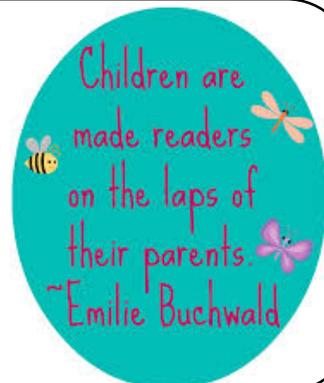


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# FINHAM'S READING NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2018



Welcome to the first addition of our reading newsletter dedicated only to books! You can find out what we're doing to promote reading across the school, along with recommendations from your book-loving teachers and pupils ☺

## What we're reading this term...

Nursery 'The Gingerbread Man' and other traditional tales

Reception 'But Martin' by June Counsel and Neal Layton and 'Two Monsters' by David McKee

Year 1 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak

Year 2 'Space Tortoise' by Ross Montgomery and David Litchfield

Year 3 'The Pugs of the Frozen North' by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

Year 4 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl

Year 5 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes

Year 6 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick

## What's going on at Finham this term?

- We are looking forward to the Scholastic's Book Fair running from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Before school 8.30 - 8.45

After school 3.30 - 3.45

Feel free to come and browse (you're sure to find something you love!)

- Our first Reading Café will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September between 3.00 - 3.30. This will take place in your child's classroom. It is an opportunity for you to come in and read with your child, browse our books or ask any reading related questions ☺

- We will be setting up book clubs and writing competitions as well. Keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for more information.

## Mrs Owen recommends...



### Key Stage 1:

The Bear, the Piano, the Dog and the Fiddle by David Litchfield

This beautiful follow on from the Bear and the Piano is just as gorgeous as Litchfield's debut. His illustrations are stunning and compliment a heart-warming tale about celebrating others' successes.



### Key Stage 2:

Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll

A fantastic read for anyone interested in Egypt and Tutankhamun. Carroll mixes fiction and facts perfectly whilst taking you on a journey from London all the way to the Valley of the Kings. Expect mystery, curses, friendship and some strong female characters.

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Check out these sites for great booklists and activities.

- [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)
- [www.booksfortopics.com](http://www.booksfortopics.com)
- [www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk) - use the bookfinder for inspiration if you're wondering what to read next.

## BEDTIME STORIES

Don't forget to take a look at our Bedtime Stories on Frog. You'll find readings of the books that you will be using in your literacy lessons this term along with other recommended reads.



## LIBRARIES

Have you ever been to your local library? Next time you're passing, just pop in and take a look. It's free to get a library card and you can usually take up to around 10 books out at a time. You don't know what you're missing until you've been in - there's something to entice everyone!

## AN INTERVIEW WITH MISS BEALE:

**What's your favourite children's book and why?** The Harry Potter stories by JK Rowling. I grew up with these books and used to get so excited when a new one came out! I love being able to imagine all the magical characters and settings as I am reading.

**Book or Kindle?** I don't think you can beat a book. I did have a kindle once but it just wasn't the same! I love going into a bookshop and flicking through all the different books before choosing the one I want to read!

**Currently reading?** Year 2 are reading the 'Space Tortoise'. This picture book tells the story of a little tortoise who goes on a big adventure to find some new friends. Every page is full of beautiful illustrations and we have really enjoyed reading it!

## AN INTERVIEW WITH AROUSH FROM 6F:

**What's your favourite book and why?**

My favourite book is Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator because it takes me on an adventure. It is full of jokes but the words really paint a picture in your head. It takes you to a whole new world and it's impossible to hate.

**When and where do you most like to read?**

I like to read anytime and anywhere I can. I get lost in a good book. I love to read under places where there's no-one stopping me! I love to read in peace as it lets my imagination run wild.

**Currently reading?**

I am reading an amazing book by David Baddiel called 'The Parent Agency'. It is all about a young boy who finds a new world where he can get his own parents. It is a definite page turner!

## Why Read at home?

### STUDENT A READS

- 20 minutes per day
- 3,600 minutes per school year
- 1,800,000 words per year



  
SCORES IN THE 90TH  
PERCENTILE ON  
STANDARDIZED TESTS

### STUDENT B READS

- 5 minutes per day
- 900 minutes per school year
- 282,000 words per year



  
SCORES IN THE 50TH  
PERCENTILE ON  
STANDARDIZED TESTS

### STUDENT C READS

- 1 minute per day
- 180 minutes per school year
- 8,000 words per year



  
SCORES IN THE 10TH  
PERCENTILE ON  
STANDARDIZED TESTS

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**

[www.bettefetter.com](http://www.bettefetter.com)

Please remember to sign your child's home-school diary. It promotes the importance of reading and is a lovely way to spend some time with your child at the end of a busy day.

Let us know what they've read or even what you've read to them! Take it in turns, ask each other questions and explore picture books. We have plenty in school, the library is a wonderful resource and charity shops are an amazing place to find as good as new books.

VISIT [www.loveyourbooks.co.uk](http://www.loveyourbooks.co.uk) for more book ideas and tips for engaging your child in reading. There are loads of fun and creative activities to try.

### READING AND WRITING DATES OF INTEREST:

**17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> September** - 'Time To Read' campaign week promoted by the BookTrust. Their aim is to encourage families to spend a bit of time each night (no matter how small) sharing a book.

**7<sup>th</sup> October** - National Poetry Day. Celebrate by sharing some of your favourite poems.

**All of November** - National Family Literacy Month. Why not share your favourite book that you read as a child or ask for a Book Bingo from Mrs Owen and see how many you can read as a family.