



## St. Elizabeth's

### Reading News Autumn 2022



#### Welcome to St. Elizabeth's reading newsletter for the autumn term 2022

Reading is incredibly important to us at St. Elizabeth's Primary School and this past term we have continued to celebrate the joy of reading. In October, we welcomed the popular children's poet, Ian Bland, to our school. He entertained us with his funny, catchy poems and we attempted writing and performing our own poems. You can see these on our school twitter page.



#### Reading with your child

Sharing a book with your child is so important. It's a time for talking and sharing ideas, it can also give your child a flying start in life, helping them to become lifelong readers. If you're not feeling confident about reading aloud or sharing books, don't worry – there's no right or wrong way to enjoy a story together. But if you'd like some tips, here are a few pointers to help you out.

Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves.

Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions.

As children get older, with lots of other activities competing for their time, how can you encourage them to make time for reading?

Read yourself! It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, we are surrounded by words!

Give books as presents. And encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other – it'll give them a chance to read new stories, and get them all talking about what they're reading.

Visit the local library together. It's always fun choosing new books to read, and keep an eye out for special author events at the library or local bookshops.

Encourage your child to carry a book at all times. That way, they'll never be bored.

Keep reading together. Just because your child is older, it doesn't mean you have to stop sharing stories.

More reading tips can be seen on our school website.



## ST. ELIZABETH'S READING CHAMPS

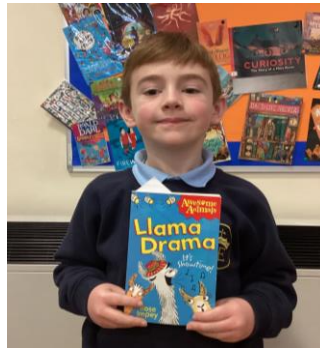
*Spreading a love of reading*



*across our school.*



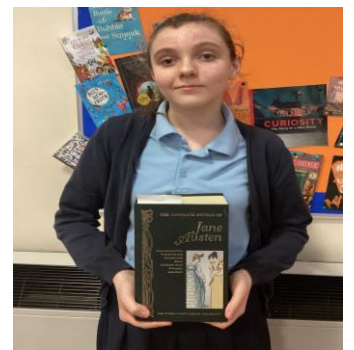
Over the Christmas break, have a go at our Christmas Reading Challenge. See how many of these reading activities you can do over the holiday.



Jacob Alty, our Reading Champ from 3A, recommends Llama Drama, written by Rose Impey. It's a huge surprise when Farmer Palmer chooses Lewie the llama to guard his new lambs. It's the most important job on the farm and everyone thought he'd pick the biggest strongest, loudest llama. Jacob said 'This is a funny, adventure story about animals, I am really enjoying reading it.'



Jack Sundve from 4KB recommends The Boy Who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair, written by Lara Williamson. This story is about a family that run away and leave everything behind. They embark on many exciting adventures together.



Cerys Harrison, our year 6 reading champ, recommends The Complete Works of Jane Austen. These classical novels were written in the 1800's and yet, they are still very popular today. Cerys said this book was a gift and she is currently enjoying Pride and Prejudice.



Our school cook, Sue, enjoys reading Christmas stories which get her in the mood for cooking our Christmas dinners. The Nativity is her favourite.



Mrs Atherton's reception class enjoyed story time with Father Christmas. The children loved listening to Santa Bear read the classic tale-The Night Before Christmas.

**Book Recommendations:**

**Nursery-** Poppy Pickle by Emma Yarlett

**Reception-** Where Is The Dragon? By Leo Timmers

**Year 1-** I Can Only Draw Worms by Will Mabbitt

**Year 2-**The Legend of Spud Murphy by Eoin Colfer

**Year 3-** The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom Mc Laughlin

**Year 4-** The Land of Roar by Jenny Mc Lachlan

**Year 5-** Coming to England by Floella Benjamin

**Year 6-**Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford

**For more reading recommendations please visit the following websites:**

[www.booksfortopics.com](http://www.booksfortopics.com)

[www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk](http://www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk)

[www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas**

**and a Happy New Year**

**KEEEP READING !!**

