



Reading Newsletter

Autumn 2
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Welcome to the second edition of our Mortimer Primary School Reading Newsletter!

Thank you to everyone who ordered from the recent Scholastic book club. We had lots of books bought and, for every order, we were given rewards to spend on books for school. Thanks for your support!

We have also had lots of donations of used books this half term—thank you! We always welcome donations, so if you are clearing your bookshelves before Santa comes, we can offer them a good home!

Get Involved

Fancy getting involved with some reading-related activities this half term? Here are some fun events going on around the region to engage your child in reading for fun.

Fenwick Festive Library

If you are up in Newcastle, take a look at the festive library in Fenwick's toy department. For a small fee, children can also take part in 'Story time with the elves' events. <https://www.fenwick.co.uk/events/>

Seven Stories

We are very lucky to live so close to the National Centre for Children's Books. Their calendar is jam-packed with exciting activities on the run up to Christmas...Write a letter to Father Christmas or listen to enchanting festive tales from well-known characters. <https://www.sevenstories.org/>

Shiver-me-timbers: Pirates on page, stage and screen

An online exhibition celebrating the world of pirates! Find it here: <https://pirates.theworduk.org/>

National Nursery Rhyme Week

This week, children up and down the country have been celebrating National Nursery Rhyme Week. Our children in EYFS have had a fantastic week filled with nursery rhyme-themed activities. On Tuesday 16th November, children and staff came to school dressed as characters from their favourite nursery rhymes. Thank you so much for all of your efforts—there were some outstanding costumes to be seen from both pupils and staff!

Reading Champions

Congratulations to our November Reading Champions. A child from each Key Stage 2 class was nominated by their teacher for exceptional effort in their reading last half term, and one lucky child in Y5AM went home with a £10 book voucher.

Keep up the excellent effort in your reading! We look forward to celebrating more Reading Champions in the new year.

Advent Book Challenge

This Advent, we are asking families to take part in our Advent Book Challenge. For each day in December leading up to Christmas, we are encouraging our pupils to share a book with their adults at home. You might choose to read a different book every night, or work through a chapter book together. For every day you read together, children can colour in a star on their Advent Book Calendar. If you need more reading material, feel free to swap books from home on one of our book swap trolleys.



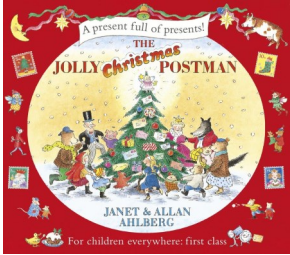
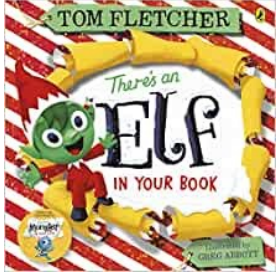
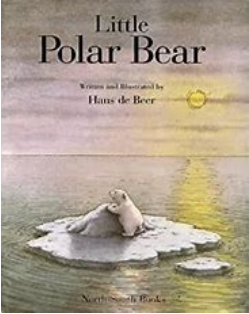
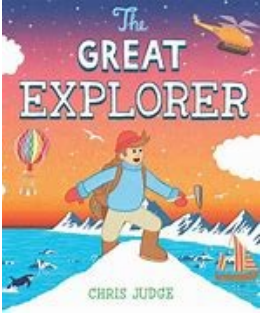
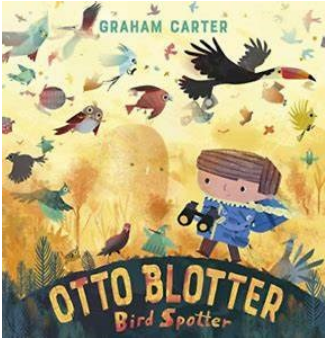
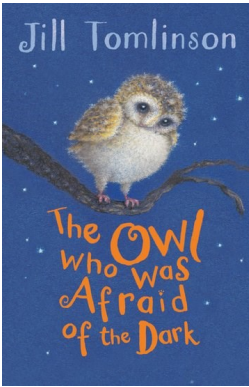
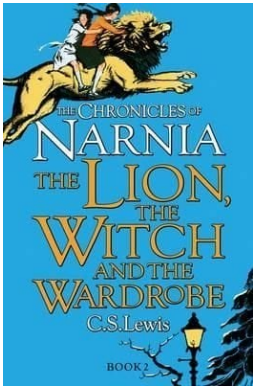
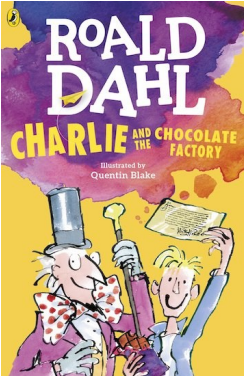
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

In Y4 this half term, our pupils are studying the classic text from C.S. Lewis: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We are very lucky that this coincides with a touring performance of the show at the Sunderland Empire. On Tuesday 30th November, children from Y4 will be taking a trip to the theatre to see the book brought to life. We are incredibly excited for what we expect will be a breath-taking show!

What we are reading at school...

In English this half term, each year group will be studying core themes or texts. If your child already has this text at home or you want to take the opportunity to build their book collection, we welcome children in Y2—Y6 bringing in their own copies. All we ask is that books have your child's name and class written on the inside cover, and children resist the temptation to read ahead at home! We don't want to spoil any surprises! Books can remain in school for the duration of the topic.

In EYFS and KS1, we encourage children to bring in similar books or texts linked to the theme they are learning about or have found particularly enjoyable at home.

<p>Nursery</p> <p>Winter Celebrations</p>  	<p>Reception</p> <p>Winter Celebrations</p>  
<p>Year 1</p> <p>Polar Regions</p>  	<p>Year 2</p> <p>Otto Blotter Bird Spotter— Graham Carter</p> 
<p>Year 3</p> <p>The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark— Jill Tomlinson</p> 	<p>Year 4</p> <p>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe— C.S. Lewis</p> 
<p>Year 5</p> <p>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory— Roald Dahl</p> 	<p>Year 6</p> <p>Street Child— Berlie Doherty</p> 