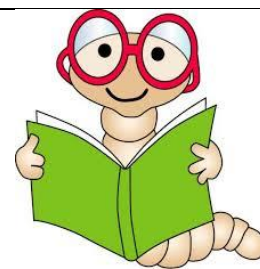


Little Eaton Reading Newsletter



Useful websites / Apps for parents:



Early years activities approved to help families kick start learning at home.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov>

Includes lots of **free** ideas, links and videos to support early reading



Teach Your Monster to Read is a phonics and reading game that's helped children learn to read. The game is for children in the first stages of learning to read, or for older children who need a bit more practice. It covers games from matching letters and sounds to enjoying small books.

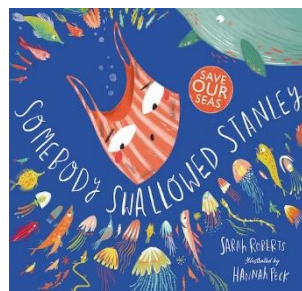
The computer version is **free**: <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

The app costs £4.99 and is available through the following links:

Platform: [Apple](#), [Android](#), [Amazon](#)

Thank you to all the parents who bought books at the Scholastic book fair. As a result of books purchased, school earned £170 worth of books in rewards points. During book week, each class read the blurb and discussed eight books and have chosen their favourite which will be purchased for them to enjoy. The classes have chosen the following selection:

YR Owls



Say hello to Stanley! He's swimming around in the sea, but he's no ordinary jellyfish. Most jellyfish have dangly-gangly tentacles, but Stanley has two handles. Other jellyfish have a magical pearly glow, but Stanley has colourful stripes. Lots of hungry fish in the sea are looking for lunch, and all of them have a taste for Stanley. But plastic bags don't belong in the sea – or in other creatures' tummies...

<p>Y1 Woodpeckers</p>		<p>One night a giant pinboard falls on top of Stanley, leaving him as flat as a pancake. Ouch! But it's not all bad news. In fact, being flat is kind of awesome. It's great fun going in and out of rooms by sliding under the door. It's a hoot being sent in the post, and flying in the air like a kite. But it's not all fun and games. Sometimes it's hard to be different. And how will Stanley save the day when thieves arrive in town?</p>
<p>Y2 Robins</p>		<p>Willow Moss, the youngest and least powerful sister in a family of witches, has a magical ability for finding lost things. Stuff like keys, or socks, or wooden teeth. Useful, but not exactly exciting. That is, until the most powerful witch in the whole world of Starfell turns up at Willow's door, asking for her help. A whole day – last Tuesday to be precise – has gone missing. Completely. And without it, the universe is unravelling. Now Willow holds the entire fate of Starfell in her unremarkable hands. Can she save the day – by finding the lost one?</p>
<p>Y3/4 Ospreys and Kingfishers</p>		<p>Every school has one. You know: the naughty kid. The clown. The prankster. The one who drives all the teachers wild. At Bracket Wood School, that kid is Ryan Ward. How bad is he? Well – so awful that the headteacher has just walked out. Then the new head arrives. Uh-oh. This guy is so strict even the teachers are scared of him. But when he and Ryan swap bodies, the bad kid becomes the head kid. Now Ryan is in charge – and the real head is one of his pupils.</p> <p>As both classes chose the same book, they will have a copy each.</p>
<p>Y5 Skylarks</p>		<p>The boy who fooled the world tells the story of Cole, whose family are struggling financially when a painting he made in art class suddenly sells for a tremendous sum. As Cole becomes the toast of the art world, hailed as a boy genius, will he dare to admit that a little white lie has spun horribly out of control?</p>
<p>Y6 Falcons</p>		<p>Fact: life is tricky. Co-written by a girl with autism, this is a powerful story about being different in a world that doesn't always understand you. Tally is eleven, and she's just like her friends. But there's something that makes Tally not the same as her friends. Something she can't ignore, no matter how hard she tries. Tally is autistic. It really bothers her if colours don't match, or objects aren't in order, or things aren't exactly right. And when Tally gets fussed, she upsets other people. They think she won't guess how they feel. But Tally notices all of it. And that can make life tough...</p>

Recommended Reads:

This newsletter is here to support families in choosing books that will engage and inspire children to read, especially when it comes to newer titles and authors.

Theme: Biographies

True stories can be even more inspiring than fiction. Plus, they provide that all-important background knowledge that help your kids across subjects. Here's why they work so well:

They're about real people doing very real things

A factual tale of a courageous person overcoming challenges can inspire kids to face their own obstacles with hope and determination. More than anything, biographies prove that one person can make a difference, and that small steps can lead to big things.

They make history come alive

A bunch of names and dates won't keep anyone's attention long, but learning about history through the lens of a specific person's life and accomplishments can help kids see how it matters. Key events become real moments that affect the people living through them instead of empty facts.

There's one for everyone

From accounts of sports superstars to books about presidents and pioneers of change, there are as many types of biographies as there are people! Just hook into your child's interest to get him going.

Trailblazer series from Stripes Publishing Stripes Publishing

A range of books aimed at children in year 4 or above. They feature some of history's greatest pioneers from all walks of life. They are packed with facts, trivia and illustrations which are really engaging for readers.



First Name series by David Fickling Books

This series is also aimed at children in KS2. They feature illustration on every page alongside each subject's amazing story



Football Superstars by Welbeck Publishing

Filled with quizzes, stats and little-known facts, plus illustrated and told with all the fun of a Tom Gates novel, the Football Superstars series is perfect for young readers five and up.



Little People, big dream series by Frances Lincoln Children's Books

With stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, this empowering series celebrates the important life stories of wonderful people of the world. From designers and artists to scientists, all of them went on to achieve incredible things, yet all of them began life as a little child with a dream. These books make the lives of these role models accessible for children, providing a powerful message to inspire the next generation of outstanding people who will change the world! Suitable for children age 5+.



Family Book Quiz

Thank you to everyone who took part in the family book quiz. There was 63 entries in total across the school. Congratulations to Jack in Year 5 and Isaac in Reception who were randomly picked to win the prize for KS1 and KS2. They have a £10 book token each – I hope you enjoy your new book.

The answers to the quiz are now available at:
<https://www.littleaton.derbyshire.sch.uk/reading/>