



Parkland Reading Newsletter

Learning together



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We are very excited to share Parkland's first ever reading newsletter with you. As a school, we have been working so hard on developing our fluency, comprehension and love for reading. There's a lot that goes on in the school everyday; we want to share that with you. We look forward to showing our achievements, the fantastic books that we enjoy reading as a class, individuals and even recommended reads from teachers.

Our school library

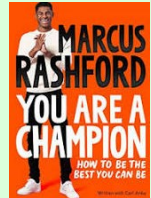
The library is a place to find and enjoy books. There are lots of types of books in the library, from non-fiction books, to reading books. The reading books are mostly split into AR levels, and these are kept in their coloured sections.



We also have books based on books similar to those by your favourite authors - **have a look on the underground map and find what theme or author you like** (eg David Williams). Find that coloured line on the map and follow it to find similar books that you may also like. Then find that book on the shelf and enjoy! Some sections in the library are favourite series or authors, such as Beast Quest, Michael Morpurgo or Erid Blyton. Finally, if you find it easier to read books which have yellow pages, there is a box with dyslexia-friendly books with smiley-face stickers on.



Inspirational person



Marcus Rashford MBE
@MarcusRashford

Reading is cool. Books are cool.

That's it. That's the tweet 🍌

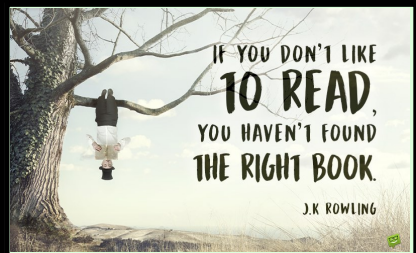
Marcus Rashford is a professional footballer, but has done a lot to promote reading.

He has even written a book aimed at 8-12 year old called 'You Are A Champion'. It has amazing reviews.

Why not give it a try?

Sponsored Read

Over the last week, Parkland has had a sponsored reading event. All of this money will go towards buying lots of exciting new books for each year group. We're counting up the money raised; please send in your donations if you haven't already. Thank you so much for your amazing support!



Children's voice: Kacey - Yr6



One of my favourites is the famous series of Harry Potter; it's very entertaining. The author is J.K. Rowling whose real name is Joanne Rowling. The 'K' in

her name stands for Kathleen which was her grandmother's name. The seven Harry Potter books have sold over 450 million copies around the world. These books are a series of fantasy and adventure books. In the first book, it introduces Harry's best friends: Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger who, together, have many adventures across their school (Hogwarts). I recommend you read Harry Potter.

Children's voice: Mandy -Yr6



Personally, I enjoy the series books called A Series of Unfortunate Events. There is a lot of action, and unexpected events in the books. My favourite author is Lemony

Snicket; he writes many different types of books but he is most known for writing A Series of Unfortunate Events. At the moment, I am reading a book called The Night Bus Hero by Orjali Rauf. Rauf is best known for her book called The Boy At The Back Of The Class (it's really good). However, if you are in Year 3 or above, I recommend a book called Stig of the Dump; it's for all ages!

Interview with a teacher

Mrs Hill

What is your favourite book and why?

Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian. I have read this book many times to my Year 6 classes and the children and I really love the characters in the story. It takes you back in time to experience being a child during WW2; it really makes you think about what life would have been like. Tom, the main character, is a young boy who has to be evacuated from his home in London to the countryside in order to keep him safe from the bombings.

Who is your favourite author and why?

I think Roald Dahl is one of my favourite children's authors due to his imagination and amazing story-telling. His books are so gripping and exciting that they take you away into another world and the way he writes means you don't want to put his books down. They are also easy to read aloud and are great if you enjoy acting out parts or changing voices to be the different characters. My own children used to love listening to these as their bedtime stories when they were younger.

What genre of books do you like to read?

As an adult, I enjoy reading mystery and adventure books. I love the escapism and trying to solve the mystery!

What are you reading at the moment?

I'm currently reading 'Legacy' by James Kerr. This book is about The All Black rugby team and how they always endeavour to become the best team they can be.

Author of the month

Tam Huddleston



Tam Huddleston is an author, musician and film journalist based in Stake Newington, East London. He was raised in North Yorkshire where his first novel, 2013's future-medieval fantasy *The Waking World*, was set. He's since written three instalments in the official *Star Wars: Adventures in Wild Space* saga and is currently working on a series entitled *Warhammer Adventures for Games Workshop*. His interests include pizza, outdoor swimming, chewy sweets and watching far too many movies.

Before Christmas, Tam sent the children at Parkland a letter to encourage them to read.

Check it out!

Greetings to Mr Garner and the children at Parkland Primary School!

My name's Tom Huddleston and I'm the author of several books, including the action-packed *FLOODWORLD* trilogy (that's *FLOODWORLD*, *DUSTROAD* and the new one, *STORMTIDE*), plus instalments in the *STAR WARS: ADVENTURES IN WILD SPACE* and *WARHAMMER ADVENTURES: REALM QUEST* series.

I just wanted to wish you all a fantastic school year full of fun and friendship and maybe even a bit of learning! I hope you're all looking forward to getting stuck in.

Even more importantly, I hope you're all planning to read some great books this year. There's so much fabulous new fiction out there at the moment so I'm sure you'll find a story that's just right for you.

Maybe you'll even be inspired to invent some stories of your own. I truly believe that everyone's got a story to tell, whether it's about your own life and your own experiences, or something completely made-up set on a different planet or in a far-off fantasy world, or hundreds of years in the future like *FloodWorld*. That's what makes stories different from school - there are absolutely no rules!

Have a great year, and happy reading!

Tom Huddleston

Children's voice: Isla - Yr6



I enjoy a series of books called *Model Under Cover* because it's about fashion, and there's lots of drama and plot twists. It's centred around a teenage girl called Axelle. Axelle didn't really want to be involved with fashion; she wanted to be a detective, but her mum didn't want that for her. The only reason she decided to go into fashion was to find cases. She has lots of fun adventures and meets many famous people along the way.

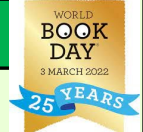
Upcoming

World Book Day

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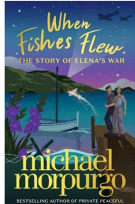
We would like children to dress up as either their favourite characters from books they enjoy or their favourite authors. We really want to celebrate reading and continue to encourage the love and enjoyment that books can bring.

We look forward to seeing all the amazing costumes!



Recommended Reads

Ages 9-12



When Fishes Flew by Michael Morpurgo



The Lion Above the Door by Onjali Q. Rauf



The Wild Before by Piers Torday

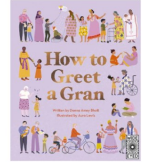
Ages 5-7



We'll Be Together Again by Lucy Menzies and Maddy Yvan

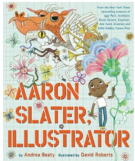


Isadora Moon and the Shooting Star by Harriet Muncaster

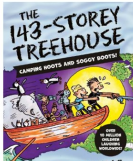


How to Greet a Gran by Donna Arney Bhatt

Ages 7-9



Aaron Slater, Illustrator by Andrea Bealy



The 143-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton



Blossom by Laura Dockrill

Other new recommended books



The Visible Sounds by Yin Jianling and Yu Rong



Storm In A Jar by Samuel Langley-Swain and Katie Cottle

Children's voice: Hazel - Yr3



Book review by Hazel Ganchakov

This is a really good book and took me about a week to read! The book starts with fantasy and magic it has lots of funny parts, a murder and a has a cool but happy ending. The book is about twins who were born from a diamond and should have been in line for the throne. However, the diamond was impure, and they are denied their royal birth right.



This is a really exciting book and Harriet Muncaster is my favourite author.

I love reading and I hope you enjoy this book as much as I did.