



Nurture with love

Grow through knowledge and wisdom

Flourish in hope



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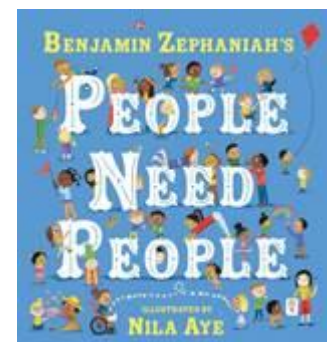
It's the most wonderful time of the year...for reading! Christmas is here and it is a busy time for many families. Try to take some quiet time to read together over the festive season. Check out our brilliant reviews, recommendations and events. Wishing all our CCH families a very Merry Christmas ☺

Meet CCH class author... Benjamin Zephania



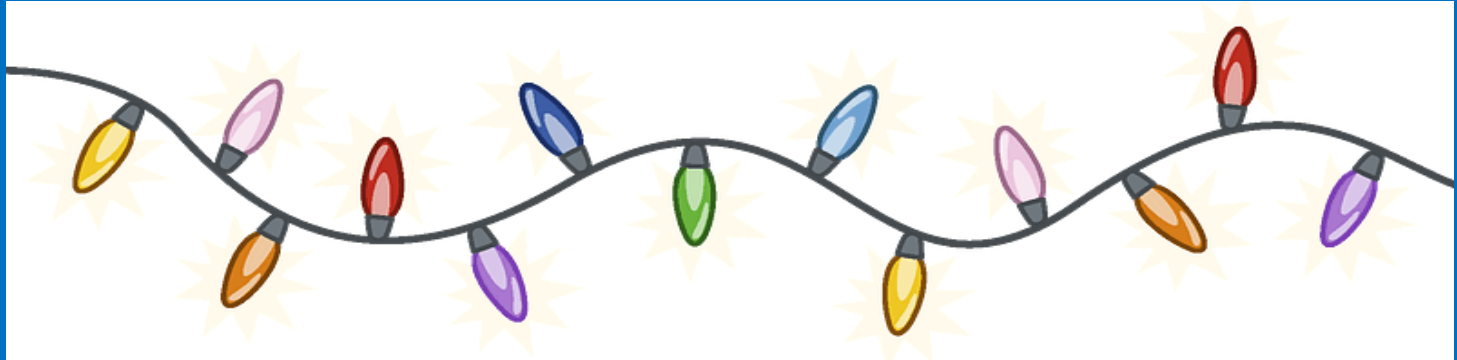
Benjamin Zephaniah is a CCH Year 5 class author. He is also very famous and has won many awards for his stories and poetry. Benjamin Zephaniah has written for a variety of ages but his most recent book, 'People Need People' is aimed at younger readers of 4-5 years old.

People Need People is an uplifting rhyming text, sharing the many, many reasons why people will always need other people! A wonderful celebration of community and connection, it will be hard not to smile at this delightful book



And some for older readers...





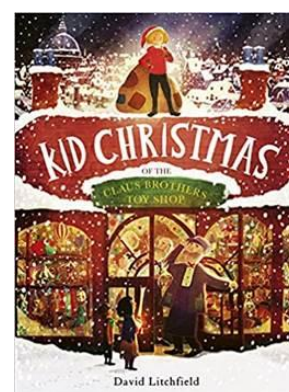
FESTIVE Reading Round-up!

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

For ages 4-5 +

Kid Christmas (of the Klaus Brothers Toy Shop) by David Litchfield

An amazing new story from David Litchfield which tells the legend of the birth of Father Christmas. There are beautiful illustrations and themes of kindness, compassion and friendship with a little bit of Christmas magic!



For ages 6-8 +

The Christmas Carrolls by Mel Taylor-Bessent

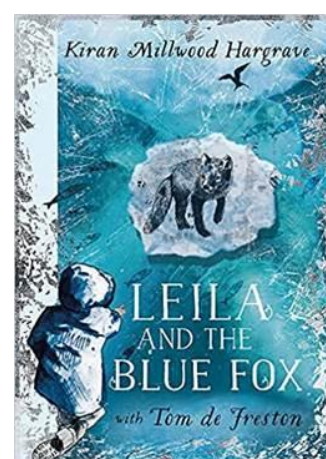
Holly Carroll and her family LOVE Christmas! However, when they move to a new house, it seems not everyone celebrates Christmas every day. Holly and her family make it their mission to spread Christmas cheer, making this book a real festive treat!



For ages 8 +

Leila and the Blue Fox by Kiran Millwood-Hargrave

This is a moving story, based on true events, with many thrilling moments of adventure! In the Arctic landscape, Fox meets Leila who are both on separate journeys. This latest book from acclaimed author Kiran Millwood-Hargrave has been hailed as "A real triumph".

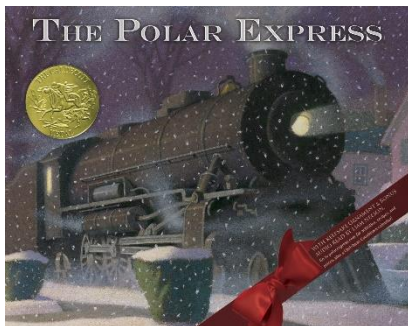
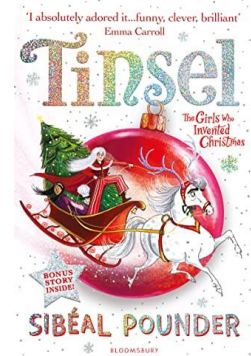




Team CCH recommends...

Gracie S, Michael Morpurgo Class, recommends 'Tinsel: The Girls who Invented Christmas' by Sibeal Pounder:

A girl called Blanche gets given a mysterious bauble from an old lady and it starts swirling around. She then goes on an adventure. I like it because it's about Christmas and it's really mysterious! I would recommend it for children who want to find about mysteries!

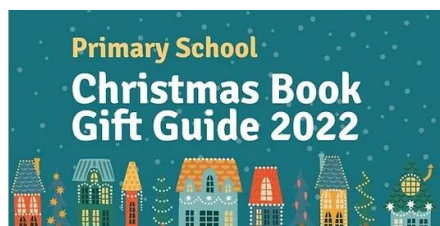


Miss Carter, teacher of Jill Murphy Class, recommends 'The Polar Express' by Chris Van Allsburg:

This is my favourite book and I have loved it since I was young. My grandad always used to read it to me as a Christmas Eve tradition. It is an immersive book, the writing and pictures are so creative that I feel like I have been transported onto the Polar Express. I would recommend this to children of all ages, but especially Key Stage 1.

Give the gift of reading...

Follow these links to access Christmas book gift guides and to donate a book to a vulnerable child this Christmas time.



<https://www.booksfortopics.com/gift-guides>



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

The **WINTER** reading challenge!



How it works

Welcome to the Winter Mini Challenge, a reading challenge running from 1 December 2022 to 20 February 2023!

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1. Sign up
Click 'Join now' to create your account
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2. Read books
Set your reading goal and read anything you like! Each time you finish a book, add it to your profile and leave a review
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3. Earn digital rewards
Unlock digital badges and virtual rewards for your reading. You can even unlock a downloadable certificate if you reach your Challenge goal!

The Winter Mini Challenge encourage children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure.

The Winter Mini Challenge is an online-only challenge that encourages children to keep up their reading over the winter holidays. Following on from their summer fun, the Gadgeteers are back for a science and innovation themed challenge.

Sign up by following this link: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The challenge runs from 1st December 2022-20th February 2023. This year, it's even easier - set your own reading goal and then earn digital rewards. When you complete the challenge, you can download your certificate which we would love to see in school.



A **HUGE** thank you to everyone that visited the Travelling Book Fair! It was great to see the hall full of excited children picking new books and parents Christmas shopping. This event has helped to raise money for our school library as well!