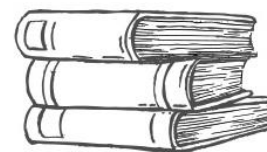


# Newton Tony CE VC Primary School

## Reading Newsletter



Welcome to our first reading newsletter. Whether your child hasn't been able to put a book down during lockdown and summer, or if you've struggled to get them to pick one up, this newsletter is for you!

This newsletter will be published termly. It's a chance to find out about new, high quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry as well as a chance to get tips and up to date information about helping your child with their reading journey.

As always, your support is hugely appreciated,  
Mrs J Hillier

## The Importance of Reading for Pleasure

### HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**1.8 MILLION**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**90th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**282,000**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**50th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to  
**8,000**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**10th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987

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There is evidence that literacy has a significant relationship to people's life chances. Reading for pleasure is more important than either wealth or social class as an indicator of success at school.

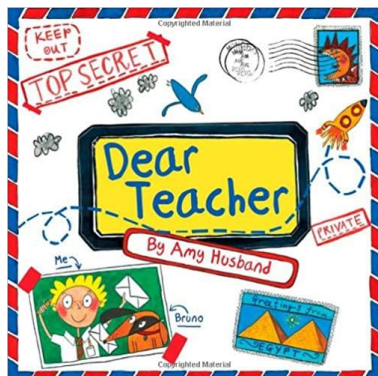
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If your child isn't a 'book worm' yet, don't worry! There are so many wonderful and exciting authors out there, that there's a book to engage and inspire your child out there... they just may not have discovered it yet!

## Starting EYFS and Returning to School

Every time you donate old clothes and textiles to our clothing bank you help raise money for our school. We will be using this money to help purchase new books. The bank is located at the front of the school.

### Dear Teacher by Amy Husband



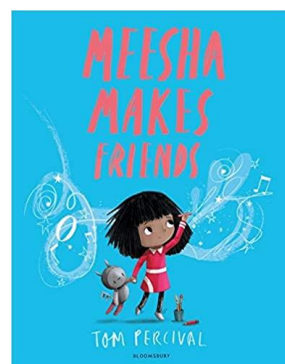
*Dear Teacher* is a hilarious collection of letters from Michael to his new teacher explaining why he can't go to class. From traveling to the pyramids of Egypt to getting attacked by pirates and going to the moon in a rocket ship, each letter is increasingly outlandish.

When Michael's teacher writes back telling him how sorry she is he'll miss all of the exciting school activities planned for the year, Michael realizes all the fun he'd really miss out on.

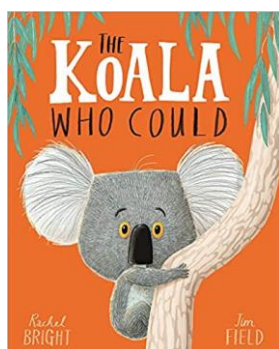
Meesha loves making things . but there's one thing she finds difficult to make - friends. She doesn't know quite what to do, what to say or when to say it, and she struggles reading and responding to social cues. But one day she discovers that she has a special talent that will help her to navigate challenging social situations and help her to make friends.

A warm and affectionate look at the joys and difficulties of making and keeping friends, relating to others, and finding your place in the world.

### Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival



### The Koala who Could by Rachel Bright



Meet Kevin. A koala who likes to keep things the same. Exactly the same. But sometimes change comes along whether we like it or not... And, as Kevin discovers, if you step outside your comfort zone and try new things, you might just surprise yourself! A funny rhyming story about dealing with change and overcoming worries, from the bestselling creators of *The Lion Inside*.

## Book Swap

In the front of the Atrium we have a book swap basket. Bring in a book from home that you have read and swap it for one you haven't!

## Supporting our Local Bookshops

The Rocketship Bookshop is the new independent bookshop for children and young people, situated in the heart of Salisbury city centre.

They believe that independent bookshops, with knowledgeable, enthusiastic booksellers and a vibrant, inclusive atmosphere, can be a force for good in children's lives. As well as stocking a range of exciting titles for babies, children and young adults, they also have a specially curated section for adult titles and local authors

Please do get in touch with them on [info@rocketshipbookshop.co.uk](mailto:info@rocketshipbookshop.co.uk) if you would like any more information.



The National Literary Trust's survey found that children who have books at home had 22% better reading levels for their age.

Can you recommend another local bookshop? Get in touch with Mrs Hillier ([jhillier@newtontony.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:jhillier@newtontony.wilts.sch.uk)) and it could be mentioned in our next edition!

## Salisbury and Amesbury Libraries

### Opening Times

Salisbury library is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 10am until 1pm and 2pm until 4 pm. You can either visit in person or arrange to borrow a book bundle online, via telephone or via e-mail.

Amesbury library is currently closed for browsing. If you wish to order a book to collect you can ring them on 01980 623491.

Please look at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-home> for more details for both these libraries.



*Chinese Proverb*

Like a book on our reading newsletter? Ask them if they have it! If not, they can get it in stock for you to borrow.

## Word Origin WOW-er!

Did you know that the Old English word 'aeppel' (apple) was used to describe any kind of fruit? Peach was 'persicum' in Latin (Persian apple). Pomegranate was 'apple with many seeds.' Pineapple was named as a 'fruit' that looked like a 'pine cone.'

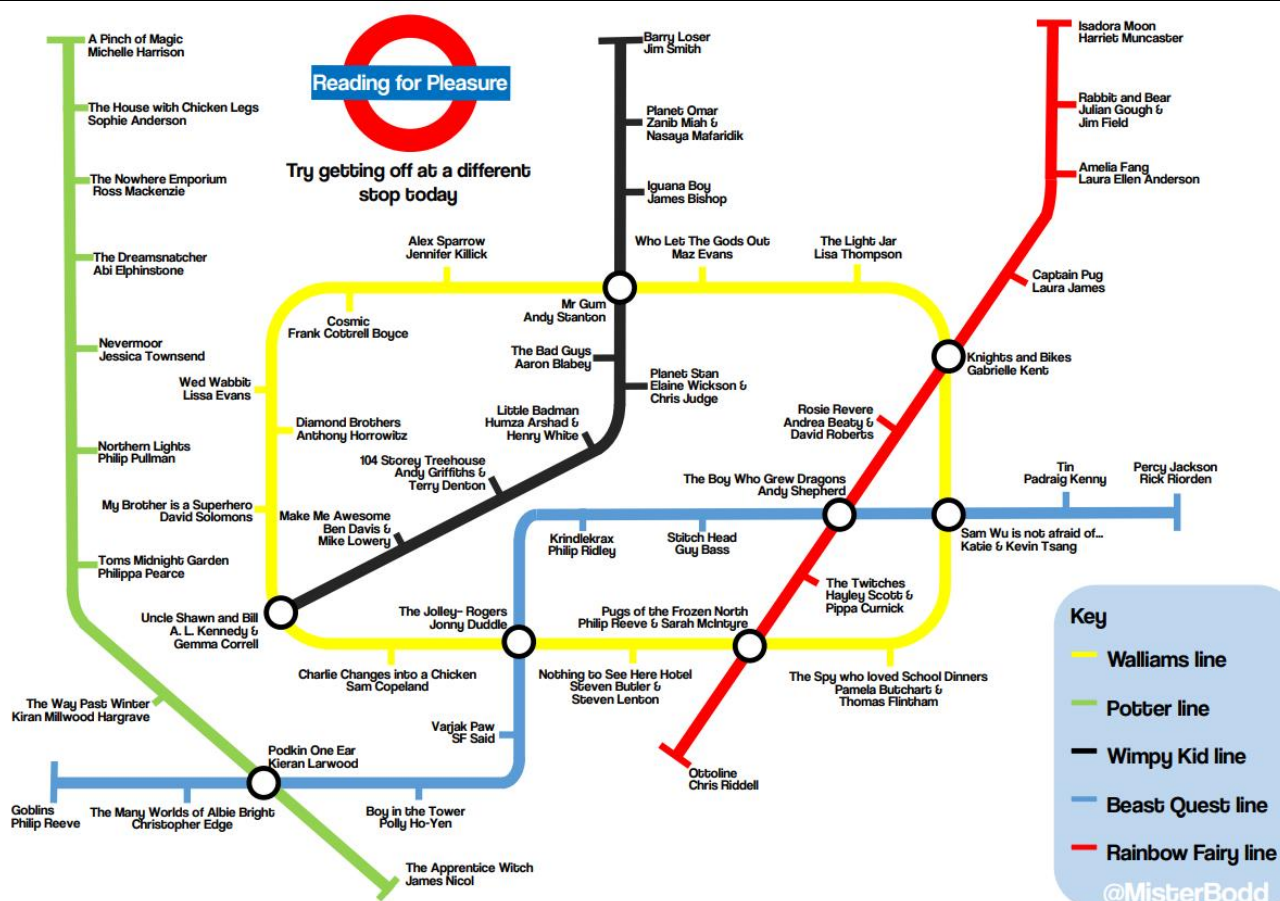
THE journey  
OF A lifetime  
STARTS WITH THE  
OF A turning  
page.  
-RACHEL ANDERS



# Guiding Children's Reading Choice

Does your child always read books by the same author or the same genre of book? Children's choice about what they read is really important, but it's also important that they know what's out there to be able to make an informed choice, with adults guiding them towards quality books wherever possible. Any reading is better than no reading, so it's not worth a battle, but children's series can often contain the same sort of style and vocabulary, making children read more passively (especially if the book has been made into a film that they have seen.)

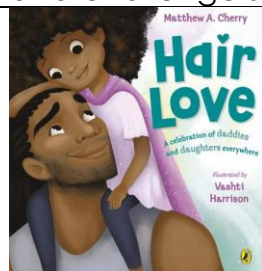
'Banning' books by certain authors can make the problem worse... so why not offer your child one of these alternatives if they have got stuck on one of the most common series of books? Get in touch if you'd like any further support with this and I'd be glad to help.



Reading for Pleasure Tube Map by @MisterBodd

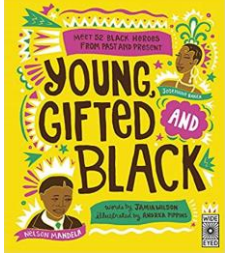
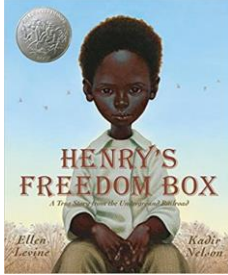
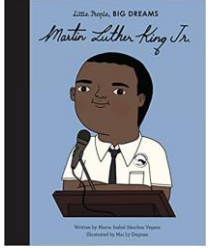
## #Black Lives Matter

Each year, the whole month of October is dedicated to highlighting the importance of understanding Black History. There are many books available to open up discussions and these are just a small sample. For more about Black History Month, see the official website <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>. As a school we celebrate black lives and challenge stereotypes on a daily basis not just in October.



### Hair Love by Matthew Cherry

Zuri's beautiful hair has a mind of its own! It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Mum always does Zuri's hair just the way she likes it, but Daddy is keen to learn to style it for an extra special occasion.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson</b></p> <p>Meet 52 icons of colour from the past and present in this collection of stories about strong, courageous, talented and diverse men and women: the perfect read to encourage, inspire and empower children young and old.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine</b></p> <p>Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Martin Luther King, Jr – Little People, Big Dreams</b></p> <p>This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the inspiring activist's life.</p>

## Exciting dates, events and competitions to get involved with!

	<p><b>Roald Dahl Day</b>  <b>13<sup>th</sup> September</b>          Celebrated every year on the anniversary of his birthday, the unofficial holiday celebrates all the characters created by the much loved and read children's author.  <a href="https://www.roalddahl.com">https://www.roalddahl.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Reading is Magic Festival</b>  <b>27<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>          An online festival packed full of engaging activities for all readers, in association with Cressida Cowell, children's laureate and author of 'How to Train your Dragon.'          Sign up for updates and see the latest information at  <a href="http://www.readingismagicfestival.com/">www.readingismagicfestival.com/</a></p>
	<p><b>National Poetry Day and Competition</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b>          National Poetry Day generates an explosion of activity nationwide, thousands of amazing events across the UK – in schools, libraries, bookshops and hospitals, on buses, trains and boats – all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together. The 2020 theme is Vision.  <a href="https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/">https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/</a></p>

