

Reading Newsletter

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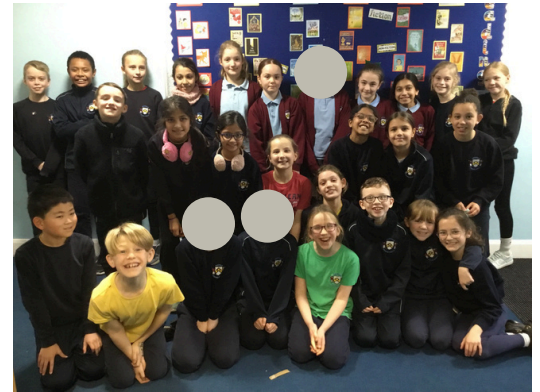
Reading news from Hatfeild Primary School



Here are some of our reading ambassadors at Hatfeild. They are doing a fantastic job promoting reading in our school. They are beginning to learn where they can find new authors and how to complete book reviews that will inspire their classmates.

Our Junior Librarians have been exceptionally busy this half term organising and restocking the library. The students have been trained to use the online booking system for the issuing and returning of reading books, and taught how to stock shelves using the Dewey decimal system.

Next term, our Junior Librarians will be taking on the role of Reading Buddies with students in year 1 and 2. We hope that this role will help foster a passion for reading with our youngest, and newest, readers.



Our Year 5 enjoyed their trip to hear author Jeffrey Boakye at Wimbledon Bookfest on Thursday 24th October.

Boakye spoke about his new book "Kofi and the Secret Radio Station." The children were issued with copies of the book, and thoroughly enjoyed learning about growing up in the 90s; especially tuning a radio and watching Family Fortunes!

Boakye spoke candidly to the children about his childhood stutter and how reframing his beliefs led him to recognise his inner strength and improve his self esteem.

Have you met an author before? We would love to share it in our next newsletter.

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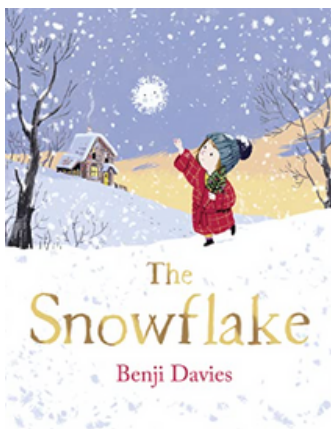
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Welcome to our reading recommendations for Autumn 2. Each half-term we will share some of our favourite books with you.



Fiction
Age 3-9

A poignant, exquisitely illustrated Christmas story. When the ugly little fir tree is taken to the city, no one wants to buy him; they prefer the big tall trees. But a homeless boy asks the shopkeeper if he can take the tree, and down by the river in a cardboard box, decorated with a few candles, the tree finds itself at the centre of a magical Christmas Eve it will never forget. A Christmas tale with a classic feel but a modern theme at its heart.



Fiction
Age 4-8

An enchanting and timeless winter tale from one of today's most celebrated picture book stars. High, high up in the clouds a tiny snowflake is made. Perfectly small, fluffy, crystal and white, it tumbles and bounces inside the cloud. But then she begins to fall... Exquisitely told and beautifully illustrated, *The Snowflake* tells the tale of one snowflake and one little girl – both longing for something and looking for their own special place in the world.



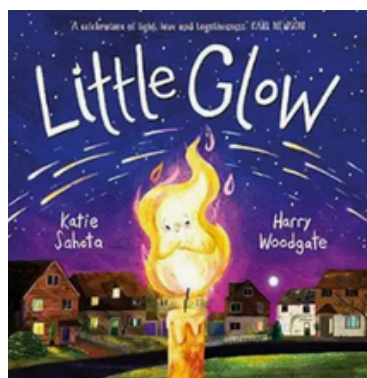
Rhyming Fiction
Age 2-5

A beautiful, irresistible Christmas gift book that all begins with ... picking a pine tree! Brimming over with the excitement of being with family at the festive season, a gorgeously rhythmical, read-aloud narrative accompanied by warm, joyful art celebrates all the familiar rituals of decorating the tree.



Fiction Age 9 - 11

Sparkling with frost and magic, shadows of *Winterspell* will sweep you up in a world of friendship and magic, to uncover family secrets and find out who you really are. Stella has been living behind the magic of the forest for most of her life. Lonely, she enrolls at the local school, and as she begins to make friends, she discovers that she is even more different than she thought.



Rhyming Fiction
Age 2-7

A rhyming celebration of light, love and togetherness. This story shows inspiring ways an inclusive community celebrates light through the year. Through Katie Sahota's lyrical rhyming text it shows a multitude of cultural and religious celebrations.



Fiction Age 5 - 9

A beautifully illustrated picture book about a young Vietnamese girl called Thuy. With her two mums, Thuy tackles feeling different to her peers by imagining beautiful and powerful creatures who always have courage, just like her. The book is full of emotive language techniques and vocabulary alongside an array of beautiful and varied illustrations by Basia Tran, many in a comic book style.

We would LOVE to hear some of your reviews from these books or **any books** you have enjoyed. Send your email titled BOOK REVIEW to: school@hatfeild.merton.sch.uk.

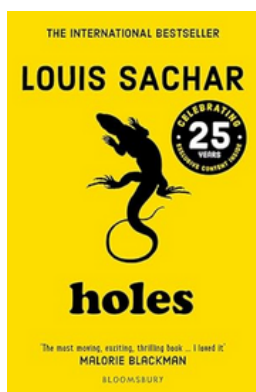
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Welcome to our reading recommendations from children at Hatfeild.



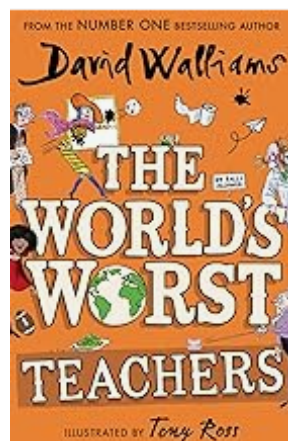
This book has a great plot with a good start and ending. The story is amazing! The characters are fun. I would recommend this book to fellow Year 6 children.
Nathan Willow Class



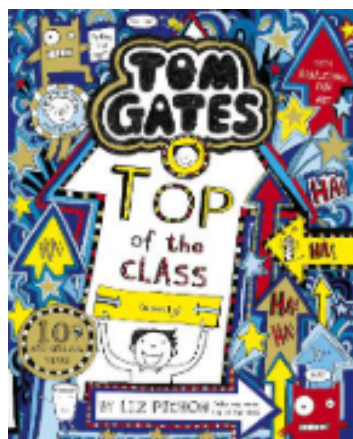
The Raven Hier was an entertaining, adventurous book with backstabbing corners, loyalty and loads of choice-making. I would recommend this book to age 8 and over because if you do start reading it you'll never let go :) Enjoy :)!
Pola Willow Class



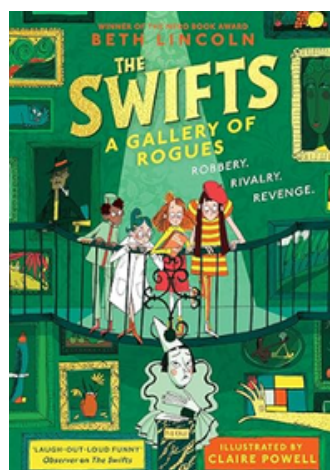
I liked reading this book because it tells us how to be happy through: Mindfulness, listening, feeling, relaxing, tasting, touching, discovering, smelling, loving, appreciating and breathing. You can discover things in the pictures and they look real. I would recommend this book to all children.
Emily - Year 2 Ash



I loved this book and my favourite character was Mrs Seethe. She puts everyone (including teachers) in detention. I would recommend it to anyone who would like a good old laugh!
Teddy - Year 4



This book is so easy to read and is quite funny and makes you want to read for ages. Tom lost a picture of the headteacher that he drew and he was scared someone would find it and show it to Mr. Fullerman.
Lily - Year 6



This book is about a group of burglars who steal paintings from two different homes. Philomena was trying to find out the mystery but one of her sisters Shenanigan kept making it harder. I am looking forward to read the next book in this series next year.
Florence - Year 2 Elm

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