



Nurture with love

Grow through knowledge and wisdom

Flourish in hope



Chapter

Issue 13

Can you believe we have reached the end of another year? We have certainly enjoyed many books through events such as Black History Month, Diversity Week and World Book Week. We have also read many texts to inspire our writing, as well as to read for pleasure. We look forward to another book-filled year next year!

Summer Reading Challenge!



Why is reading for pleasure important?

- Currently, 1 in 5 children in England cannot read well by the age of 11. We know that reading for fun improves literacy.
- Reading for pleasure is more important to children's academic success than their parents' level of education or socio-economic status.
- Embedding a love of reading in children can help their wellbeing later in life. 19% of adult readers say that reading stops them feeling lonely.
- Studies have found that those who read for pleasure have higher levels of empathy, greater self-esteem and are better able to cope with difficult situations.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** has begun! Although we are not at school, we encourage everyone to keep reading to ensure that we keep up the excellent progress made during the school year. You can join the challenge at any local library, or by going online:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

If you need any help or book recommendations, please read on or speak to a member of staff.

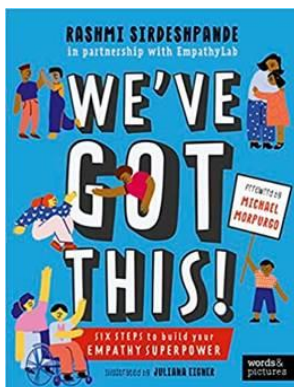
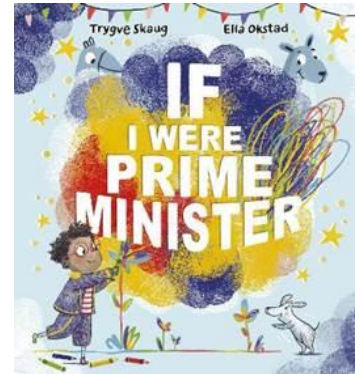
Reading Round-up!

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

For ages 4-5 +

If I were Prime Minister by Trygve Skaug

What would you do if you were in charge? This fun picture books follows a little boy and the new rules he creates as Prime Minister! It also carefully touches on many themes in society today, such as the environment.



For ages 6-8 +

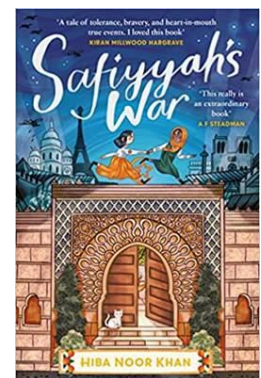
We've Got This!: Six Steps to Build Your Empathy Superpower by Rashmi Sirdeshpande in partnership with Empathy Lab

This interesting new books explores what empathy is, using empathy, learning to recognise emotions being a good communicator and helping you become an empathy superhero!

For ages 9-11 +

Safiyyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan

A World War 2 story full of courage, resilience and humanity. This beautifully told story explores the experiences of a small group of individuals and the impact of war in Paris.



Calling all parents!

Now we can invite parents back into school, we would like some enthusiastic parents to volunteer and listen to children read. **If you are interested, please speak to Miss Holloway or express your interest at the office.**

Looking back...

Miss Weldrake and Miss Smith:

Our favourite book that we've read in Reflection through Story is 'Don't Touch My Hair' by Sharee Miller because it really celebrates our differences!

Miss Bennett:

My favourite book that I've read this year with my class is The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo because we got really attached to the characters and we did not expect the ending! It even made me cry!

Joseph R, Anthony Browne Class:

My favourite book that I've read this year is Fantastic Mr Fox because Mr Fox is really sneaky! He goes and gets all the food for his family from the farmers. I recommend this book to anyone who enjoys funny stories!

Ivy D, Ted Hughes Class:

My favourite book from this year was Azzi in Between because I like how the action happened. Azzi had to leave her country because of war and leave her Grandma but there's a happy ending.

Reflection through Story

Each week, we explore our Christian value of the term through high quality stories. This term's value is **compassion** and we have enjoyed exploring this value through different stories and characters. Here are some of the stories we have shared this term. **Ask your child to tell you all about them and how they demonstrate our value of compassion.**

