

# BFPA Reading Newsletter

## Welcome to our Christmas Reading Newsletter!

While Santa is busy reading your lists, I wonder what you will be reading this Christmas? I used to love getting a book for Christmas, I still do! One of my favourite books for this time of year is 'The Night before Christmas'... I used to be able to recite most of it too! What's your favourite book? I hope you enjoy reading this holiday! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs J.Smith



### An Interview with Mrs Grant – Head of School



#### What was your favourite book when you were a child?

I loved 'Wind in the Willows' and 'Winnie the Pooh' equally and I used to read them with my Mum.

#### Have you got a favourite picture book?

'Owl Babies' – I loved reading it to my son Barnaby when he was little. He still lets me read it to him occasionally.

#### What other stories do you like reading to Barnaby?

We like reading non-fiction books because he loves facts. We are also getting through the 'Worst Witch' series.

#### Is there a book character you would like to meet?

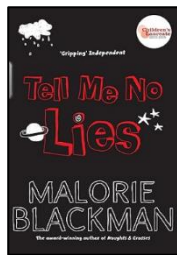
Winnie the Pooh and Piglet are my heroes and I actually met them once at Disney World! It was the best day ever – I was 3 years old.

#### Is there a book you would recommend we should all read?

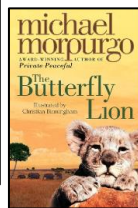
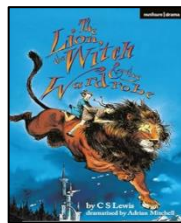
The books in our 'No Outsiders' range, because they have such important messages.

This term we have been enjoying our class novels. These are the books our teachers are reading to us, in our classes.  
Here are some of our favourites:

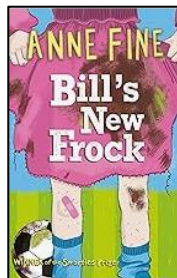
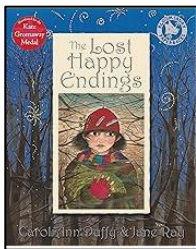
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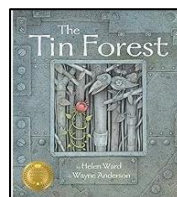
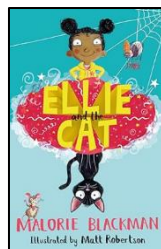
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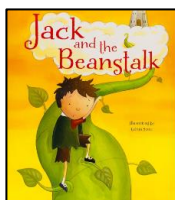
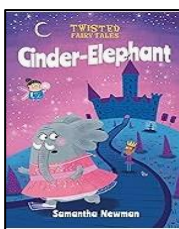
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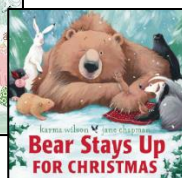
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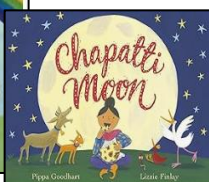
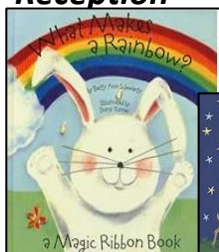
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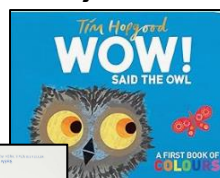
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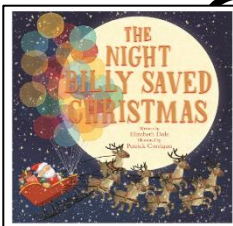


#### Nursery





# Recommended Christmas Books



## Recommended for Early Years

Billy loves to sell balloons with his dad on Christmas Eve. But one year, when the wind blows harder, Billy and his balloons are whisked into the air on a thrilling festive adventure! A great festive story that shows you are never too old to make a difference!

## Recommended for Years 1-2

The Christmasaurus is back!

This is a collection of stories about mischievous kids learning the error of their ways, but it's also about sharing the true spirit of Christmas and realising that sometimes, things aren't quite as they first appear...!

Enjoy this festive, magical look at Christmas with the Christmasaurus.



## Recommended for Years 3-4

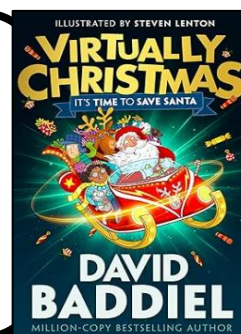
This trilogy of Christmas books by Matt Haig are full of humour, warmth and a sprinkle of Christmas magic!



## Recommended for Years 5-6

Christmas has been taken over by Winterzone and all the things that made Christmas special are gone. Instead, Christmas is run by robots, while 3D holograms of Santa Claus called Santavatars check if you've been naughty or nice.

Racing against time and against the might of Winterzone, the real Santa must be found – before the true meaning of the festive season is lost forever . . .



**A Partridge in a Pear Tree:** Read a story set in the countryside, the forest or a jungle.

**Turtle Doves:** Turtle doves symbolise love. Read a book where there is a strong relationship between the characters. This does not have to be romantic love!

**Three French horns:** Read a book set somewhere other than the UK.

**Four Calling Birds:** Read a book where one of the main characters is an animal.

**Five Golden Rings:** Read a book where there is a treasure or something precious that the main character seeks.

**Six Geese a Laying:** Snuggle down! Make a cosy reading den with lights and decorations. Enjoy your choice of book with a family member.

**Seven Swans a Swimming:** Read a book where there is a link in some way. This could be a river, lake, sea, snow, etc...



**Eight Maids a Milking:** Read a book where the main character is a female.

**Nine Ladies Dancing:** Read a book that brings you joy and happiness.

**Ten Lords a Leaping:** Read a book where one character has got a lot of power, e.g. king, queen, pharaoh, headteacher.

**Eleven Pipers Piping:** Read and perform a winter-themed poem.

**Twelve Drummers Drumming:** Read a book from an author you have not come across before.

**Twelve Days of Christmas Reading Challenge**