

Berkeley Primary School

Autumn Two December 2024 Reading Newsletter



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Wow! Our first term really has flown and it is nearly time for the wonderful winter break. A great time to do lots and lots of lovely reading! Please let us know what you will be settling down to read over the holidays—maybe along with a delicious hot chocolate whilst in some cosy pyjamas!

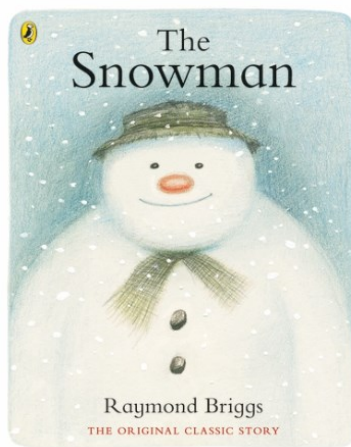
Our Wonderful Winter Reading Recommendations

Are you looking for a new book to snuggle up with or buy someone as a lovely gift? Here are some of our wonderful winter and Christmas themed recommendations.



'The Christmas Tree Mouse' by Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho and debut illustrator Farah Shah.

Reading Age: 3—6 years.

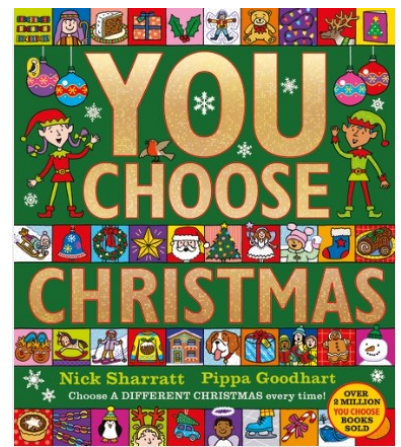


'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs. An absolute classic book for children (and adults) of any age to enjoy. It's great to read the book before enjoying the beautiful film.



'That Christmas' by Richard Curtis and Rebecca Cobb.

Another beautiful book for younger children (or anyone young at heart) to read.



A festive version of the wonderful 'You Choose' book by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart. Again, another book for children of all ages to encourage lots of discussion.

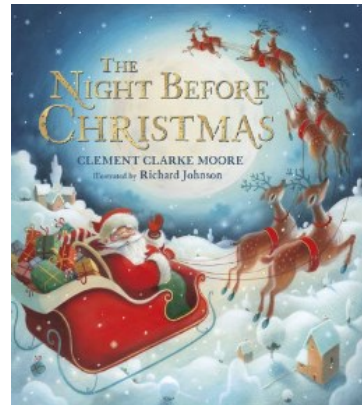


The bestselling 'The Snow Thief' by Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater.

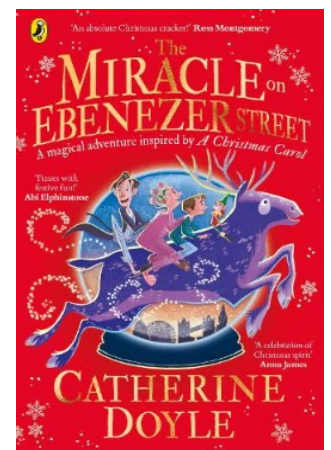
This laugh out loud books is suitable for reading ages 3—6 (or whoever wants to read it!)



'The Snowman Code' by Simon Stephenson addresses lots of important themes, such as anti-bullying, mental health and the power of friendship, and is great for children in KS2.



'The Night Before Christmas' by Clement C. Moore is a classic tale for all ages. A beautiful version of the wonderful story of the night before Christmas.



'Miracle on Ebenezer Street' by Catherine Doyle is great for KS2 children, and includes a mixture of mystery, magic and Dickens' A Christmas Carol. A great read to settle down with.

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

Book Displays in 4 Beech



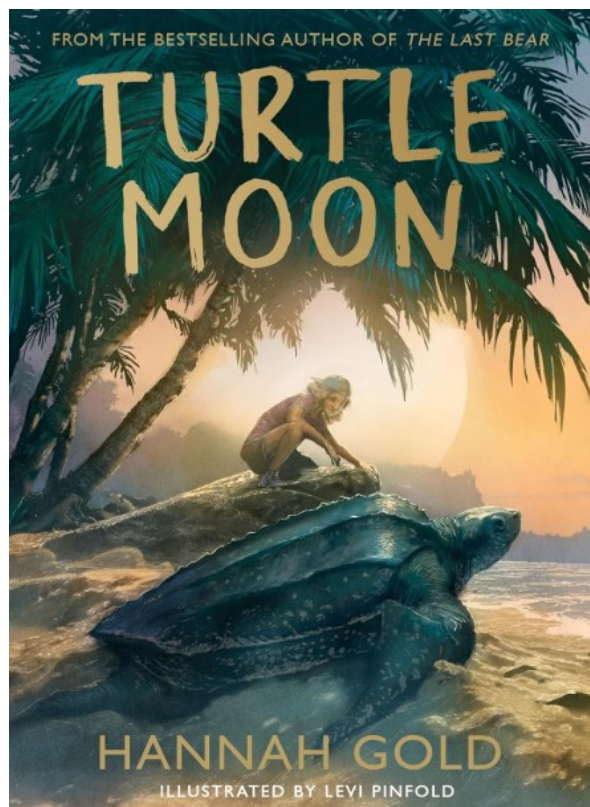
We love to share the books we are all enjoying with everyone that comes into our classrooms. Here is one great example of how this is being done in year 4.

4 Beech look like they have been very busy reading and I am sure there are many more books up there already.

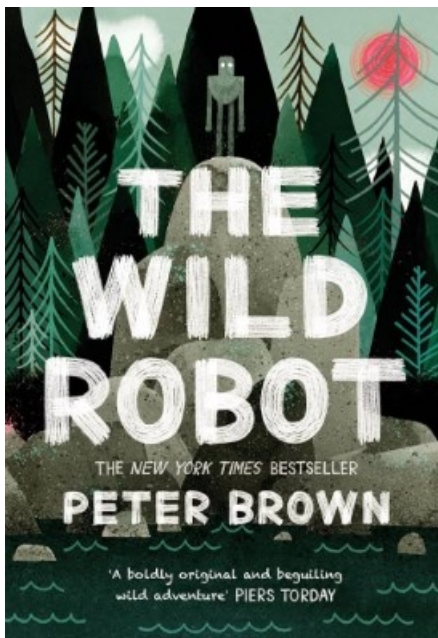
Great work, 4 Beech. Keep up the excellent reading!!

Author Live Sessions

This year, we have already watched so many brilliant author live sessions, including ones from Hannah Gold (Turtle Moon) and Peter Brown (The Wild Robot).



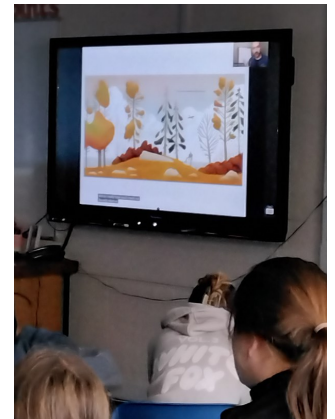
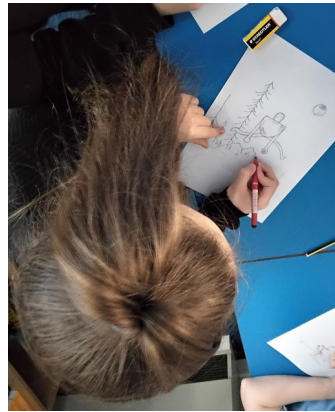
4 Oak are enjoying the author live event by Hannah Gold. She is a wonderful author and many of us love her book 'The Last Bear'. Here she is telling the children all about her newest release, 'Turtle Moon'. Here, the children were specifically looking at where Turtle Moon was set. Great work,



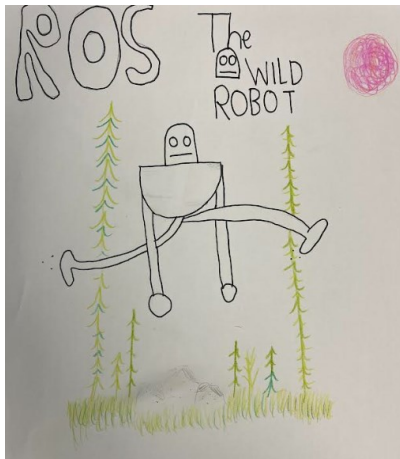
Author Live - 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown.

Lots of the children were very excited to recently take part in the author live event from Peter Brown. Something that made this even more exciting was that he is both the author and the illustrator of his books, so as well as learning all about the origins of the story and the main character, Roz, the children could also take part in a 'draw-along' with Peter Brown himself. The children produced some wonderful drawings of Roz, in the style of Peter Brown. Take a look at some of the excellent examples below.

The film version has also just come out so watching this would be a great next step, after reading the book, of course!



Some of the many beautiful illustrations from 6 Oak...



Lola — 6 Oak



Otis — 6 Oak



Alice — 6 Oak

Reading Discussion: What will you be reading over the winter break?

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Secret Storytellers



We are always so grateful when parents, family and friends come in to school to be Secret Storytellers. The children really do get so excited to see who is about to walk through the door! This term, we have had some extra special visitors as our fantastic governors have given up their own time to come and read to the children. If you would like to be a Secret Storyteller in your child's class, please do not hesitate to get in touch!



Mr Veall reading to 6 Beech.



Mr Mitcheson reading to 6 Oak.



When Mr Mitcheson, one of our parents and governors, came to read to 6 Oak, he brought the delightful book 'Chisel Saves Christmas' to read to the children. This was a heart-warming tale that really can be enjoyed by any age (I loved it!). This book came from Howdens who commissioned the book, sold copies to their staff and then donated the proceeds to charity. What a wonderful idea! Mr Mitcheson then kindly left three copies of the book with year 1. If you would like to read the book, just let your teacher know and I am sure we will be able sort this out.

Wonderful Book Club Work



Last week, I had the great pleasure of talking to a group of year 3 children who had been reading the book 'The Magic Faraway Tree - The Folk of the Faraway Tree' in their Book Club time with Miss Wislowska. They brought me some booklets they had made, packed with information about the book, such as character descriptions and reviews, and they even had a go at redesigning the front cover. I was super impressed with not only their work but their enthusiasm for what they had been creating and reading. A real pleasure. Have a look at the beautiful display that has been created with this wonderful work!

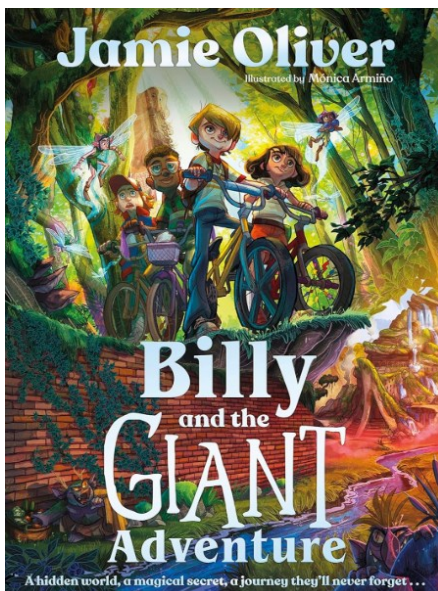
Huge well done, 3 Holly!

Room on the Broom

The Reception children look like they were having so much fun at the recent Room on the Broom workshop. Have a look to see what they were getting up to.



Book Review—Mrs Nunes



Billy and the Giant Adventure is written by the famous chef Jamie Oliver and is a book about four friends who embark on a mission to stop the pollution in their village. Along the way, they solve some magical mysteries as well as making some interesting new friends. This book will leave you wanting to read more with each chapter. I read this book with 2 Holly and they were very keen to read it each day in DEAR time. Not only is it an exciting story, there are even some delicious recipes inside that you can recreate at home!