



“If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books.” – Roald Dahl

Reading at Home

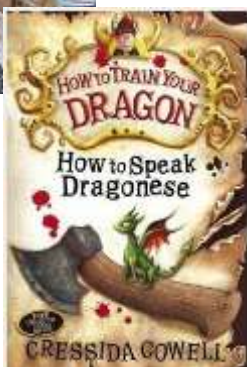
How can reading at home look different to just ‘reading a book’?

- Create an at-home reading nook.
- Set specific family time to read.
- Set a goal and track it.
- Find a character they love.
- Use student interests and allow them to read anything.
- Get it in the mail.
- Read with a purpose.
- Make a dedicated reading space.
- Read funny things!
- Read anything anywhere.
- Talk to your children about what they have read.
- Follow their interests.
- Read regularly.
- Read for pleasure.
- Variety is the spice of life!

We Need You!

We are looking for any parents who would like to volunteer to come in to school and read to their child’s class over the course of the year. This could be a story, information text, comic, or poem. You can either bring in your own or we can provide one for you. The session would take place at 2:45-3:00pm and days are flexible. Whether you can commit to a regular slot or just come in as a one off, we need you! Maybe you can’t commit yourself, but a grandparent or aunty can! If you are interested, please email your child’s class teacher directly through the class email address. They will then work with you on a suitable date and time.

Author of the Term



Cressida Cowell

Cressida Cowell grew up in London and on a small, uninhabited island off the west coast of Scotland. She was convinced that there were dragons living on this island, and has been fascinated by dragons ever since. Cressida has written and illustrated twelve books in the popular How to Train Your Dragon series which has sold over 7 million copies worldwide, and is published in 38 languages.

This term's recommended reads are based on a new 'Teacher Book Club' Mrs Groves has joined... see below

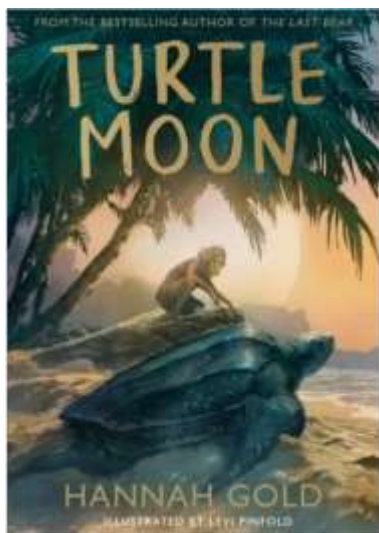


This book club is designed for educators to read and enjoy children's literature, to enable them to be more equipped to promote reading for pleasure amongst their pupils! For two months at a time, we all read the same book, have a chat about it at the end of the two months...

Recent reads that Mrs Groves would recommend...



I couldn't put this book down and actually read it over an entire weekend! A cross between sci-fi and historical genre (which weirdly works!). Based on the story of a boy and his mother (who can open 'time doors' into the past) and the hunt for an Egyptian golden scarab that supposedly has magical powers. Can they get to ancient Egypt before the 'bad guys' do? Along the way they meet some unusual (and well-known) characters. I really liked the true facts about Egypt that are scattered throughout the book. A must have for anyone who is into 'time travel'. The sequel is about travelling back in time to the Viking era- so I'll be purchasing next as I need to know what happens!



A must have for animal fans. I really enjoyed this book. A young girl called Silver moves to Costa Rica with her family (whose dad is a famous artist and is invited to paint a mural at an animal centre) and she hopes it'll be just the adventure the family needs. Set under the hot tropical sun, Silver settles into life at the animal centre. She even witnesses a rare sighting of a leatherback turtle nesting on the beach. But when the turtle's eggs are stolen, events take a dark and dangerous turn. Can Silver and her new friends track them down before it's too late? It'll mean journeying into the heart of the jungle ... a brilliant book- Hannah Gold has written a few others based on animals, which I'll be purchasing.



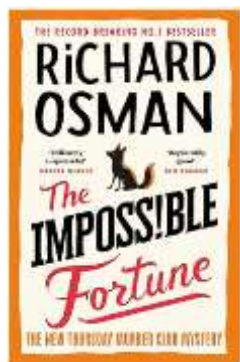
This book reminded me a lot of Harry Potter, which I loved. It is based on the premise that everyone has magic inside them – grown from the changing seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter. But a rare few are 'Enchanters': people born with magic in their bones, who can wield all four seasons of magic. When Juniper discovers she is an Enchanter, she is invited to study at Thistledown Academy. Unwilling to be left behind, her twin brother, Rafferty, follows her to the capital city of Stormgrove and takes up an apprenticeship at a bookbindery. As Juniper learns to wield

enchantment, Rafferty becomes involved with a mysterious secret society that meets after dark. Monsters are creeping out of the shadows and dangers lurk in unexpected places. Amid night markets and magic lessons, the twins realise there is more to enchantment than they ever imagined – and the adventure that follows brings their paths together again in ways they could never have expected ... I couldn't put this book down, it had a brilliant twist at the end and now I want to read the entire series!

Children- if you do read any of the above books, or would like to borrow one of mine, then please come and see me in Year 6 and I would love to talk to you about what you thought about my recommendations. Maybe you have one to share with me!

Adult Favourites (for parents to read and enjoy!)

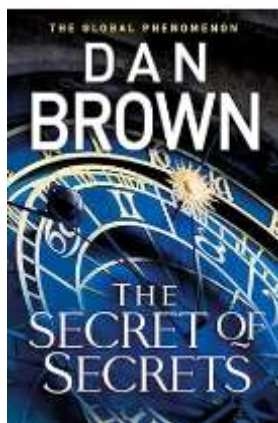
Here are some books that our teachers have enjoyed over the last few months!



Who's got time to think about murder when there's a wedding to plan?

It's been a quiet year for the Thursday Murder Club. Joyce is busy with table plans and first dances. Elizabeth is grieving. Ron is dealing with family troubles, and Ibrahim is still providing therapy to his favourite criminal.

But when Elizabeth meets a wedding guest who's in trouble, kidnap and death are hot on their heels once more. A villain wants access to an uncrackable code, and will stop at nothing to get it. Plunged back into action once more, can the gang solve the puzzle and a murder in time?



Accompanying celebrated academic, Katherine Solomon, to a lecture she's been invited to give in Prague, Robert Langdon's world spirals out of control when she disappears without trace from their hotel room. Far from home and well out of his comfort zone, Langdon must pit his wits against forces unknown to recover the woman he loves.

But Prague is an old and dangerous city, steeped in folklore and mystery. For over two thousand years, the tides of history have washed back and forth over it, leaving behind echoes of everything that has gone before. Little can Langdon know that he is being stalked by a spectre from that dark past. He must use all of his arcane knowledge to decipher the world around him before he too is consumed by the rings of treachery and deception that have swallowed Katherine.

Local Libraries

Our local library is Thimblemill Library. Here you can access a wide range of books for FREE! Children can sign up for free and take books home to borrow. It's also a great place to get involved in storytelling and community events. Most libraries offer free events during half-term holidays. It's a great place for a few hours out and the benefit is that it doesn't usually cost. There are events most weekends and throughout the week for children who are not yet school age.

I hope this newsletter has provided you with some useful insight into reading at school and home. Keep an eye out for reading initiatives and workshops and please do speak to your child's teacher if you need any further support. Happy reading,

Mrs Groves- Year 6 Class Teacher