

READING NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our first reading newsletter. At St. Joseph's, reading is very important to us and it is at the heart of our curriculum. As well as children being able to read, we want the children to enjoy reading for pleasure. We are doing many things in school to help with this. One of my roles is reading subject leader and I am passionate about reading.

Miss Thomas



Library

Last half-term we opened our new library after a big make over. The children are all so enthusiastic and love going to the library to choose their reading books. There have been so many positive comments about the library and all the new books.

We have spent a lot of money on books for the library, so that the children have the best. Please read the books with your children at home and look after them. Your child will only be allowed to take home one book at a time and will not be able to take out a new book until their other one has been returned. We will send out letters if children are not returning their book.



Reading parents

Parents are the most important role models for their children. If they see you reading and enjoying it, they are more likely to do the same. It is so important that you read with your children, whether they are in Ducklings or Year 6. Over this coming year at school, we are planning different ways to engage parents in reading with their children, so keep an eye out for more information.

- ✿ Parent and child reading mornings
- ✿ Little free library on the playground
- ✿ Parents choosing library books with their children



Amazon wishlist

We want to keep giving our children high quality texts. We have put together an Amazon wish list of books that we would love in school to keep encouraging the children to read. If you, or someone that you know, would like to buy a book for school, we would very much appreciate it. Please share the link below.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/I0SPAM3ZX6XD?ref_=wl_share

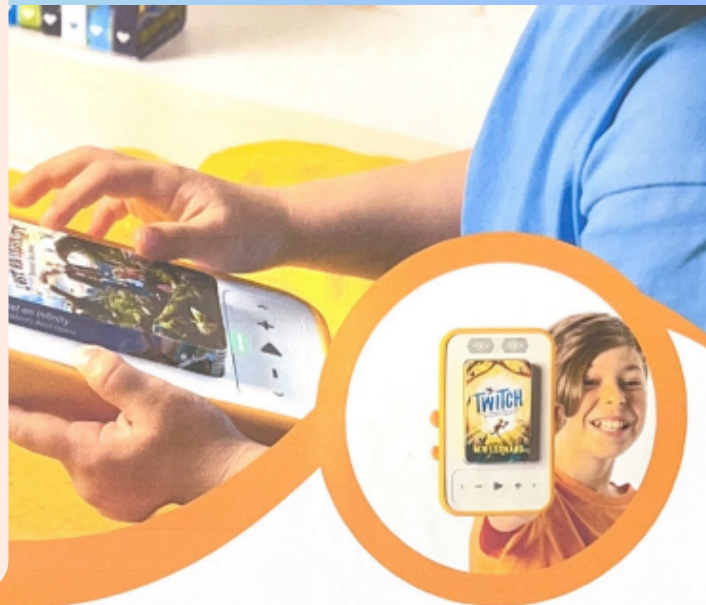


Audiobooks

Children listening to stories is extremely valuable. One way children might do this is through audiobooks. We are currently investing in audio players and books for school.

Ducklings - Toniebox and Tonies
KS1 - Yoto players
KS2 - Voxblock player

We are very excited for the children to start using them. These would make fantastic Christmas presents for your children. Voxblock have sent us a deal for parents, which gives you £10 off a starter pack and a free audiobook for school.



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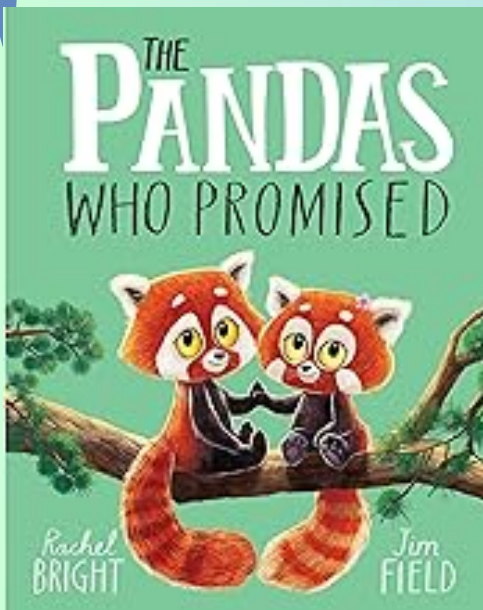
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Reading recommendations

Here are some new books that have just been published, which you might enjoy.



KS1

Fans of Rachel Bright's books - The lion Inside, The Gecko and the echo and The Squirrels who squabbled, will love this new book . Two panda cubs must decide whether to keep their promise to their mama or look after their sister.

Clive Penguin is a funny book about a penguin who does not like the cold and is determined to do something about it.



KS2

For those who loved The Last Bear, Finding Bear is the perfect sequel following the story of April, Bear and a bear cub. Miss Thomas loved The Last Bear, but thinks this one is even better.

The Final Year is a book different to the others as it is written in verse. It is a very powerful story of Nate as he navigates his way through his final year at primary school.

