

Westfield's December Reading Newsletter



Welcome to our second reading newsletter of the term. As the nights draw in, what better way to spend the chilly evenings than curled up with a good book? Check out our recommendations for Christmas reads below. Did you know that encouraging your child to read for 20 minutes five times per week means that they would read around 1.8 million words over a school year? What a goal to aim for!

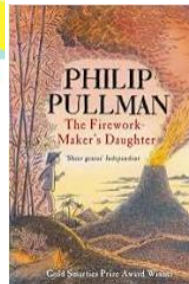
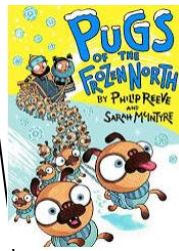
Class Novels

We love our daily class reading time – sharing a story is a real highlight of every day! Over the Autumn term, pupils in KS2 have enjoyed a wide selection of books and we are looking forward to continuing our reading adventure in the Spring term.

Knights and Bikes by Gabrielle Kent.

This magnificent story about friendship and bravery was funny, interesting, and modern. My favourite part was when they went to find the treasure, and it was incredible how they had to beat the curse and set the Penfurzy Knights free!

Mason 3W



I loved this emotional story and the twist in the tale really took me by surprise! Crystal Y6W

Reading eggs



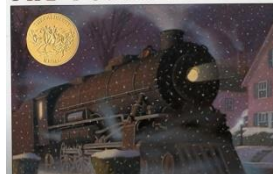
Reading Eggs is our online reading platform, which gives pupils access to a variety of games and activities and a huge library of books to enjoy. Every pupil has their own personal log-in, so please ask your child's class teacher if they need a reminder of their details. Encourage your child to access the program regularly and collect their reading eggs! A perfect activity for the approaching holiday.

Virtual Author Visit

This term Y6 enjoy a virtual visit with one of our favourite authors – Jacqueline Wilson. She talked about the inspiration behind her latest book and shared some tips for being a successful writer. Did you know, Jacqueline has written over 100 books, and she has no plans to stop writing yet!



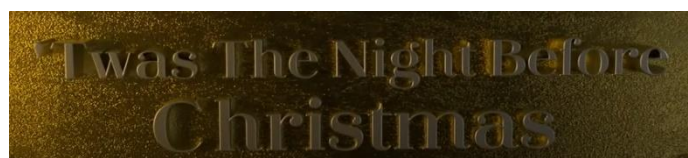
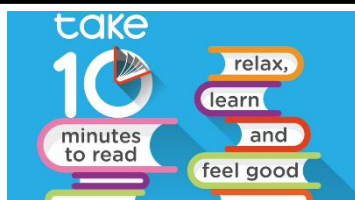
THE POLAR EXPRESS



Follow the link to listen to a beautiful reading of the delightful Christmas story – The Polar Express.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/Dfd8uoaS22M>

Follow the link to listen to a reading of the classic Christmas poem: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/g4Y1IpCGHss>



All I want for Christmas is ... books, books, books!



Staff and pupils share the books they are hoping to find under the tree this year. What books will be unwrapped in your house on Christmas morning?

On my Christmas wish list is **Shoe Dog** by Phil Knight, the creator of Nike. This book tells the story of how the Nike brand name started and evolved through innovative strategies and learning through failures. Sounds like a fascinating read!

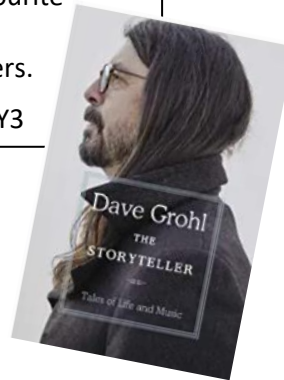
Miss Lodge Y1



The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music by Dave Grohl.

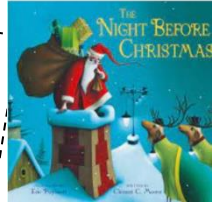
I want this book because it is an autobiography and I love to read about people's lives, I find it fascinating. He is also in one of my favourite bands, The Foo Fighters.

Miss Ollerton Y3



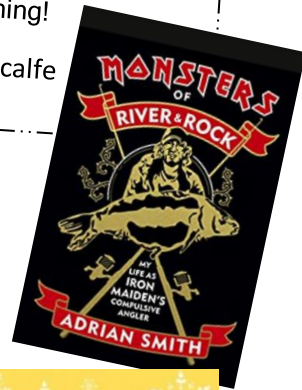
I would like to unwrap **The Night Before Christmas** and read it to my son during his first Christmas.

Miss Rose Y1



I would love to receive this book, which combines my love of both classic rock bands and fishing!

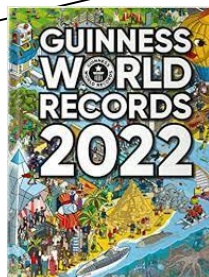
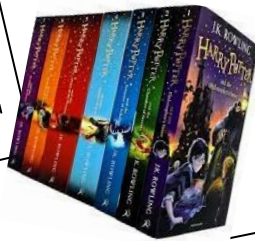
Mr Metcalfe Y6



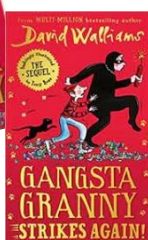
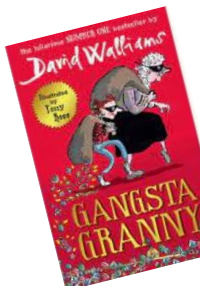
We enjoyed our class novel Hetty Feather so much and would like to read Jacqueline Wilson's latest book. It sounds like an exciting mystery story.

Phoebe, Layla, Crystal and Autumn Y6W

Lots of pupils in Y5 are keen to find Harry Potter books under their tree this year! Imogen, Molly, Annabelle, Kenzie & Nadia Y5F



Harrison and Oliver in Y5W are excited to read about all the latest incredible world records!



I would like to read **Gangster Granny** this Christmas. Holly Y5W

"A book is a gift you can open again and again."

8 Perfect Christmas Reads

Reading a good Christmassy story is the tradition that we all need in our lives. If you're not sure which one to go for this year, then feast your eyes on these brilliant festive delights!

