

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Junior School

Celebrating Reading!



'A book is a dream that you hold in your hand' – Neil Gaiman

"That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet." – Jhumpa Lahiri

Reading Tree for 2022/23

The warmer weather hasn't stopped a large number of children from visiting the library at lunchtime. It's good to see so many children getting involved with the reading challenge, ensuring that they read books across all branches (genres) of the reading tree. At the time of writing this, we have awarded the following number of certificates.

Bronze – 190, Silver – 90, Gold – 46, Platinum - 7

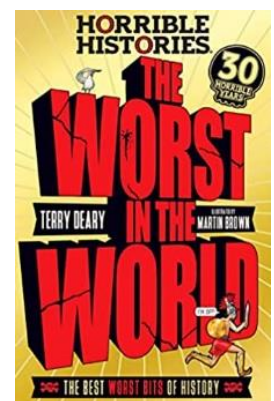
Reading under the Willow Tree

Armed with a large picnic blanket and a tub of books, some of the year six librarians will be spending part of lunchtimes (during library drop-in) under the willow tree. This gives the opportunity for small groups of children to listen to a story, or provide children, who prefer some quiet time during the lunch break, the chance to read independently. This will continue until the end of the summer term.

History

The History Curriculum for the Upper School in the summer term continues to focus on 'The Changing Power of the British Monarchy'. CBBC's Newsround summary of what happened during the Coronation of King Charles III is a great reminder of this historic day.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/65508301>

To coincide with the 30th anniversary of the Horrible Histories books, Terry Deary is publishing a number of new books this year. We have purchased copies of the first two of these, Horrible Histories: The Worst in the World and On the Road.



Podcasts, Audio Books and Author Chats

BBC Sounds is an expanding treasure trove of adapted and unabridged literature, many of which will appeal to children. This half term's highlights include:

Carrie's War by Nina Bawden <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/p041ybgjA>

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p03r22b9>

After half term, the children will see three further books reviews in the library.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

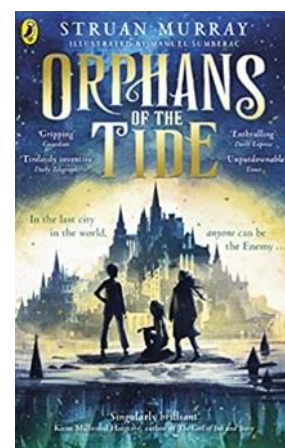
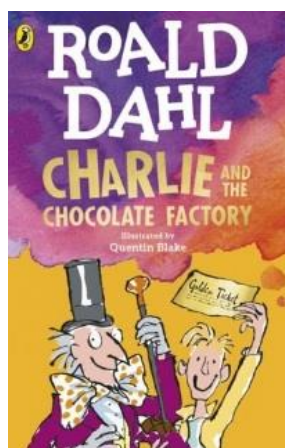
Go to YouTube for a fantastic read along audio book, narrated by Time with Sid.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xj42U_ZduRs.

The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin

There's a great short interview with Tom McLaughlin where he shares what inspired him to write the book <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQmsfO7FSC0>. This book is available on Audible, but also, a chapter at a time on YouTube read by Miss Reynolds.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQia-SvH0qc>

Orphans of the Tide by Struan Murray

There's an excellent reading of Struan's debut novel (chapter by chapter) on YouTube courtesy of Brindley Heath Junior Academy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6VtU2rRZq4>. It is available too on Audible where there is a 30 day free trial. <https://www.audible.co.uk/pd/Orphans-of-the-Tide-Audiobook/0241391334>. There is also a great podcast episode (from Page One – The Writer's Podcast) featuring an interview with Struan Murray <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1Y2qxYYCdo>. He explains the process she went through to get published, the value of writing courses, and also the benefits of getting to know people in the publishing industry.



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