# The Reading Owl



Dear readers,

We have had another two months of enjoyment and celebration of books in school, not least on World Book Day, when the children and staff excelled themselves with fabulous costumes and cakes, jars and shoe-boxes, that simply blew us all away! It was great to see how inspired the children are by the books they read and love.

Each class in the school has a 'reading for pleasure' book on the go at any one time. By reading to the children on a daily basis, we are modelling fluency and expression alongside the cultivation of a love of reading and also exposing them to texts they may not choose to read independently. These are the books currently being enjoyed by the children, with a quote from some of them about their class book.



#### **Foundation**

The Bad-Tempered Ladybird by Eric Carle and Spinderella by Julia Donaldson

#### Year 1

Leonora Bolt: Secret Inventor by Lucy Brandt

"I like Leonora Bolt because she has a pet otter." "I like her house because it is an old lighthouse."

#### Year 2

Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T. Smith

"I like the main character because of his adventures." "The thing I like best about the book is finding out what happens next."

#### Year 3

Podkin One Ear (just finished!) by Kieran Larwood

"The best thing we have ever read!"

"Marvellous"

#### Year 4

The Storm Keeper's Island by Catherine Doyle

"Breathtaking!"

"This book gets you hooked on reading. I can't wait to read the last chapter and then start the sequel."

#### Years 5 and 6

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf

"A moving storyline that creates mystery and tension. We love it!"

Please remember that I am always happy to receive contributions to the next issue of the Reading Owl, both from children and adults. Please send to Mrs Chaplin via the school office.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Chaplin



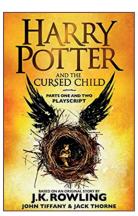
### **Book Recommendations**

Maisie and Molly (Year 5) recommend ...

#### Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

by Jack Thorne & John Tiffany, based on an original story by J.K. Rowling

Step into another world of adventure, as this novel leads you through a magical story about Harry and his children. This book is 100% recommended because of its amazing and spectacular cliff hangers and exciting imagery. The book is one of a kind for J. K. Rowling, as it is written as a playscript.



Emily (Year 2) recommends ...

#### Snow Foal

By Susanna Bailey

One cold winter night, eleven-year-old Addie is taken into foster care after her mum becomes sick. When she arrives at the remote Exmoor farm, she feels upset and alone, but one day she and the farmer find a small wild foal lost in



a blanket of snow. Addie slowly wins the foal's trust and is determined to reunite it with its herd.

I really enjoyed this book because the writing is descriptive and exciting, and the story has some unexpected turns. It made me feel both happy and sad, but it all works out in the end.

### Library Opening Hours

On the junior site, the children are able to change their library books each break time and during other slots as agreed by their class teacher. The libraries on both sites will also be open one day each week after school.

Infant site: Friday 3.10 – 3.30pm Junior site: Monday 3.25 – 3.50pm John (Year 2) recommends ...

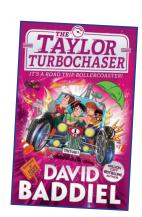
#### The Taylor Turbochaser

By David Baddiel

Buckle up and hold tight as Amy Taylor and her friend Rahul upgrade her wheelchair to a unique supercar! Amy's dad isn't happy though, so with

the help of a satnav with a mind of its own, and heaps of problem-solving gadgets, they race across Britain to prove just how incredible their invention really is.

I loved this story because it is funny and exciting. It has lots of information about cars and is full of puzzles along the way.



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# Books we **Love** this Month













## Where to find great book recommendations

Look at the posters in our school library or talk to one of the Reading Ambassadors, who will be happy to help.

#### Websites

www.lovereading4kids.co.uk

www.books for topics.com