

# Berkeley Primary School

## Autumn Two Reading Newsletter



**Hello and welcome to our new reading newsletter.** Each half term, we are going to produce a newsletter to share our journey of Reading for Pleasure. We will share lots of things such as book reviews and recommendations, book award winners, lots of information about our lovely team of Reading Ambassadors, what we have been up to in school and lots, lots more!

We are now on Twitter! We will be using this platform to share all things reading (and a few other happenings along the way). There are so many wonderful resources and ideas available for you to support your child with their reading at home and their love of reading. We will share the things we come across to help our children be the best readers that they can be!



Just search 'Berkeley Primary School' to find us.

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### Meet Our Y5 Reading Ambassadors

*This year, we have nine new Reading Ambassadors. They have been chosen for their hard-working and friendly attitudes and because their love of reading shines through! They are ready and eager to get on with their new roles and help all our children develop their love of reading!*



Holly

Holly loves reading and is really keen to help others. Ben Miller is her favourite author because she enjoys his twisted fairytales. She loves to read before going to bed and while she is watching TV. She is currently reading Gangsta Granny and One Day I Fell into a Fairytale.



Sydnee

Sydnee enjoys reading and wants to help others by making them more confident and happy readers. She loves David Walliams because his books make her laugh. She has just finished reading Rat Burger and thinks it was emotional and funny! At school, Sydnee is reading A Boy Called Christmas.



Jacob

Jacob wanted to be a reading Ambassador because he loves reading. His favourite books are the Harry Potter collection as they are great stories that just make you want to read! He enjoys reading at home because it is nice and quiet. Jacob is currently reading Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.

Keeley really likes reading. Her favourite book is The Christmas Pig which is about a boy who will do anything for his pig! J.K. Rowling is her favourite author. Keeley really likes to read before she falls asleep!



Keeley

Hannah loves reading and helping others. She likes the fact that reading can help you clear your mind. Hannah's favourite book is Winnie the Pooh because she has read them from being little. Hannah like books by Jacqueline Wilson as they are entertaining and exciting.



Hannah

Mahriya wanted to be one of our Reading Ambassadors because she wants to help others learn how to read. She really enjoys books with a twist. Mahriya's favourite author is Michael Morpurgo because his books are so adventurous and when you read them, you feel like you are in the book!



Mahriya



Kensey

Kensey really wants to help people to love reading. She likes Dork Diaries because the books are funny and it like reading a real diary. Kensey is currently reading The Boy in the Dress by David Walliams.



Alexa

Alexa really enjoys reading to people. One of her favourite books is Matilda by Roald Dahl. She really enjoys reading anywhere that is nice and peaceful. One of her favourite authors is David Walliams.



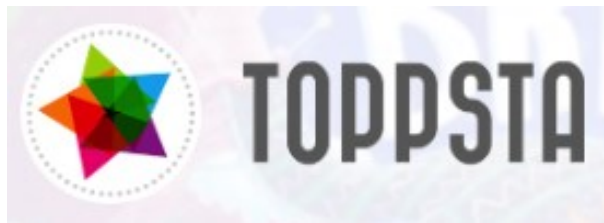
Joey

Joey wants to be an ambassador because of his enjoyment of reading. Joey really likes to read in the morning when he wakes up. Joey is reading Go, Mo, Go with his year 3 reading buddy and reading You are a champion by Marcus Rashford.

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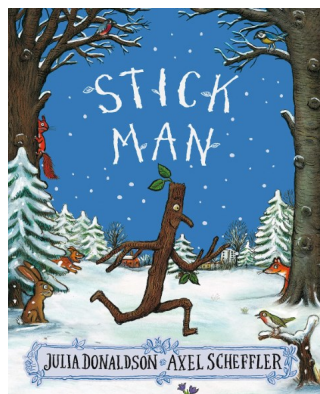
## Website of the Week!

On each newsletter, we will recommend a website that is great for things such as book reviews, prize winners, suitable book recommendations for your aged children and much more. This week, our website of choice is: [www.toppsta.com](http://www.toppsta.com)



## Our Winter Recommendations

The winter break a perfect time to snuggle up under a blanket with a nice hot chocolate and a good book!  
Here are some favourite winter and Christmas recommendations for you to enjoy with your family.



## Book Review by Mrs Marsh

In this newsletter we shall take a look at 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl. It is a heart-warming story all about a girl named Lily, her friend Robert and a mechanical fox called Malkin. I would recommend this book to children aged 10 and 11.

This book had me gripped from the very beginning. Each chapter quickly switches between very different settings with ease and the evocative description that fills each and every page makes you feel as if you are right there with the characters in the Victorian England of 1896. If you enjoy a book full of mystery and murder then this book is for you!

Lily, the young heroine, has been sent to Miss Octavia Scrimshaw's Finishing Academy for Young Ladies but it is the last place she wants to be and not really somewhere she fits in. This book follows the adventures that wait for Lily and her friends but ends with such a twist that you will definitely be left wanting more! Lily is an inspiration to all that read about her.

I would definitely give this book a 5 / 5 and urge anyone who likes the sound of it to grab a copy and get reading. If you do read the book (or already have), please come and tell me what you thought!

Mrs Marsh.

Year 6 Teacher and Reading Lead.



Reading discussion starter: Did you like the way the story ended? Could it have ended in a different way?

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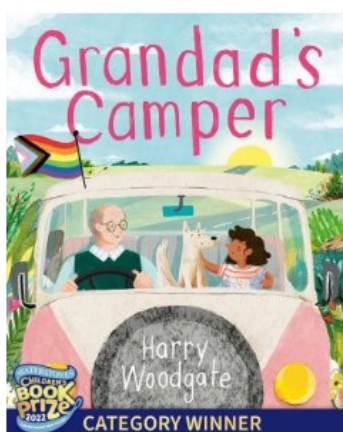
# Children's Book Award Winners!



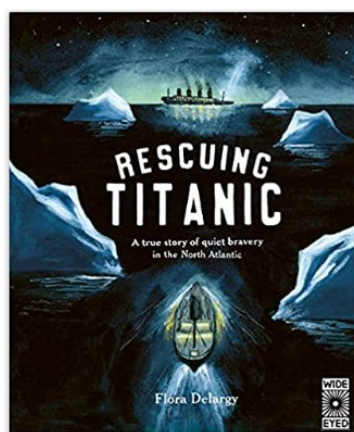
If you are looking for a book to buy a loved one for Christmas, or just to have to read yourself then look no further than these excellent 2022 award winners!



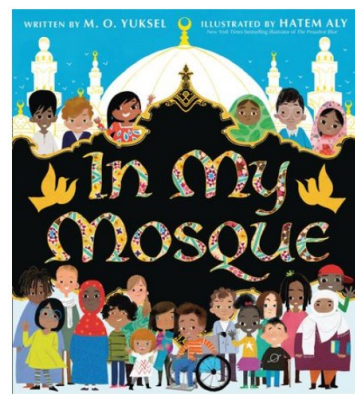
Waterstone's Book of the Year & 'Best Book for Younger Readers'  
Hannah Gold (8+ years)



Waterstone's 'Best Illustrated Book'  
Harry Woodgate (5-8 years)



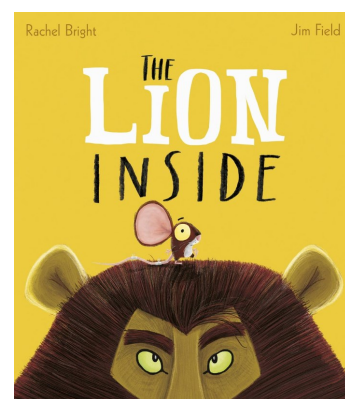
'English Association Picture Book Award 2022. Non-fiction winner'  
Flora Delargy (7—11 years)



'English Association Picture Book Award 2022. Non-fiction winner'  
M. O. Yuksel (4—7 years)

## Book Review by Miss King

'I have chosen to review 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. The book is all about overcoming our worries and finding our confidence and the ability to cope with change. I like the use of rhyme and how the book includes some humour whilst also sharing the message that it is ok to have some worries but that it is important that we try and show courage to overcome them. I love the message that the story portrays and how it is told in a fun way which can be easily shared. The target age range for this book is suggested as 3—5 years but I would recommend it to EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. Finally, I would definitely read this book again because it is fun and shares a great message with the children.'



<https://www.berkeleyprimary.co.uk/reading-at-berkeley-1/>

**Always let us know if you read and enjoy any of the books that we recommend!**

**Please keep checking our school website for more books that we think you may enjoy.**

## Parent and Children Reading Surveys

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers that took the time to complete the reading survey we sent out earlier this year. It was very informative!

One parent asked a very important question about whether they should read to their child as well as have the child read to them and we whole-heartedly believe the answer to this question should be YES (even up to Y6)!

The children in KS1 and KS2 were asked about reading at home.

In KS1, 64% of children said that someone reads to them at home and in KS2, this figure was lower at 36% of children. We would love it if you were able to read to your child as well as hear them read at home. This has so many benefits, whatever their age. We will hopefully see these figures rise when we next survey the children and above all else, foster the children's love of reading even further.

What are the benefits of reading to your children?

1. Develops stronger vocabulary
2. Builds connections between the spoken and written word
3. Provides enjoyment
4. Increases attention span
5. Strengthens cognition
6. Provides a safe way of exploring strong emotions
7. Promotes bonding

(from <https://readingeggs.co.uk/>)

*'One of the greatest gifts adults can give – to their offspring and to their society – is to read to children.'* Carl Sagan

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