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READING: THE NEWS



Springfield Primary Reading news!

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Recommended reads

The 100 Best Children's books which are recommended by Book Trust can be found [here](#). Click to view the recommended books for your age.

Parent Story tellers...

As part of our World Book Day planning, we would love to introduce 'Parent story tellers' visits. This is where a parent would volunteer to come into school to share a story with a class or group of children in school. This is something we have done before in the past but has been recently suggested by one of our parents, so we would love to bring the idea back!

Parents could either read or tell a story in English or in their home language.

If you would like to be involved in this, please contact enquiries@springfield.sheffield.sch.uk to give us more information on the story you would like to share, which year group it would be suitable for and when you would be available to share your story during week beginning 3rd March 2025.

Every teacher is a reader. Interview with [Miss. Tejada](#)

Interview by the Springfield Reading ambassadors: Sara, Dana, Sofii.

What was your favourite book as a child?

"It was Roald Dahl's *Revolting Rhymes*. I also enjoyed *The Magic Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton."

What are you reading at the moment?

"It is a book called 'The Thursday Murder Club' by Richard Osman.

Which is your favourite story to read in class?

"The boy in the girl's bathroom by Louis Sachar. It is set in America in a school setting. It is about friendship, fairness, fitting in and feeling valued. Children can always relate to the book. It is well written and is a good discussion book. Children are always engaged when listening to the story and are motivated to find out what happens next."



Author of the Term



During the Spring term, we are celebrating the author Liz Pichon! Liz Pichon is an author and illustrator. Initially, Liz was an illustrator, illustrating for other authors but then she soon became an author herself. Liz is dyslexic and never thought that she could write books. She thought “that world was closed to me.” However, she has become a hugely successful author and has won many awards for her Tom Gates series. Liz Pichon’s books have also been translated into 44 different languages.

Liz grew up enjoying reading the Asterix and Beano comics. Liz enjoys using fonts and illustrations to help to tell the story. She also writes songs for Tom’s band, ‘Dog Zombies’ which can be heard on the live stage show of her books and her audio books.

We hope you have fun getting to know about our author of the term! Let us know if you read any of Liz’s books and what you think of them!

Our Year 6 pupils are illustrators!

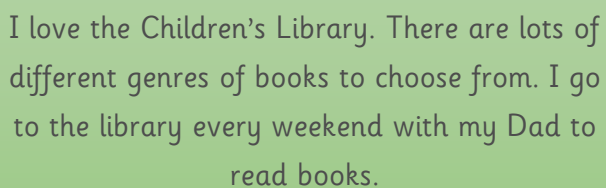
In December, our Year 6 pupils had a chance to learn the skills of illustrating. They took part in an event organised by Scholastic Books, where Liz Pichon talked about her illustration techniques. The children produced their own Liz Pichon-inspired illustrations.



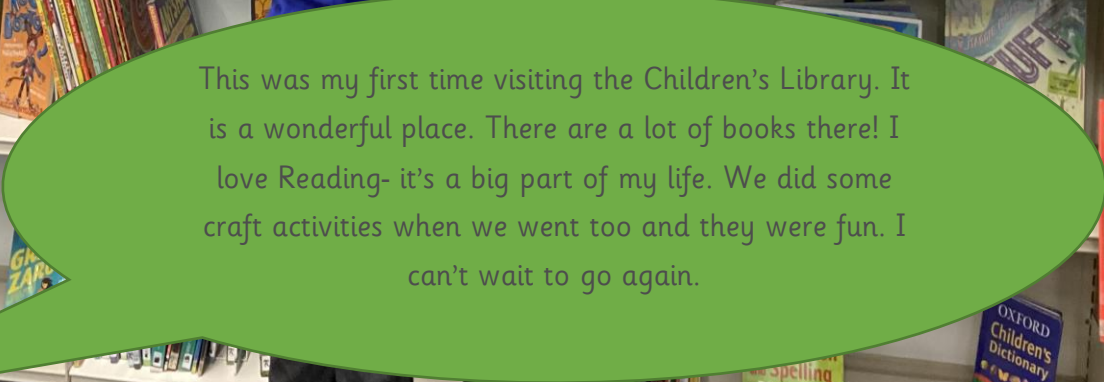
Last term's trip to the Sheffield City Children's Library



Year 6 visited the Sheffield Children's library in October. For more photographs of the trip, please see the Year 6 class page. Here are some comments from some Year 6 pupils on their experience at the library.



I love the Children's Library. There are lots of different genres of books to choose from. I go to the library every weekend with my Dad to read books.



This was my first time visiting the Children's Library. It is a wonderful place. There are a lot of books there! I love Reading- it's a big part of my life. We did some craft activities when we went too and they were fun. I can't wait to go again.



Key Stage 1 Story World Event

The FACES (Family Adult Community Education Service) ran a workshop with 12 families from KS1. This proved a highly popular event. As this family event was oversubscribed, we will do our best to book this event again for the Spring time, so that families who missed out this time, will have a chance to attend. We also worked with Taylor Sure (our lunchtime provider) during the week to make and decorate Gingerbreadmen.

I enjoyed working with my Dad. My Dad read me the Gingerbreadman story.

I did some crafts with my Mum. I stuck the characters in the right places on the pictures.



Upcoming READING events..



World Book day is Thursday 6th March 2025.

During the week of World Book day, we will be holding reading events in school. No costumes will be required as part of our events in school.

Children will either receive a World Book Day book or a Book token during Book week.

Sheffield City Library Visits

Year 4 are to visit the Children's library during Autumn 2 term and Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 are planning visits to the Sheffield City library during the Spring, please look out for information on when they will be going. We will update you on how their visit went and what they did during their visit.

Community Events

The Sheffield Children's Library have notified us that they have a family event during the school holiday. Their 'Christmas Art Club' will be held on Monday 23rd December at 10.30am-11.30am. It will be a very relaxed event with no booking required.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Pycroft & Miss. Button