

## St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

### Celebrating Reading!



*“To read is to voyage through time.” – Carl Sagan*

*“Reading is a passport to countless adventures”*

*- Mary Pope Osbourne*

### KS2 Reading Tree Awards

Lunchtime library drop-ins continue to be extremely busy. It's wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the children who are working their way towards the next reading award (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum) as they read books across the different branches (genres) of our school tree. So far we have awarded the following number of certificates:

Bronze 80, Silver 20, Gold 11, Platinum 2

### Sports Books

We are incredibly excited (and lucky) to have added a number of sports related books to our KS1 library. These include inspirational stories of world-famous sports men and women, football fiction as well as introducing young readers to the skills of a game.



### Gift a Book at Christmas Scheme 2023

We are extremely thankful to you all for your kindness and generosity. In the New Year, we will be ordering books from our 'Wish List'. You can still make a donation via Parent Pay until 31<sup>ST</sup> December 2023. So far we have had £455 donated!

### Graphic Novels

These books and comics are incredibly popular with our younger and reluctant readers (KS2). They cover genres from adventure to science fiction. Penguin Books have an excellent list of their current publications on their website [www.penguin.co.uk/genres/children/genre/graphic-novels-comics](http://www.penguin.co.uk/genres/children/genre/graphic-novels-comics). Perfect for a last-minute stocking filler!

### Book Reviews, Audio Books and Author Chats

Our KS1 library has a great selection of Roald Dahl adventures on the 'Chapter Books' shelf. There is an excellent read along narration (Audio E book) of The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me on YouTube. Dahl fans can also enjoy other books read by Lewis Kirk. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wL3NuLOsJHs>

CBeebies Storytime is a fantastic free app with interactive story books to inspire a love of reading in younger children. There are two reading modes to choose from, so children can read independently or with a grown-up. Books are free to download, with no adverts or in-app purchases. Favourites include Bing, Peter Rabbit, Supertato and Biff & Chip.



After the Christmas holiday, the children will see four further book reviews in the KS2 library.

### Stuart Little by E.B. White

This a wonderful story of friendship, adventure, loyalty, helping others and overcoming things that are difficult for us. This free audio book on YouTube comes with read along text. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilCyqQB9XUY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilCyqQB9XUY)

### Compton Valance - The Time-Travelling Sandwich Bites Back by Matt Brown

Author Matt Brown reads the introductory chapter of his hilarious book (and even gets dressed up for it!) on YouTube. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-V-zq4jGyb0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-V-zq4jGyb0)

### The Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C.S. Lewis

This eternally popular fantasy is just as exciting to read as watching Disney's glorious film, which was released in 2010. A free audio copy of an abridged version of the book is available on YouTube.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=hk\\_GXPPsFIY&list=OLAK5uy\\_lkKcjWKZISFO9TIEjAJgRxr4Dbzp6liMc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hk_GXPPsFIY&list=OLAK5uy_lkKcjWKZISFO9TIEjAJgRxr4Dbzp6liMc)

### Emil and the Detectives by Eric Kastner

Crime and detective story fans will enjoy this full audio version of this classic read which was written in 1964. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcqCGshCQ\\_M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcqCGshCQ_M)

