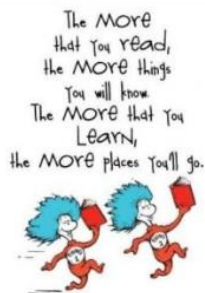


King Ina's

Reading for Pleasure News

Spring Term 2 2025

Welcome to the **Reading for Pleasure** newsletter for Spring Term 2.



World Book Day 2025

Wow – well done King Ina! You all looked fantastic in your World Book Day costumes. It was lovely to see such a range of costumes and children enjoying lots of different books.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who visited our school book fair and purchased some of the lovely books on display. Did you buy a book that you would recommend to other children? If so, please speak to Mrs Wills to feature in the next newsletter.



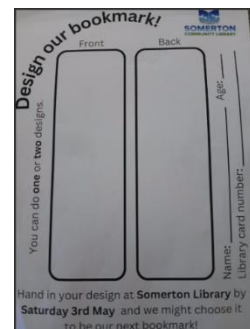
Parent/Carer Reading Sessions

Thank you to all of those who attended our reading sessions. Everyone enjoyed the range of different activities on offer.



Bookmark Competition

Somerton Library are currently running a bookmark competition. Pop in to the library to collect an entry form and take part. Closing date Saturday 3rd May 2025!



Donations for outdoor rug and cushions

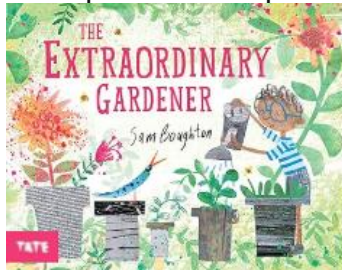
We are looking for donations of outdoor rugs and cushions to create a cosy reading area during play times and lunchtimes. If you have anything suitable please see Mrs Wills or Mrs Salt. Thank you



Book Donations:

Please will you keep us in mind when you are having a sort out at home. We are currently looking to develop our Reading for Pleasure library areas with picture books and short chapter books. If you have any suitable books, please pass them onto Mrs Wills. Thank you those parents who have already donated books, they are being enjoyed by lots of children across the school 😊

The children in Pipits and Wagtails have enjoyed reading **The Extraordinary Gardener** by **Sam Boughton** as part of their topic. The story is about a boy called Joe who keeps imagining a wonderful world filled with exotic plants and unusual animals. One day Joe decides to plant a seed on his balcony, he waits and waits but nothing happens! Joe gives up and goes back to his daily life, but one day when he least expects it he spots that the seed has turned into the most beautiful tree.



The story inspired the children to do some planting of their own and to find out what plants need in order to grow successfully.

The children in Year 1 have enjoyed reading **The Odd Egg** by **Emily Gravett**.

‘The story is about a duck but he doesn’t have an egg’

‘The duck finds an egg but something funny happens – the egg hatches and out pops a crocodile’

‘The book is really funny, it made us all laugh’

‘I really like the pictures too’

Bonnie and Archie from Robin Class



Year 2 have been reading **The Bear and the Piano** by **David Litchfield**.

‘A little bear cub finds a piano in the forest and teaches himself to play it’

‘The bear goes to New York, and becomes famous!’

‘My favourite part is when his friends and family come to watch him play the piano’

Poppy from Goldfinch Class



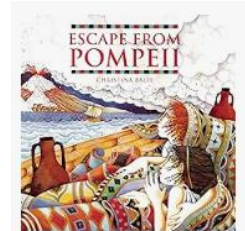
The children in Year 3 have enjoyed reading **Escape from Pompeii** by **Christina Balit**.

‘The book is about a boy called Tranio and a girl called Livia. They are good friends. When Mount Vesuvius erupts they hide on a boat and try to escape’

‘My favourite character in the story is Livia because she is really brave’

‘The book teaches you a lot and I think that children in Year 3 and 4 would really like reading it’

Florence from Harriers



Year 4 and 5 have been reading **The Whale** by **Ethan and Vita Murrow**

The Whale is a wordless adventure which is brought to life with beautiful graphite drawings.

‘The book is about two children who go looking for a whale. They have a camera and recording equipment’

‘Something goes wrong and the boat crashes’

‘I really love the illustrations – it was funny reading a book with no words but I actually really liked it’

A pupil from Sparrowhawks



Year 6 have enjoyed reading **The Last Bear** by **Hannah Gold**.

‘The main character is a girl called April. She lives with her dad who is a Scientist. Her dad is really busy so doesn’t spend much time with April, she spends more time with animals’

‘One day Aprils dad tells her that they are going to the Arctic Circle to do a study.

April discovers a bear who is injured, starving and lonely. April decides to help the bear and they become close’

‘I loved reading this book in class. I would definitely recommend it for Year 5 and 6’

A pupil from Red Kites

