



*Nurture with love*

*Grow through knowledge and wisdom*

*Flourish in hope*



It's Christmas! Christmas is a fantastic time of year for books – there are so many festive reads out there for all ages! We hope you enjoy some special family reading time over the Christmas holiday. Please speak to your teacher if you want any festive recommendations. Wishing all our CCH families a very Merry Christmas ☺

## Meet CCH class author...

### Julia Donaldson

Who has a brand new Christmas book out now!



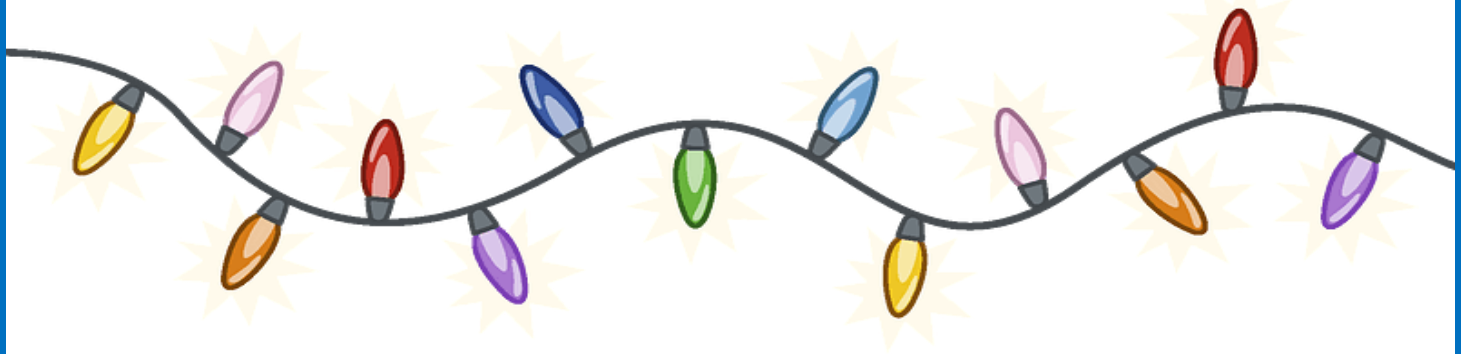
Julia Donaldson is a famous children's author, best known for her rhyming stories. She was **children's laureate** from 2011-2013 and has the great honour of being one of our Reception class authors! She has written **over 200 books** and now has a special Christmas tale for us to enjoy...



Julia Donaldson brings us this magical new tale for Christmas. The story follows the journey of a little pine tree from the forest where it grows up to Trafalgar Square where it is a famous Christmas tree! What a perfect book to share whilst snuggled up this Christmas!



Julia Donaldson's bestselling and much loved book 'Superworm' is being brought to life by the BBC! Watch this fantastic adaptation on BBC1 at 2:30pm on Christmas Day!



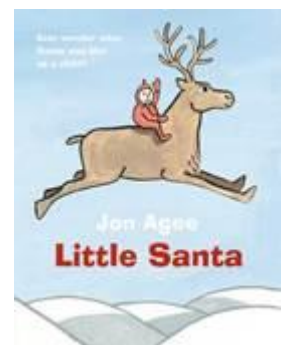
## **FESTIVE** Reading Round-up!

The latest and greatest children's literature to inspire our young people to love reading!

For ages 4-5 +

### **Little Santa by Jon Agee**

Have you ever wondered what Santa was like when he was a young child like you? Well this story will tell you just that! A very funny, entertaining book about Santa's childhood and other friendly characters who play key roles in his future career!



For ages 6-8 +

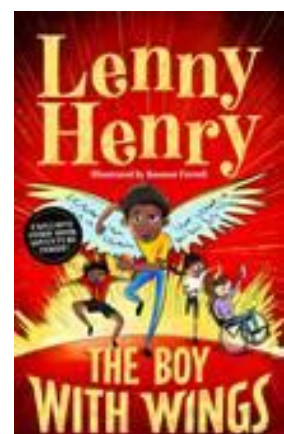
### **How Winston Came Home for Christmas by Alex T Smith**

A delightfully festive book about a mouse called Winston. There are 24 and a half chapters, designed to be read in the lead up to the big day but can be enjoyed in any way you please! There are also festive activities to be enjoyed after each chapter.

For ages 9-11 +

### **The Boy with Wings by Lenny Henry**

This is an exciting, funny and inclusive story in which many children will be able to see themselves reflected. As the title suggests, main character Tunde goes on a wild fantasy adventure after sprouting a pair of wings!

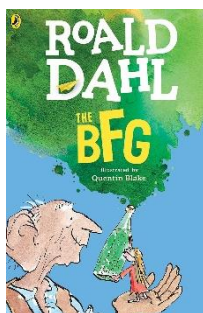
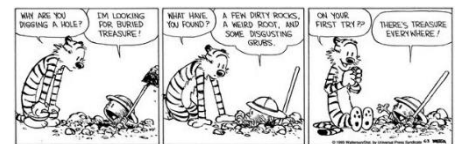




## Team CCH recommends...

**Mr Harding, teacher of Cressida Cowell Class, recommends 'Calvin and Hobbes' by Bill Watterson:**

*I love the Calvin and Hobbes comics. Calvin is a 7 year old boy with an incredible imagination (just like any 7 year old). He is obsessed with dinosaurs and robots and and ray-guns and Godzilla just like I was. He has a tiger best friend named Hobbes who, you soon work out, is a large stuffed toy. The conversations between the two characters- Calvin coming up with hair brained ideas and Hobbes being the sensible one- had me in absolute hysterics as a child... and as a teenager... and as a young man... and they still do now!*



**Alfie S, Cressida Cowell Class, recommends 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl:**

*It is a book full of mysterious characters. It begins with a giant who blows dreams into people's houses. My favourite part is when Sophie has breakfast with the Queen to persuade her solve the giant's problem! I would give it 10 out of 5!*

## Give the gift of reading...



Stuck for gift ideas this Christmas? Check out the Books for Topics Christmas book gift guide:  
<https://www.booksfortopics.com/gift-guides>

# The **WINTER** reading challenge!



Join the Wild World Heroes as they embark on an Arctic adventure to find out about the creatures that live there. You will find out about the environmental issues facing this remote place and might even spot a narwhal or two!

The Reading Agency have again teamed up with WWF, this time for an exciting **winter reading challenge**! The challenge is running **from now until Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. All you have to do is **read three books** (or of course more!) over the Christmas break and write a short book review. This can be ANYTHING – fact books, fiction, joke books, picture books, ebooks, audio books – the choice is yours! You can log this on the following website by creating a profile: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Alternatively, please share with your child's class teacher on **Dojo**. **Certificates** will then be given out after 16<sup>th</sup> January! Also, look out for an **Arctic themed puzzle and activity sheet** on Dojo to enjoy over the break.

A **HUGE** thank you to a CCH family who made a very kind and generous donation of brand new books to our school library. The children and staff are thrilled and have been enjoying these new books.

Our thanks also go to Reverend Steve and Eley who very kindly gave each class an advent calendar. Each calendar had a mini book telling a part of the Christmas Story.

Wishing all of our families a Merry Christmas! Keep reading – there are lots of festive tales on offer this Christmas 😊