



Reading for Pleasure Newsletter.

This is the first edition of the Reading for Pleasure Newsletter for parents, carers and children. It seems such a long time since we have all been together but we know everyone has still been working hard. Staff at school have been reading lots of books so that they can recommend them to you and buy copies for the school library. Please check out the books in the recommendation section below and see if you agree with us. Some of the books are available online so just press ctrl, click on the link and enjoy the book.



When we return to school, we hope that a group of children would like to write this newsletter. This section will include events and reading activities that children and adults can access.

We have recommended the first set of books. Use your class email to send us the title and author of a book you would recommend to someone else. We will add your recommendations to the next newsletter.

Quiz

1. What is the name of the third Harry Potter Book?
2. The film Babe is based on which Dick King-Smith book?
3. What is the title of the Dr Seuss book about a cool feline with stripy headgear?
4. What was the boy wearing in David Walliams first book?

Featured Author.



Growing up

I grew up in a tall terraced Victorian London house with my parents, grandmother, aunt, uncle, younger sister Mary and cat Geoffrey (who was really a prince in disguise. Mary and I would argue about which of us would marry him).

Mary and I were always creating imaginary characters and mimicking real ones, and I used to write shows and choreograph ballets for us. A wind-up gramophone wafted out Chopin waltzes.

I studied Drama and French at Bristol University, where I met Malcolm, a guitar-playing medic to whom I'm now married.

Busking and books

Before Malcolm and I had our family, we used to go busking together and I would write special songs for each country; the best one was in Italian about pasta.

The busking led to a career in singing and song writing, mainly for children's television. I became an expert at writing to order on such subjects as guinea pigs, window-cleaning and horrible smells. "We want a song about throwing crumpled-up wrapping paper into the bin" was a typical request from the BBC.

Some of the books Julia has written

A Squash and a Squeeze, The Gruffalo, Monkey Puzzle, Room on the Broom, The Smartest Giant in Town, The Snail and the Whale, The Gruffalo's Child, Sharing a Shell, Stick Man, Zog, The Highway Rat, Superworm and The Smeds and the Smoos.

- Answers
1. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.
 2. The Sheep Fig.
 3. The Cat in a Hat.
 4. A Dress.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Foundation Stage	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
<p>Mrs Gerstal recommends Stuck by Oliver Jeffers https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=hipx6HJs4XQ In Foundation things are always getting stuck especially up a tree! Balls, hoops. We have to think about how we will get them down, just like the boy in this story except...what you expect to happen does not quite happen! One of my favourite stories and a fabulous author. Enjoy everyone!</p>	<p>Lainey-Rae recommends A New Room for William by Sally Grindley. I give this book 5 stars. My favourite part was when William makes a new friend.</p>	<p>Miss Stothard recommends Bill's Bucket by Kes Gray https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQyFMEQV8fo I love to read this book. It's a funny story about a boy called Billy and the only thing he wants for his birthday is a bucket!</p>	
	<p>Shazia recommends The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LL62u6-OjY You will love this rhyming book about a mischievous cat and his friends.</p>		
<p>Miss Wilkinson recommends A House for a Hermit Crab by Eric Carle. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UIGQUNLwAQ Hermit crabs use other animals' shells to make their homes and protect their soft bodies. This hermit crab finds a suitable, new shell but it looks rather plain... So he goes in search of colourful and useful objects to decorate his new home with. What do you think he might find in the ocean?</p>	<p>Mrs Trevena. My all-time favourite children's book! The BFG by Roald Dahl An exciting story full of humour and jokes about bodily functions, which I am sure, you will love! Each night, when the world is sleeping, gruesome giants guzzle up whoppsy-whiffing human beans and there is only one giant who can put a stop to them - the BFG! He is a kind giant and, with his new friend Sophie in his top pocket, he sets out to rid the world of the Blood bottler, the Fleshglumpeater and all of their rot some friends forever...</p>	<p>Ms Roddis recommends One Spring Day by Nick Butterworth https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icw9oEWDm4E This book is part of the Percy the Park Keeper collection. I think that you will like this book as it tells the story of how a group of animals help one of their friends. Class one have really enjoyed reading this book. This story has been re-issued as part of the 30th anniversary celebrations of Percy The Park Keeper.</p>	
<p>Mrs Whiteside recommends The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81b4i9jQhck This book is a must have whether you are 8 or 80 years old! It is full of valuable life lessons and beautiful illustrations. It demonstrates how being kind and understanding can go a long way.</p>	<p>Mrs Smith Recommends Beware of the Storybook Wolves by Lauren Child. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPfcPhjsKuA "I love this book because it makes me giggle! Herb is a little boy who is convinced that two cheeky wolves (who are very silly and not very clever) come out of his favourite book at night. He just might be right...!"</p>		<p>Mrs Hill recommends Twist of gold by Micheal Murpurgo. This is a novel set in the potato famine. The book takes the reader on an epic journey through famine, hope and survival. Set in both Ireland and America this is a story with cliff hanger endings for every chapter.</p>
	<p>Mrs Davis recommends Charlie and the chocolate factory a Roald Dahl https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCuNSZjCKg8 Classic book with mouthwatering adventures throughout but be careful what you wish for!</p>		
<p>Donna recommends We're going on a bear hunt by Michael Rosen https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgyI6yKdWds I fantastic story and lots of actions you can join in with.</p>	<p>Mrs Edwards recommends Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce A story about a twelve year old who is so tall that he gets mistaken for adults. It gets him into trouble a few times but then turns it to his advantage when trying to win a competition. This gets him into a whole load of trouble! Very funny.</p>		<p>Mrs Turner recommends 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgyI6yKdWds This is such a classic book and I know you will all love story as much as I do.</p>
<p>Mrs Malin recommends The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ha6UXVjOuTq&list=PLDe74j1F52zQ51fqNpKV07E71knNl8HFn&index=17&t=0s This is a new favourite story for me, and the children in Class 1 have really enjoyed it too. They asked for it three times last week and they think the peach crayon page is really funny!!! See if you agree.</p>	<p>Mrs Oliver recommends Owl babies by Martin Waddell https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyiBDPJCDfY Love this book and its illustrations. We all like a good ending.</p>		<p>Mrs Nicholson recommends Sharing A Shell by Julia Donaldson. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KuSl9eXgpk&safe=active I think you will like this rhyming story because it is about a tiny hermit crab who loves his shell so much that he does not want to share it! Find out how his new friends help him in his new home.</p>
	<p>Mrs Wright recommends Little Green Donkey by Anuska Allepuz https://youtu.be/iR099JhwatA A lovely, funny story about trying new foods.</p>		

