

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

Celebrating Reading!



*"A book is like a garden, carried in the pocket."
Chinese Proverb*

*"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a
book long enough to suit me." C S Lewis*

Gift a Book at Christmas 2024

An enormous THANK YOU to you all! We have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity last Christmas. Your donations have meant that we have been able to order ALL of the books (some of which are shown below) that were on our 'wish list' – for both the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 Libraries. The Year Six Librarians have been an excellent support (who I am extremely grateful to) helping me 'process' the books so promptly. These new additions are now on the shelves for all to enjoy.



St Thomas' Bookopoly & Reading Brick Road Reading Awards

Children in KS2 have been excitedly reading 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 147 Bronze Awards, 67 Silver Awards, 50 Gold Awards and 16 Platinum Reading Awards! In EYFS & KS1, we have awarded 178 Bronze Scarecrow Awards, 78 Silver Tin Man Awards, 21 Gold Lion Reading Awards, 4 Ruby Reading Awards and 2 Emerald Reading Awards (congratulations to Elle in 1NC and Bea in 2K!).

Audio and e- Books from Brentwood Library

I was extremely excited to discover that using the Borrow Box app, all library users can access (free of charge) thousands of e-books, e-graphic novels and 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. The app can be tailored to suit personal reading preferences and needs.



Book Reviews, Audio Books and Author Chats

This year's World Book Day is Science-themed, so in the KS1 Library, we will be updating "Our Favourite Books" shelf display to reflect our well-thumbed STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) inspired reads.



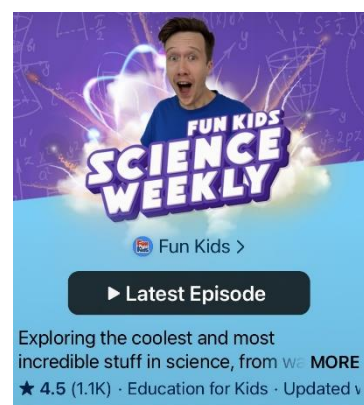
Wonderblocks is coming to CBeebies soon. Perfect for our EYFS and KS1 children, this show's leading duo, excitable Go and methodical Stop, will showcase the perfect balance of action and thought. They will be showing core skills like problem-solving, planning, pattern recognition and sequencing. Perfect for budding coders and inquisitive minds everywhere.

Sleep Tight Science Podcast (as the name suggests) is a bedtime science show for children (aimed at Upper KS2 listeners) which aims to make science accessible and enjoyable. There is a review of **Tumble** (a Science Podcast aimed at KS2 listeners) in The New Scientist.

www.newscientist.com/article/mg24833070-400-tumble-review-a-brilliant-science-podcast-for-children-of-all-ages . **Fun Kid's Science Weekly** (suitable for KS1 and KS2 listeners) is a blend of fun facts and expert insights which makes this podcast both entertaining and educational. There

is a fantastic episode where Dr Ranj explains how we can train our brain!

www.funkidslive.com/science-weekly/how-to-train-your-brain-with-dr-ranj/



After half term in the KS2 Library, children will see book reviews of **Wild Robot** by Peter Brown, **Black Hole Cinema Club** by Christopher Edge and **Crater Lake** by Jennifer Killick. All available to listen to via Brentwood Library's Borrow Box.

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