



Welcome! A big 'thank you' to all colleagues for putting so much effort into getting bookshelves and classroom reading areas up and running. Everything looks very well organised and reading has a strong presence around school. Until we can revert to our usual library timetable, we will be ensuring everyone's safety by leaving 72 hours between year group visits. Y6 had access last Thursday and Y5 will be able to use the library today. Here's the timetable until the week before half-term: Y4 - 18/9 Y3 - 22/9 Y2 - 28/9 Y1 - 2/10 R - 6/10 N - 12/10. I will make sure that loan books and return boxes are available prior to year group visits.

Reading Stamina: Developing children's reading stamina is an important part of maintaining our reading culture at school. Class reading times should be a special part of the school day. I often award 'Reader of the Week' to somebody who has been a good role model with their reading stamina or has noticeably improved their stamina.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> eyes in your book reading in your mind-mouth words lots of books that you've read reading all the words not bothering others try to get through tricky parts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> eyes looking everywhere in the room making noises not many books your out of your seat bathroom/drink bothering others skip or give up on tricky parts



Reading is Magic Festival: This will take place between 27th September and 2nd October.....six days of free, inclusive and engaging digital events for schools and families. The festival has been inspired by Cressida Cowell's key message as the current Waterstone's Children's Laureate: '...reading is magic and magic is for everyone...' For further information and to sign up, please visit the festival's website at www.readingismagicfestival.com Events are organised by age group: 4 to 7, 7 to 11, 11 to 13 and 13+.

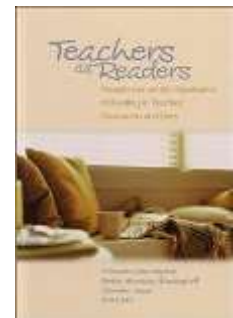


'Voyage of the Sparrowhawk'

Natasha Farrant's new story is a September book of the month on the LoveReading4Kids website.

Described as a '...thrilling rollercoaster of an adventure full of emotion and heart...' It tells the story of Lotti and Ben, two orphans living in the aftermath of World War One. I've read 'The Children of Castle Rock' and 'The Things We Did for Love' by Natasha Farrant – and both are fab. 'Voyage of the Sparrowhawk' was published on September 3rd and is for age 9+.

Research: I mentioned Teresa Cremin's work in the last edition. Her book 'Building Communities of Engaged Readers' covers all her findings. I have the book in school – please let me know if you'd like to have a look. I've



just bought 'Teachers as Readers' by Michelle Commeyras (formerly Associate Professor of Reading Education at the University of Georgia, Athens, USA). Once I've read it, I'll share any interesting findings.

Teach Primary Book Awards: These awards are fairly unique in that they highlight titles that children will not only love to read, but that will also support learning. The shortlists are available at www.teachwire.net and the winners



will be announced in October. Last year's winners included David Almond's 'The Dam' (amazing art work by Levi Pinfold) and Piers Torday's 'The Lost Magician'.



Malvern Community Book Club: Our book for September is Oyinkan Braithwaite's 'My Sister, The Serial Killer'. The next meeting will take place (hopefully) in The Roby Pub on October 8th at 7.30pm.

Reader of the Week: We've had our first readers of the week of the new school year. Thank you for letting me know the names of the recipients. Names will be celebrated on our school website. Spare bookmarks and stickers are available.



Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (14/9/20)

(At home I'm reading 'Dark Matter: A Ghost Story' by Michelle Paver. In class I'm reading 'The Frozen Sea' by Piers Torday. I'm reading 'The Legend of Podkin One Ear' by Keiran Larwood to 4PK.