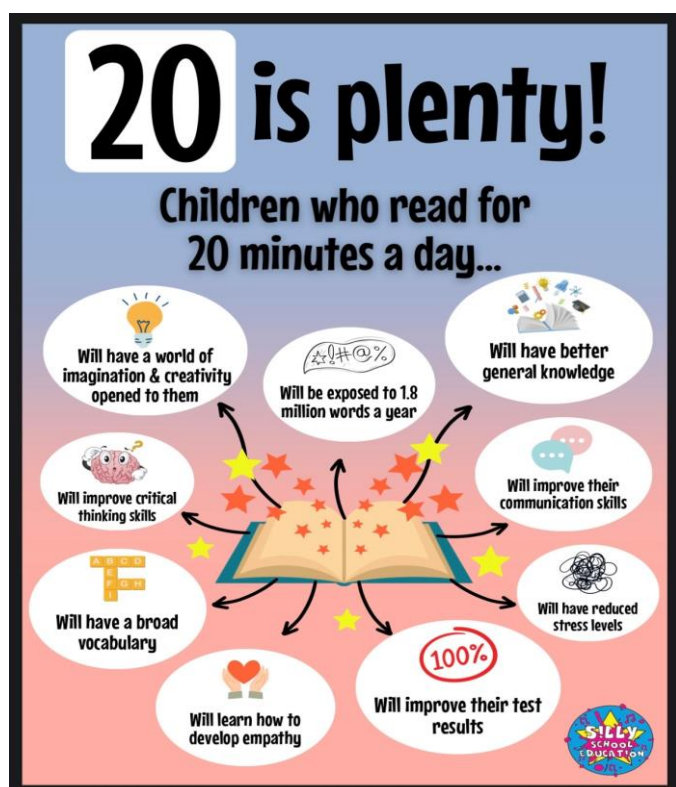


Reading Newsletter

Spring 2024

Welcome to our termly newsletter which we hope will give you some ideas of books to read, as well as keeping you up to date with reading events and competitions.



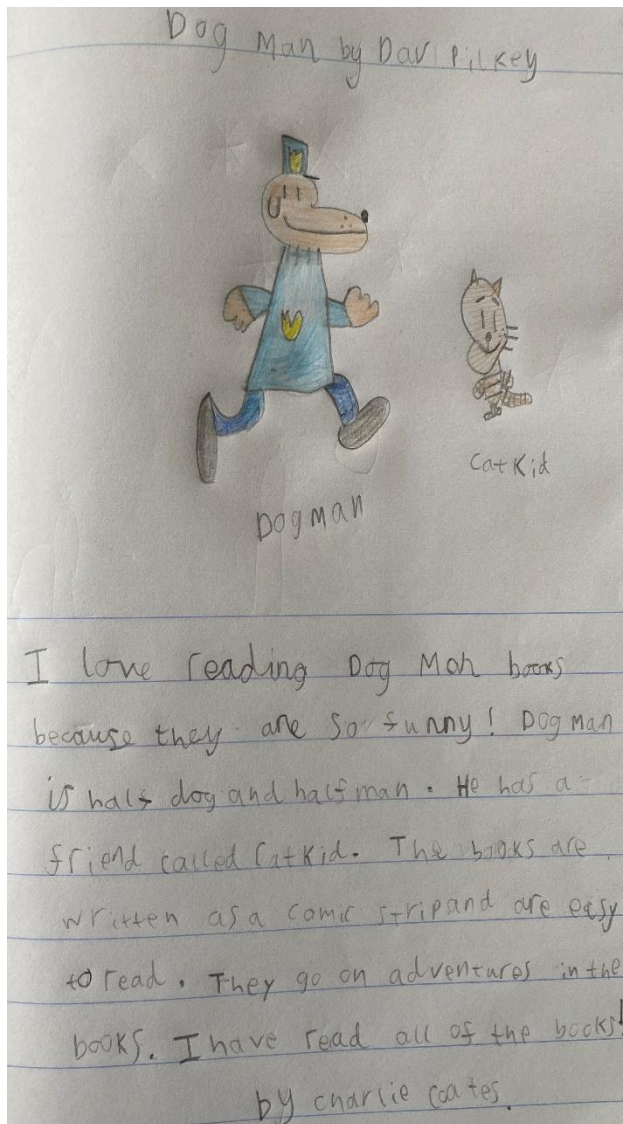
As you know, all of our classes read for a minimum of thirty minutes a day! Many also have story time at the end of the day. We aim to listen to as many children read as we can during the week but of course, the more they read at home, the more confident they will become. This poster is a reminder of the benefits it can bring.

Thank you to Ivy in 6PB for this great review!

Dread Wood - Jennifer Killick The Dread Wood series - which I highly recommend to read - is a thrilling ride of 5 books. I'll be mainly talking about the first book but they are equally exhilarating. (The fifth one was released in January 2024.

In Dread Wood, the story takes place in Dread Wood High where Angelo, Naira, Gus and Hallie are in detention - detention on a SATURDAY! They all think that this is the worst thing ever but things end up way worse and seriously scary. Who or what dragged their teacher underground? Why do the creepy caretakers keep humming the tune of incey wincey spider and what is lurking in the shadows waiting for revenge. There is only one way to find out - get this heart-stopping book today!





Another lovely review from one of our pupils - thank you Charlie! Other books which come highly recommended are:

The Final Year - Matt

Goodfellow.

Perfect for pupils in Y5 and Y6, this book is written in verse and explores friendships and other issues young children may face.



The Wild Robot - Peter Brown

Soon to become a film, this lovely book explores what happens when nature and technology collide and would be suitable for children (and adults!) from Y3 upwards.

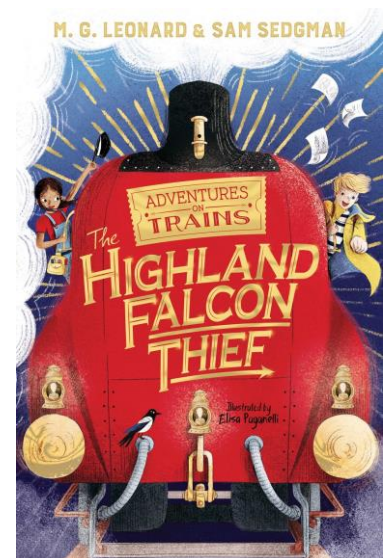
Miss Brogan's Book recommendation

The Highland Falcon Thief

I bought this book for my son when M G Leonard visited our school as she recommended it to me for a Year 4 child who likes adventures... and boy was she right!

The story starts with Harrison Beck going on the final train journey of The Highland Falcon steam train with his Uncle Nat. The train travels up to the Highlands of Scotland and on the journey, a priceless brooch is stolen. This story was full of mystery and suspense and we loved reading together and trying to guess, 'Who did it!'

My son and I have gone onto read the next books in the series, which have been brilliant and I have to say book 5 Sabotage on the Solar Express (which we are currently reading) has been the most exciting!



World Book Day (Week!)

Whilst World Book Day is officially on Thursday 7th March, we don't feel one day is enough to celebrate our love of reading and we are excited to share with you our plans for the week!

The GSP Really Wild Reading Festival.

Following the success of last year's Gloucester Schools' Really Wild Festival, we are thrilled to announce that we will be taking part again this year!

This is a fantastic chance for our children to meet authors and to be introduced to new titles! Authors visiting Dinglewell between Monday 4th March and Thursday 7th March are: Jess Butterworth, JJ Arcanjo and Fleur Hitchcock. There will also be an online event with Catherine Barr. Author visits normally cost schools hundreds of pounds but we are able to offer these events free of charge to all pupils.

Hopefully your child will be inspired to read these books after hearing the authors talk.



We have teamed up with 'Books for Bugs' to make all our authors' books available at a special discount price, with free delivery to school! You can order before or during the fair, up until midnight on Friday 8th March 2024. To place an order, visit: <https://booksforbugs.co.uk/product-category/really-wild-reading-festival-2024/>

Select your books. (This can also include any book on their website not just authors taking part in our festival)

At the checkout stage please enter:

- Your child's name and class
- School's name and the postcode GL3 3HS
- Adding the school's postcode will activate the free shipping option called 'Virtual book fair'

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day across our school. We will be celebrating diversity in books and reminding children how special they are as individuals. As always, we want the focus of the day to be books and 'reading for pleasure' and we would rather that you did not have to purchase expensive costumes. Consequently, we are asking children to wear their pyjamas. This has been very popular in recent years and it also serves as a lovely reminder that you are never too old for a bedtime story. This year, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 and we will use every penny of this to purchase books for class libraries.

Monday 4th March

Last year, we introduced the World Book Day Bake Off and as it was such a resounding success, we would like to include it in our celebrations again. All children are invited to bring in a cake or small cakes or biscuits with a bookish theme - we had everything from Harry Potter cupcakes to Queen of Hearts' jam tarts in 2023. There will be year group category prizes awarded for the most imaginative designs and all the cakes will be sold afterwards with profits going back into the school fund to buy books for the children. Please bring cakes, in a labelled container, to the hall on the morning of Monday - there will be tables set up for each year group. Please do not use nuts or any nut products in any of the cakes. If your child would like to buy cakes, they may wish to bring in a small amount of money on Monday 4th March when cakes will be on sale at breaktime and lunchtime.

Friday 8th March

We are very excited to announce that we are going to be holding a Book Fair on Friday 8th March, for World Book Day run by Books for Bugs.

Books for Bugs is a local children's book company offering amazing high-quality, brand new books at very low prices!

You can visit their website to see what they have to offer at www.booksforbugs.co.uk

The Book Fair will open from 9.30am on Friday 8th March for children to visit with their classes. They will have the opportunity to browse through the books and if they wish, to purchase too. All books will be priced at £3 each and are available to take away on the day. Parents/Carers are also invited to visit the fair with your children after school.

If you would like your child to have the opportunity to purchase a book during the afternoon, **please send in £3 or multiples of, in on the day in a named, sealed envelope.**

