

The Gates Reading Round Up

Welcome to the Autumn edition of The Gates 'Reading Round-up.'

We will be using this termly newsletter to share updates and promote reading across our school...

This half term has seen lots of reading done across school.



Vending Machine Winners

This term saw many of our children achieve green in our weekly reading challenge. To recognise their achievement children, win a golden token and get to choose their very own book to take home. Our Reading Buddies do a wonderful job in ensuring the vending machine is stocked up for our wonderful winners.



How can I win a golden token for the vending machine?

To get the chance to win a token for the vending machine children must achieve green on the weekly reading challenge.

Then, from a draw 1 child from each class is selected.

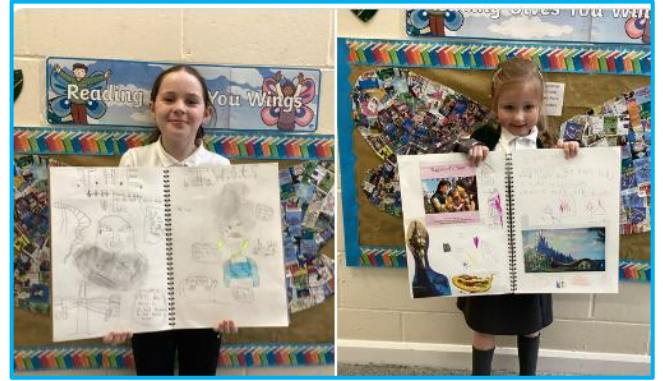
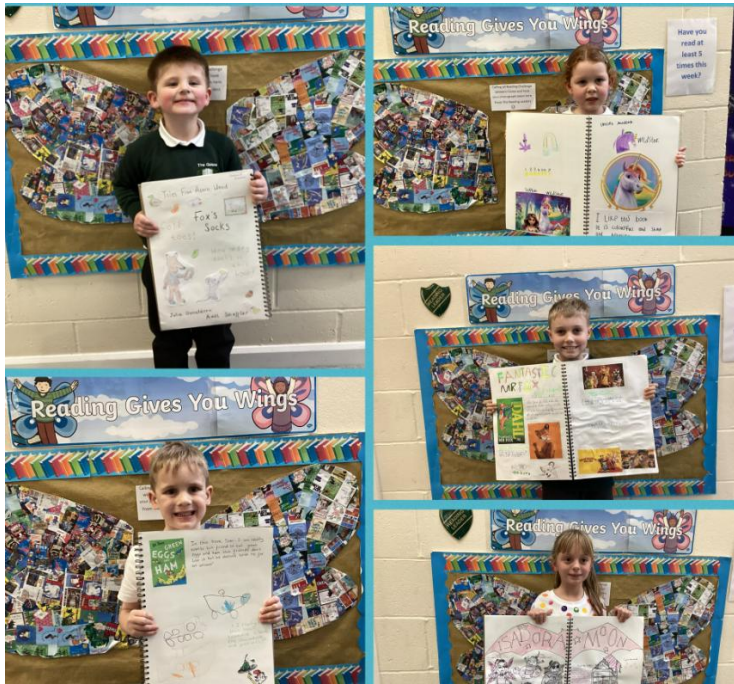


Green – read 5 or more times a week



Turn the page, step into the spotlight.

This term, we added many new and wonderful entries to our reading scrapbooks. Each week our reading scrapbook is taken home by one of our students and they are asked to create an entry of a book they enjoy.



Reading Buddies

Our Reading Leaders have done a fantastic job promoting a love of reading across the school and have had an incredibly busy term.



The Gates
Primary School
Westhoughton
Reading Buddies



Helping our younger children to read.

The Reading Buddies hosted their own bookmark stall at the Christmas Markets. It was great to see so many different designs of bookmarks!



Reader Recommends

Our Doves class have been writing their own book reviews based on books they enjoy, and it has been great to see their enthusiasm and engagement.

By Francesca
Simon



Francesca Simon is the most famous writer from a series of books, Horrid Henry is a classic book with many fallouts and humorous adventures to be explored.



Plot

A ten year old boy named Horrid Henry is a troublemaking boy who keeps getting sent to detention and is a brave, daring leader. One day, Henry goes on an aeroplane with his parents and perfect brother but is annoyed by being in the back row without television. Then, Henry finds his favourite rockstar that sings in the band and talked abt to each other. Suddenly, Horrid Henry was stopped and is asked to go back to economy. He kept on trying but had the same ending until he mysteriously got past into first class.

HORRID HENRY

Favourite character

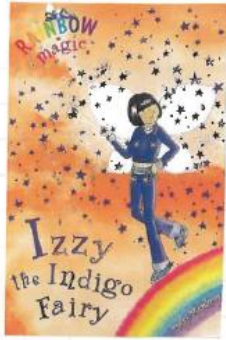
From start to finish, Henry is my favourite character because he is funny and brave. Even though Henry can be mean to his brother, he's very helpful towards Ralph. Unlike Peter, an isolated, hardworking boy Henry is a collaborative, brave and mean leader making him my favourite character.

My recommendation

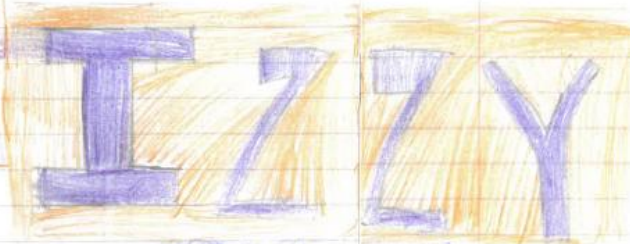
This book is aimed at readers aged six or above and is great for people who like humorous events and ~~gross~~ mischievous actions. Horrid Henry has a mean, daring spirit and is the leader of the purple hand gang being the protagonist. I can guarantee this book would be one of your favourite books.

My rating out of five would be five stars





Izzy the Indigo fairy is a sweet fairy who who lives the next colour F Indigo.



THE Indigo fairy!



Lucy Diamond



Narinder Dhani



Marilyn Kaye



Karen Ball

Daisy Meadows is a name for a group of authors who ~~write~~ collaborate together.

PLOT

Two ten year old girls, called Kirsty and Rachel have a secret about ~~giving~~ fairies. One of the couple last days of ~~school~~ the summer holidays, Kirsty and Rachel go to fairy land to help find the second last fairy Izzy the Indigo fairy. Kirsty and Rachel form a new relationship with the Sugar plum fairy who directs Kirsty and Rachel to fairy sweet land - where a nasty goblin called Jack goes who sends goblins servants to make sure Izzy doesn't get back to fairy land. King Arthur and Queen Turn the rulers of fairy land and give fairy



My favourite character!

Over all, my favourite character is Izzy the Indigo fairy because she is a well behaved character with a sweet, bubbly personality. The story follows two girls, Kirsty and Rachel who go on marvellous secret adventures.

Target audience

This book is aimed for children in yr 2 and above and is perfect for you if you like fantasy books and mythical fairies. Izzy, the Indigo fairy, is an amazing fantasy book great for children up to 13 years old.



Maybe to help Rachel and Kirsty to hopefully save Izzy the fairy from the goblins. Will Kirsty and Rachel ever save Izzy the Indigo fairy and get back to fairy land?

ALEX SPARROW

And the Really Big Stink



Jennifer Killick is an English author of children's horror fiction including Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink which is a brilliant book with many adventures and intriguing mysteries to be figured out.



My favourite character

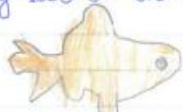
Bob's transformation from a shy, in-convincing ^{fish} character to a reliable, trusted fish makes Bob my favourite ~~fish~~ ^{character} throughout the book. Bob has made a massive change based on his personality and trust. Bob is a clever, interesting and brave fish that is an undercover agent.

My recommendation

I would recommend Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink for people who are in year four and above and for people who like humour. Overall, Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink is a funny, ingenious book that has themes of friendship and bravery. Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink is a brilliant book with many clues, adventures, funny moments and intriguing mysteries.

Plot

This book follows a boy called Alex who is popular at Cherry Tree Lane school in year six. One evening, he buys a lie detector and gets a power. One day, Alex meets a young girl called Jess who also has a power. Together, Alex and Jess works out who is responsible for ^{motives} changing the children ^{wisely - good}. They spy, sneak and get more information to uncover who is doing this. Can they succeed in the mission? Will they uncover the big secret in the school?



Unicorn



Julie Sykes is an English children's author known for writing more than 100 books including the Unicorn Academy series which is an excellent fantasy and fiction series.

Plot

A twelve year old girl, Sophia Mendez, who lives with her mum and brother and is invited to a horse riding school far away. At first, her mum didn't want her to go because it was so far away but eventually let her go. At school, she meets her new roommate called Ava, who becomes her best friend, and tells her she's in Unicorn Academy and not a horse riding school. Together, they find their unicorns and discover that Sophia's dad also went here when he was young and Sophia thinks her dad is dead. They will do everything to save her dad. Is her dad still alive? How will they find him?



Academy

Fav. Characters

In the book, my favourite character is Ava because even though she's a little over sensitive and can get upset over small things, she is a great friend and she always has enough positive energy to brighten up everything. I would recommend this character to other readers because she's lovely and supportive person.

Target Audience

I would recommend Unicorn Academy to people aged between 5 to 13 who enjoy magic, fantasy and adventure with a little humour. There are a range of interesting characters, both bad and good, throughout the book. Overall Unicorn Academy is an excellent book with intriguing mysteries and shocking twists to be explored.





FING

ARTIST



David Walliams

He is an English actor, comedian, writer and television personality. Fing is a funny book with many twists and turns. It has loads of mysteries to be explored.



Plot

Fing is about an eleven year old girl who demands for things including an expensive gold toilet, a ruined diamond and exclusive mini hotel. One day Myrtle & Myrtle demands for a fing. Can her parents figure out what a fing is? If they can they can, can they get it back to Myrtle?

My favourite character

My favourite character is Fing, because he can be big or small whenever he wants. I like Fing because he has a unique personality and creates chaos at times unlike Myrtle who doesn't care.



Target audience

This book is perfect for daring, humorous people. This book is aimed at 7 year olds and above who like adventures and is great for those with humour.

Reading Library Bus

We are super excited to get our reading bus in use.

If you would like to donate, we would be extremely grateful.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/thegatesprimaryschool1?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL



December Half Term

Over the half term complete the challenges below. When you complete the task, write down the name of the book / poem / magazine that you have used and the author. Please return your completed challenge sheet to school by Thursday 16th January to receive a sticker, certificate and be entered into a draw to win a token for our reading vending machine.

Read to a family member, pet, or toy.



Read a magazine.



READ A WINTER POEM.



Read while wrapped up warm (jumper, blanket, scarf).



Read a recipe.



Draw a scene from a book that you have read.



We would love to see photographs of you completing some of the 'Reading Challenges.' Please upload any photographs via Seesaw. Some of the photos could even be selected, to feature in the next edition of the 'Reading Round-up' newsletter.

Reader Revealed

Mr Pryle (Year 2 Teacher)

What are your favourite kinds of books now?

Fantasy

Do you have a favourite author (or two)?

Roald Dahl

How often do you read?

At the weekend

What would make you pick up a book and read it?

A engaging front cover

Did you have a favourite book as a child?

The Hobbit – My dad read it to me when I was younger.

What are your earliest memories of reading books – do you have a particular book you remember from that time?

The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark.

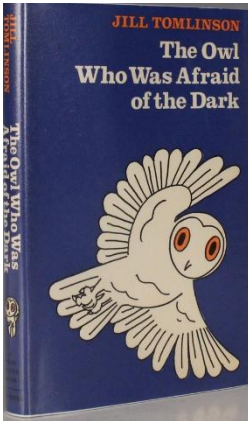
Favourite quote about reading...

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go”.

Dr. Seus

What message would you give about the importance of reading...?

Reading makes life clearer, richer, and easier to navigate. Without it, challenges feel heavier.



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