

Monthly Reading Newsletter—June 2021

Keep up the hard work with your reading!

Well done to everyone for **continuing to work so hard** with reading both in school and at home. Participation rates and quiz scores continue to improve for all classes, and Murphy class enjoyed an ice lolly treat for **100% participation** in one week on Accelerated Reader! Remember to keep getting diaries signed three times per week.

We have recently taken part in the **Derby City Book festival**, where Year 3 and 4 met **Sophy Henn** (author of 'Lifesize', alongside many others) and Years 5 and 6 met **Sita Bramachari** (author of 'When secrets set sail'). These sessions were on screen and it was great to see children, once again being able to engage with real—life authors.

Next year, we will be **renaming many of our classes** so that the children can learn about even more great authors and poets. We look forward to sharing these with you soon.



Reciprocal Reading Cavendish Close

Here are some of the things we do in Reciprocal Reading sessions at



- We have **4 Reciprocal Reading sessions each week**. Each lesson lasts 30 minutes
- We begin each lesson with a **speed read** task where children have 1 minute to read an age related text as fast and as accurately as they can. Children work with a partner and check each other’s reading
- Children focus on a **different text each week**. Text types studied include: poems, stories, newspaper articles, comics, recipes, webpages
- All texts are chosen based upon topic areas and **linked to History, Geography or Science** for half a term at a time
- Children work very hard to understand, learn and use **new vocabulary**, which they can then apply across the curriculum
- Every lesson, children use four key skills: **Clarify, Predict, Question and Summarise**
- Work is recorded on books and children respond to the text in books through a **range of question types**
- Here is an example of the texts that Year 3 will study, alongside their Romans History topic:

Year 3 Spring 2 Romans

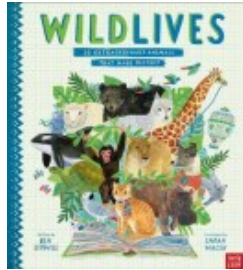
Study texts

Speed Read Texts	Reciprocal Reading Texts
<p>April Fools Day (Fact File)</p> <p>Children's Encyclopaedia (Magnets)</p>	<p>Children's Encyclopaedia (Romans)</p> <p>What the Romans did for us</p>
<p>Rodulca (Folk Song)</p> <p>Move It – Motion Forces and you (Science Experiment)</p>	<p>Roman Soldier Handbook (Lesley Sims)</p> <p>Look Inside a Roman Town (Conrad Mason)</p>
<p>Horrible Histories: Rotten Romans (Terry Deary) (Non-Fiction Narrative)</p> <p>St Georges Day Newsround (Website)</p>	<p>The Roman Soldier Handbook (Lesley Sims)</p> <p>Queen of Darkness (Tony Bradman) (Flashback)</p>

Non Fiction recommendations based on Animals

Wildlives by Ben Lerwill

Learn about courageous creatures from around the world throughout history. This collection gathers heart-warming, surprising and emotionally powerful stories of bravery, discovery and friendship in the animal kingdom.



Through the Animal Kingdom by Derek Harvey and

Charlotte Pepper

Go on our journey through the Animal Kingdom that spans every corner of our planet- where incredible animals have made their homes in the freezing mountain peaks, vast deserts, lush forests and deep oceans.



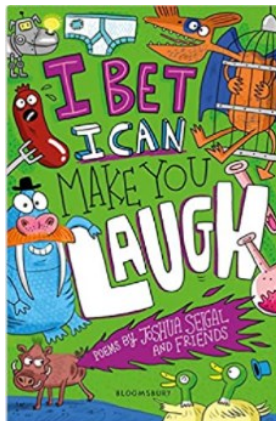
We all like to have a good laugh from time to time—here are some 'funny' books to help you along...



I Swapped My Brother On The Internet by Jo Simmons

Aimed at: Year 4, 5 & 6 readers

Johnny is fed up of being picked on by his older brother Ted but gets more than he bargained for when he signs up to www.siblingswap.com. We follow Johnny in a series of hilarious adventures as the website sends him increasingly absurd characters to take the place of his brother Ted. After meeting Mer-boy (who can't cycle), the ghost of Henry the Eighth (who is too bossy) and a clone of himself (who is too naughty), Johnny realises that he would rather have Ted back. Technical issues with the website mean Johnny must work fast to find Ted and make amends though.



I bet I can make you laugh by Joshua Seigal

Aimed at: Year 3 to 6 readers

Packed full of stupendously silly, fantastically funny and hysterically hilarious poems, this brilliant anthology is edited by exciting young poet, Joshua Seigal. Featuring a diverse range of contributors and some brand new poems from Joshua himself, this book is perfect for anyone who needs a giggle or a belly laugh!

'I think any reader would find it hard not only to avoid laughing, but to stop themselves reading the poems aloud - they are absolutely begging to be performed!' (*Library Girl and Book Boy*).



Bad Nana by Sophy Henn

Aimed at: Year 3 & 4 readers

Bad Nana is quite unlike Jeanie's other two grandmas: she dresses entirely in black, with an occasional sparkly pink turban that makes her look like an alien overlord. She may or may not have been responsible for making trumpling noises when the park keeper bent over to pick up a sweet wrapper that one time, and she's been banned from the line-dancing club. So when Jeanie and her class go on a school trip to possibly the most boring local history museum in the world, it's no surprise that Bad Nana manages to make it a lot more interesting than anyone expected!