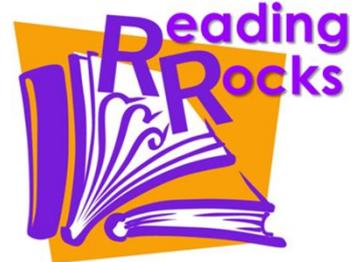
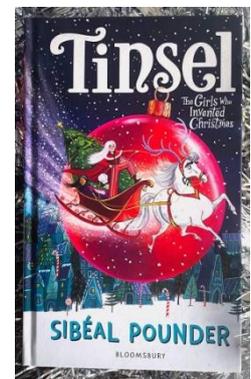


Hello! Welcome to this latest edition of our reading for pleasure newsletter. As well as being shared in school, this newsletter is also tweeted from our school Twitter account and it is posted on our website. If you have anything to contribute – a review, details of a favourite book, a recommendation (for children or adults), a poem, a favourite read-aloud or any words of reading inspiration – please email them to me. Thanks!

Reading Rocks: I received my second Reading Rocks delivery at the weekend. In addition to a chocolate Christmas tree decoration (eaten!) and a bookmark, I am now the owner of 'The Creature Keeper' (published on 5/11/20) by Damaris Young and (in hardback) 'Tinsel – The Girls Who Invented Christmas' (published on 29/10/20) by Sibéal Pounder.

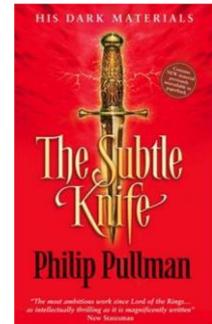


And both books have been signed by the authors! 'The Creature Keeper': Dare you enter the growling, howling, screeching, hissing Direspire Hall? When Cora hears that Direspire Hall's mysterious owner is looking for a new Creature Keeper, she knows that caring for magical animals would be the role of her wildest dreams. But her new home is a strange place with secrets in its shadows...and someone who will do whatever it takes to keep them hidden. 'Tinsel – The Girls Who Invented Christmas': What if somewhere along the way we've all got the Santa story a bit wrong....? Join Blanche Claus and her best friend Rinki for a funny, festive sleigh ride you'll never forget! 'Tinsel...' is a November Book of the Month on www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk The website says that it is: 'Funny, feminist and with a huge heart...a gloriously Christmassy adventure that will delight even the biggest Grinch.' Visit the LoveReading4Kids website for full reviews of both titles.

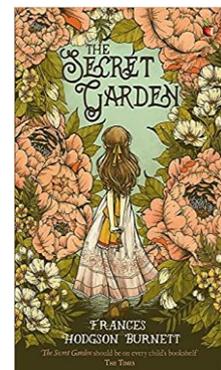




Books to film: The second series of Philip Pullman's 'His Dark Materials' is currently airing on BBC1 on Sunday evenings (and on the BBC iPlayer). Based on the 'The Subtle Knife' – the second book of Pullman's first trilogy – it stars Ruth Wilson, Anne-Marie Duff, Lin-Manuel Miranda (him of 'Hamilton' fame), Ruta Gedmintas.....and Dafne Keen as Lyra Belacqua / Silvertongue. If you're a Philip Pullman fan, it's well worth having a look because it really is fab!



The Secret Garden: Frances Hodgson Burnett's 1911 children's classic has recently been adapted – again (a version was released in 1993) for the big screen. The film stars Colin Firth and Julie Walters – and Dixie Egerickx in the main role as Mary Lennox. The book is set at the start of the 20th century. Mary is a sickly, neglected, unloved ten-year-old born in British India to wealthy parents who die during a cholera epidemic. This new film version brings the story forward to the time of Indian partition. And it is while living with her uncle (Lord Archibald Craven) at Misselthwaite Manor in Yorkshire that she discovers the eponymous secret garden.



'Skellig': I mentioned David Almond last week. The film version (now available on DVD) of his Carnegie Medal winning 'Skellig' is really good. It stars John Simm, Kelly Macdonald, Bill Milner and Tim Roth as Skellig. The book and film are well worth checking out.

Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (30/11/20)

At home I'm reading 'Red Comet: The Short Life and Blazing Art of Sylvia Plath' by Heather Clark.

In class I'm reading 'The Voyage of the Sparrowhawk' by Natasha Farrant.

We're reading 'Kidnap on the California Comet' by M.G. Leonard & Sam Sedgeman to 4PK.