

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

Celebrating Reading!



"From an early age, books were my constant companions and my local library, a place I could find a new friend on every shelf."— Sarah Jessica Parker

"I think it's the books that you read when you're young that live with you forever."—J.K. Rowling

St Thomas' Bookopoly & Reading Brick Road Reading Awards

Children in KS2 continue to eagerly read their way across our 'Bookopoly' Board, where familiar colours and railway stations correspond to book genres. In EYFS and KS1, children have the opportunity to read/share books according to author surname, collecting awards as they go. To date, in KS2, we have awarded 189 Bronze Awards, 87 Silver Awards, 63 Gold Awards and 21 Platinum Reading Awards! In EYFS & KS1, we have awarded 149 Bronze Scarecrow Awards, 102 Silver Tin Man Awards, 58 Gold Lion Reading Awards, 14 Ruby Reading Awards and 6 Emerald Reading Awards !

Audio and e- Books from Brentwood Library

A reminder to all (both children and adults alike) that using the Borrow Box app, all library users can access (free of charge) thousands of e-books, e-graphic novels, e-magazines. You can borrow up to 10 e-books, 10 e-audio and 10 e-magazines at any one time for a period of three weeks. This is in addition to the items through your normal Essex library card. There are no overdue charges and items will be automatically returned at the end of the three-week loan period.



History



Horrible Histories Podcast

CBBC

CBBC's Horrible Histories have brought together some of the most remarkable figures in history and imagined what they'd do with their own podcasts! Featuring Rattus Rattus.

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The History Curriculum in Upper KS2 this term has focussed on 'The Changing Power of the British Monarchy'. We are lucky to have an extensive collection of 'Horrible Histories' books in our KS2 Library (which cover this very topic) by Terry Deary. These volumes ultimately inspired the eternally popular CBBC production 'Horrible Histories'. I've recently discovered a podcast on BBC Sounds (30 episodes) www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09rtwbb where CBBC's Horrible Histories have brought together some of the most remarkable figures in history and imagined what they'd do with their own podcasts!

Book Reviews, Audio Books and Author Chats

At the start of the summer term, the author display in the KS1 Library will feature Lauren Child who is famously known for her Charlie and Lola, and Clarice Bean stories. The latter of which follow schoolgirl Clarice Bean and her challenges navigating the complex ethical, social and philosophical questions children deal with at school and at home. The Island of Brilliant Podcast features an interview with Lauren, which was published on 1st November 2024. Available on Acast/Apple Podcasts etc.



We have added to our Isadora Moon collection in the KS1 Library, thanks to your generosity with the Gift a Book at Christmas scheme. Author Harriet Muncaster pops into the FunKids Radio studio for a chat www.funkidslive.com/interviews/harriet-muncaster-author-isadora-moon-series-chats-bex-club



The CBeebies Magic Den (available to listen to on BBC Sounds), featuring Chris Jarvis, is a magical den that fuels imagination. These episodes are perfect for EYFS/KS1 Listeners, especially on a long car journey!

Children will see the following book reviews in the **KS2 Library** after Easter. Ten-year-old Val provides a fantastic summary of **When Life Gives you Mangos (by Kereen Getten)** on her Book Talk channel. www.youtube.com/watch?v=iw5t7YTD0dc . **Wildsmith: Into the Dark Forest (by Liz Flanagan)** is highly recommended by our LSA, Mrs Claire Ware, and available as an audio book to Apple subscribers <https://books.apple.com/us/audiobook/into-the-dark-forest-wildsmith-book-1-unabridged/id1777332481> . Packed with mystery, adventures and laughs, **Noah's Gold by Frank Cottrell-Boyce** is available to borrow via Brentwood Library's Borrowbox. **Glassborn by Peter Bunzl** (which is a recent addition to the KS2 Library) finds Cora, Elle and Bram setting out on a quest to rescue their brother. Listen to the author chatting about it on FunKids Radio! www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPugGVnfuQo

