

What a fantastic start to the year. As a school, we have read and quizzed more than 12 million words this half term on Accelerated Reader! Our student librarians have been busy helping to catalogue new books and writing reviews, as well as helping to run the library at break and lunch, and each class in school has a timetabled library lesson once a week where they can borrow and return books, take quizzes and read quietly.

# **Accelerated** Reader

Lots of children (and their parents!) are interested to know if their books from home also have a quiz. You can check either by logging into their Accelerated Reader account from home, or by checking on <a href="mailto:arbookfind.co.uk">arbookfind.co.uk</a> and searching by title or author. You can also use the advanced search tab to search by genre or level. Children can login to their school account on the Edward Peake website, then use the link on the students apps list. All children should have their login details in their planner. Happy reading!

**Scholastic Book Club** - thank you to those parents and children who were able to support our first online book club. Books were delivered into school at the start of October, and we were lucky to be able to add lots of new titles to our library too. These have been added to the library stock and some have been reviewed by the children below. Look out for our next book club in January. If you would like to support our school when ordering books, please choose our school to support when you check out. Thank you. <a href="https://www.scholastic.co.uk/">https://www.scholastic.co.uk/</a>.

## White Bird by RJ Palacio

This graphic novel is a follow on from RJ Palacio's book Wonder. In the story we get to find out a little bit more about Julian and his family's experiences during World War 2.

### Reviewed by Amelia in Year 5

What did you like about the book? I liked that it was set in World War Two. I also like that it is quite an emotional story.



Who was your favourite character and why? My favourite character was Julian because he was very brave, stood up to people when he could and overall he was just a great person.

**Describe the book in three words:** Emotional, brave, amazing.

What was your favourite scene in the book? I liked the scene where they took a romantic walk in the forest.

Who would you recommend the book to and why? I recommend this book to Year 5 and 6 because it is quite sad but romantic.



## Zombierella by Joseph Coelho

A horribly grim version of Cinderella, not for the faint-hearted!

#### Reviewed by Sienna in Year 7

What did you like about the book? I liked the storyline because I like Cinderella.

Who was your favourite character and why? Zombierella was my favourite because she's the main character and she's friendly.

Describe the book in three words: Magical, funny, ghostly.

What was your favourite scene in the book? My favourite part is when she slips on the poo and falls down the stairs and dies.

Who would you recommend the book to and why? I recommend this Year 5 and older.

## **Fantastically Great Women Scientists by Kate Pankhurst**

A wonderful non-fiction title packed with fun facts about famous, and less well known, women scientists. Find out about how Tu Youyou extracted the vital ingredient to treat malaria, and what happened when Katia Krafft camped inside an active volcano.



#### Reviewed by Harrison in Year 7

What did you like about the book? I liked that it included a lot of scientists and everything about them since their birth to their death.

Who was your favourite character and why? My favourite was Marie Curie because it told loads of things about her, including small details.

Describe the book in three words: Interesting, unique, packed.

**What was your favourite section in the book?** My favourite section was when Rosalind Franklin discovered loads of different cells.

Who would you recommend the book to and why? I would recommend it to 9-13 year olds because it could help them a lot with science lessons and tests.

#### And finally...

We are always happy to receive donations of good quality children's books. If you had a clear out over half term and have some books that need rehoming, please consider donating them to our library. Any that we can't make use of will be donated locally. Thankyou for your support.