



EVENWOOD C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Life in all its fullness



Reading Newsletter

November 2020

Welcome to our first reading newsletter. Here you will find some information about reading in school and ideas for reading at home.

Phonics and Reading

Here at Evenwood C of E Primary School, we follow the Sounds-Write phonics programme. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 take part in daily phonics sessions where they will learn the skills that are needed to read. Those children in these year groups will take home a reading book that they will be able to read using the skills taught during phonic lessons. We recommend that children read daily at home and reread these books until they become confident, fluent readers.



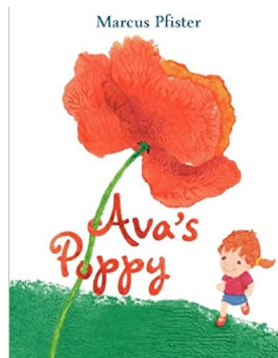
Help your child to read

We value the positive contributions parents make towards their children when it comes to reading. To further assist you with supporting your Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 child with reading, we suggest accessing some free online training that will give you an insight into phonics teaching and the reading journey young children take towards becoming literate. Follow this link to access free online Sounds-Write Phonics training <https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/>

Classroom Reads

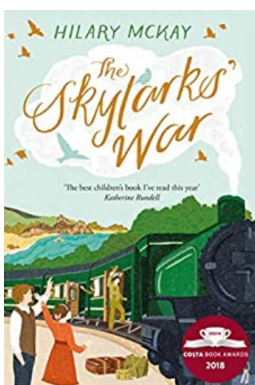
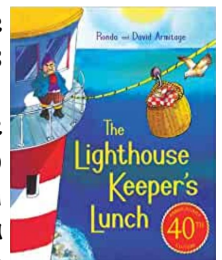
Bowes Castle Class are reading Ava's Poppy by Marcus Pfister

Ava is delighted when she discovered a brilliant red poppy in the field in front of her house. She sits with the flower in the sunny days of summer and shields it in the rain, until one day the petals start to drop and the tiny flower fades away. But when spring comes again...Ava is surprised anew.



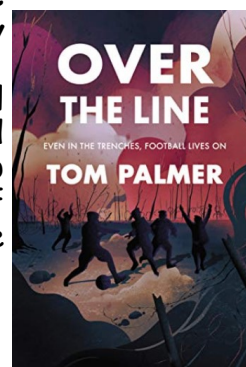
Raby Castle Class are reading The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch by David Armitage

Mr Grinling works as a lighthouse keeper. Each day he rows out to his lighthouse to clean and polish the light. Mrs Grinling packs a lunch for him but there are some feathered friends who like to steal the lunch! Can Mrs Grinling think of ways to stop the greedy seagulls from stealing the lighthouse keeper's lunch?



Barnard Castle Class are reading The Skylarks' War by Hilary McKay

The Skylarks' War is a beautiful story following the loves and losses of a family growing up against the harsh backdrop of World War One, from the award-winning Hilary McKay.



Durham Castle Class are reading Over the Line by Tom Palmer

A stunning new addition of Tom Palmer's best selling novel based on the true story of WWI war hero and footballing legend Jack Cook. As Jack has a chance to achieve his dream of playing for his country the world goes to war and Jack has little choice but to join the Footballers' Battalion and go to war.



Nursery Rhyme Week

From Monday 16th November, we will be celebrating Nursery Rhyme Week. Please support your child at home with learning and singing our list of songs. Please see the adjoining sheet for further information.

To help your child to speak
Take note of nursery
rhyme week
They'll love joining in
with you as you sing
And their language
will certainly peak!!!



Durham Castle Class contact Tom Palmer

Last half term, Durham Castle Class found learnt about World War One in their History lessons. Linking to this topic they read *The Armistice Runner* by Tom Palmer. The whole class thoroughly enjoyed sharing the story and decided to contact the author. Tom soon replied and expressed his delight in hearing from the children and sent two signed copies of posters promoting his World War One books. The children have also received resources to further develop their love of reading in school. Find out more about Tom Palmer on this link— <https://tompalmer.co.uk/>

Sharing Stories

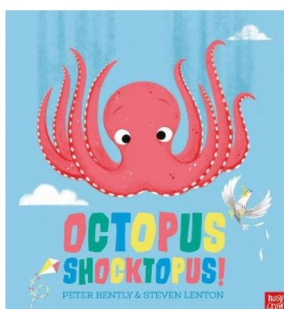


Recommended Reads

Early Years

Octopus Shocktopus! By Peter Bently

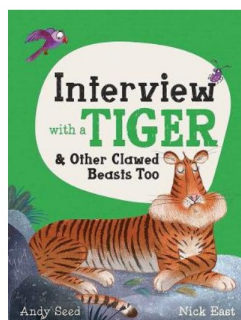
When a giant octopus arrives, the children LOVE their new friend; he makes the perfect slide and is fantastic at football! But some of the grown-ups aren't so pleased. Will they drive him away...or will they realise just how helpful an octopus can be?



Key Stage 1

Interview with a Tiger and Other Clawed Beasts Too

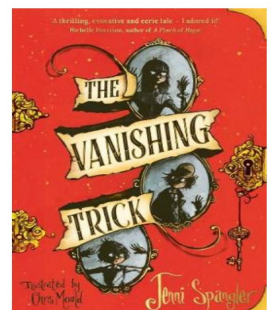
If you could talk to animals, what would you ask? Get familiar with 10 fierce and furry beasts as they step up to the mic and share their habits, behaviour, likes and dislikes, favourite foods and more. Each animal has its own story to tell...and its own attitude!



Key Stage 2

The Vanishing Trick by Jenni Spangler

Step into a world of secrets, folklore and illusions, where nothing is as it seems and magic is at play... Madame Augustina Pinchbeck, travels the country conjuring the spirits dearly departed loved ones...for a price. Whilst her ability to contact ghosts is a game of smoke and mirrors, there is real magic behind her tricks too—if you know where to look.



Monday

When Goldilocks went to
the House of the Bears

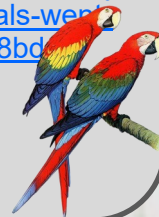
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Tuesday

The Animals went in Two
by Two

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Wednesday

Bobby Shafto

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Nursery Rhyme Week

Sunday

One Finger, One Thumb,
Keep Moving

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Seven Day Challenge

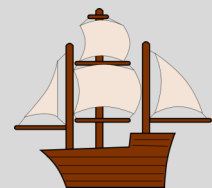
Introduce your children to a new nursery rhyme each day. You can use the link for each song to access the music and the lyrics. Record your child performing the songs and send the videos to Mrs Barclay on Class Dojo. We will share some of our favourites throughout the week.

Enjoy!

Thursday

The Big Ship Sails on the
Ally Ally Oh

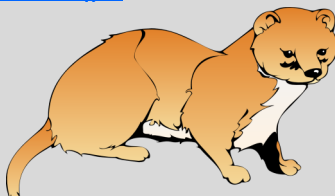
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Saturday

Pop! Goes the Weasel

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Friday

I Hear Thunder

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