



## Welcome to St. Elizabeth's Reading News Autumn 2021

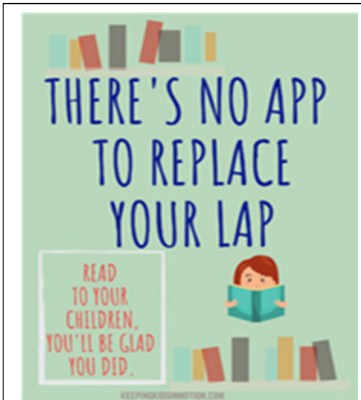


Welcome to St. Elizabeth's reading newsletter for the autumn term 2021. In this and subsequent issues, we will be sharing updates about what is going on to promote a culture of reading for pleasure across our school. A love of reading is one of the most important gifts that we can give to children: it builds empathy, strengthens vocabulary and is often a chance for our children to escape to another world. Plus, reading is really cool! Hopefully, this newsletter will give you some ideas for exploring reading with your child. If you have any recommended reads to share, please let me know and I will try to include them on the next newsletter. Please use information on our school website to support you with: Reading for Pleasure and Top Tips to Help Your Child with their Reading,



### The importance of a story at bedtime:

One story, every night, with your child (of any age) for just 10 minutes, can have the most amazing impact on their confidence, vocabulary and general love of reading. Even if they don't do the reading themselves, the benefits are HUGE!



Return of the Railway Children.

Phoenix from 6B recommends 'The Return of the Railway Children' written by Lou Kuenzler. This sequel is set in the depths of WWII, 12-year-old Edie is nervous at the prospect of being sent to live with an unknown aunt whilst her mother flies planes for the ATA. Aunt Roberta welcomes Edie with open arms, but does a dark secret lurk at the heart of the village?

Phoenix said "I loved this book because it is a true story about survival in World War Two."

Mr Daniel's favourite book is 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' written by Jill Tomlinson. A beautiful story about a baby owl called Plop (a nocturnal creature) but is afraid to go out in the dark. Throughout the story, Plop meets lots of different characters that teach him to face his fears. Will Plop ever be brave enough to fly in the night?



Mr Daniels recommends 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark.'



Year 5 are sharing the fascinating tale of 'Tom's Midnight Garden' written by Philippa Pearce. When Tom is sent to his aunt and uncle's house for the summer, he resigns himself to weeks of boredom. However, in the depths of night, Tom discovers a midnight garden full of mystery and magic.

