and Mrs Shipley kindly donated One Hundred Steps: The story of Sir Captain Tom Moore and Marcus Rashford's 'You are a champion.' These have been popular with the children.



Puffin virtual author visits

We will be beaming a real author straight into classrooms this term through Puffin virtual author visits. Taking place over zoom, these 45-minute sessions will include a live presentation by the author giving a behind the scenes look at their books, characters and writing process.

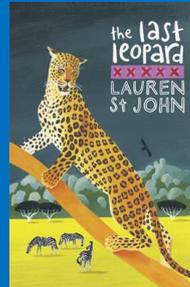
Years 1 and 2: Nick Sharratt (Friday 3rd December)

Years 3 and 4: Maddie Moate (Friday 26th November)

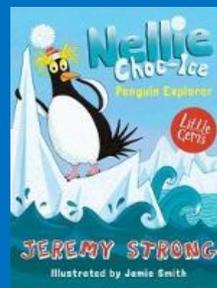
Years 5 and 6: Jacqueline Wilson (Friday 12th November)

Top Texts!

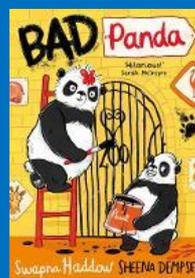
As our class names have changed to endangered animals, this issue's 'top texts' feature some of our class names. Happy reading!



The last leopard – Saving the world's rarest leopard is the mission for Martine and Ben in this latest African adventure about a young girl and the animals she loves and protects.
Recommended for UKS2.

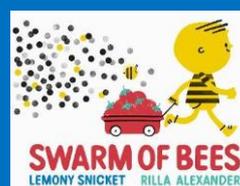


Nellie Choc-Ice, penguin explorer– Nellie is a macaroni penguin. Frightened by a submarine, she jumps onto an iceberg for safety but then drifts so far she ends up 12,430 from the North Pole...
Recommended for KS1.



Bad panda– Everyone thinks that Lin is the cutest panda in the world. So much so that they ship her off to the local zoo, away from her beloved brother, to be ogled at by the masses. But Lin HATES being cute, and now she will do everything in her power to prove that she's the baddest, meanest, most un-cute animal in the zoo.

Recommended for LKS2.



Swarm of bees – Swarm of Bees! You are SO angry! What will you do? Watch out! A mischievous boy has unleashed an angry swarm of bees! The result is a zany gallop through a charming town where readers will encounter evidence of some bad behaviour, some frenzied anger and thankfully, a hug and some spaghetti.
Recommended for EY

