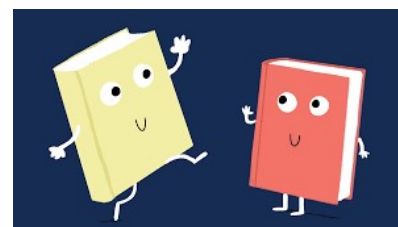




BOOK CORNER

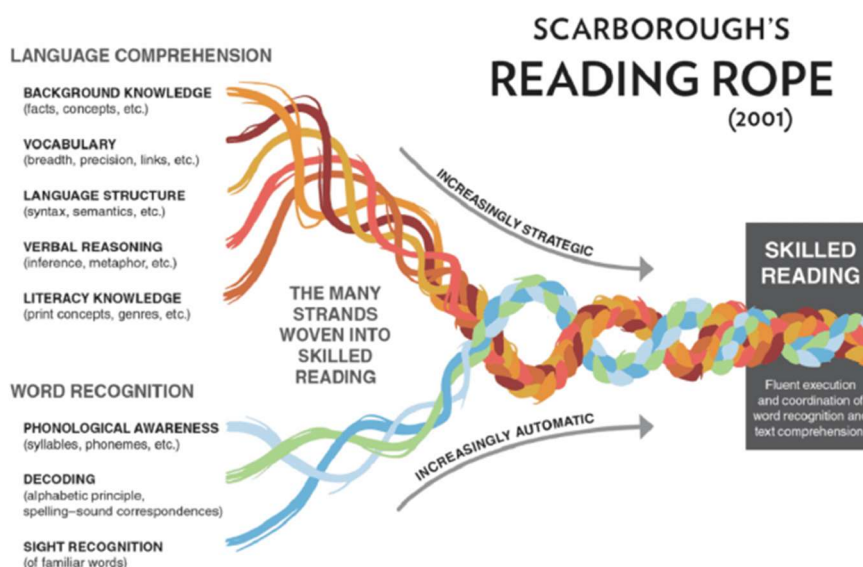


Welcome to our Book Corner where we share everything we love about Reading!

FLUENCY FOCUS

How do we become skilled readers?

Literacy researcher Hollis Scarborough created a metaphor for explaining the complex processes involved in reading. She described reading by comparing it to the “strands of a rope”. The diagram shows the rope’s different parts and how they work together when one is reading. All of the components, or “strands,” together form what Scarborough calls “skilled reading.” Skilled reading happens when children are able to read the text fluently while simultaneously comprehending it. In other words, the different parts of the rope work in tandem when a person is able to accurately and automatically read a text and understand it fully.

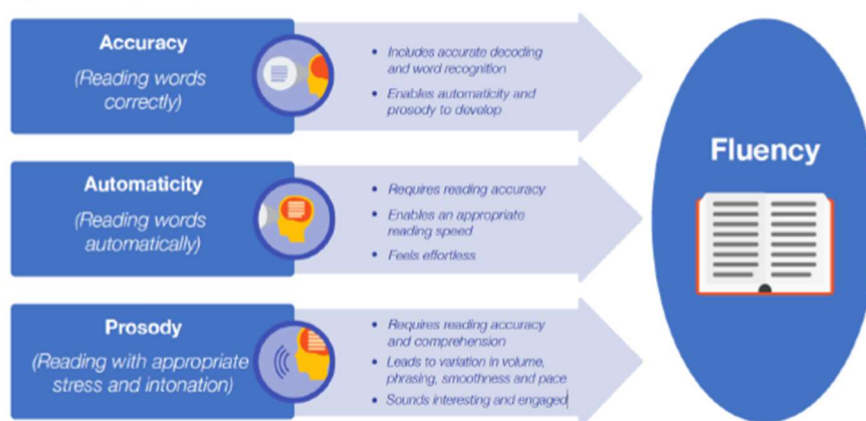


What is Reading Fluency?

‘A fluent reader is one who can accurately and automatically decode words. If readers can decode words accurately but have to employ an excessive proportion of their cognitive resources to do so, they have fewer of those resources available for comprehension.’ **Education Endowment Foundation**

This diagram outlines the three key areas underpinning reading fluency:

Figure 5: Reading fluency



How do we teach Reading Fluency in school?

Once pupils have mastered decoding (using phonics to read individual words), we then move on to developing fluency. This can be through whole-class fluency sessions, where the teacher models the above areas or one-to-one reading sessions with an adult, where if fluency is seen as an area for development, echo-reading (I read a sentence, you read a sentence) is used as a strategy to model and improve fluency skills.

How can I support my child with reading fluency at home?

In line with West Leigh, we encourage children who are reading from the first book band levels to re-read the same book at least twice. This helps to develop fluency and ultimately comprehension, once the initial decoding of the words has been mastered.

In addition, one of the most powerful ways of modelling fluency is by reading a bedtime story/ reading out loud to children at home. Modelling intonation (prosody) and accuracy can have a huge impact on children’s own fluency.

Watch this space for more input about reading fluency in school and at home in the near future!

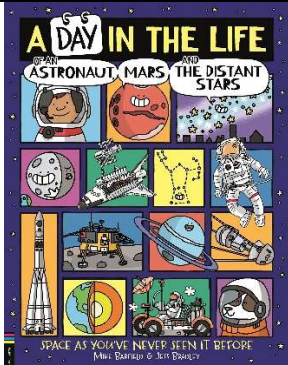
MONTHLY MUST READS

Each month, we post a selection of 'hot off the press' recommended reads...

These are taken from 'The Reader Teacher' <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/> a fantastic source of reads, reviews and recommendations at KS1 and KS2.

These books are not currently on the 30 Reads list but could be added under the 'your choice' section on the 30 Reads log. These books can also be reserved and borrowed from Nailsea Library ☺

MAY



Non-fiction book of the month

Interest age: 7+

Independent reading age: 8+

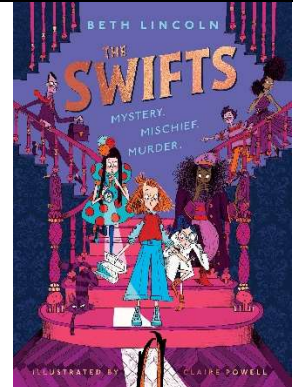
Take a colourful and comical tour through our galaxy and beyond with this fun new comic collection from Mike Barfield and Jess Bradley. Discover the poisonous clouds of Venus, the rings of Saturn and the raging storm on Jupiter. Venture inside nebulae, black holes, supernovas and far-flung galaxies. Find out about the historic figures who pioneered space travel, the animals who ventured to the stars so humans could follow and the ground-breaking technology that took them there.



Interest age: 11+

Independent reading age: 11+

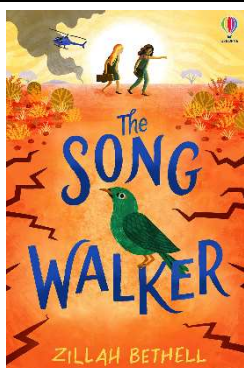
From the author of October, October, winner of the Yoto Carnegie Medal 2022, comes a life-affirming story about blended families and learning to find room in your heart for new life and new love. Tom is still quiet and timid and Zofia has a raging storm that makes her want to fight the whole world until she gets what she wants. And what she wants is for scaredy-cat Tom to get out of her life. Tom hates loud, unpredictable Zofia just as much, but he's moving into Zofia's house...



Interest age: 8+

Independent reading age: 9+

Perfect for fans of Robin Stevens and Lemony Snicket. On the day they are born, each Swift is brought before the sacred Family Dictionary. They are given a name and a definition, and it is assumed they will grow up to match. Unfortunately, Shenanigan Swift has other ideas. So what if her relatives all think she's destined to turn out as a troublemaker, just because of her name? Shenanigan knows she can be whatever she wants - pirate, explorer or even detective. Which is lucky, really, because when one of the Family tries to murder Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude, someone has to work out whodunit.

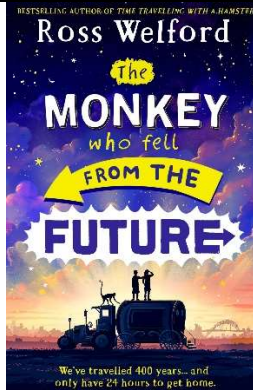


Fiction book of the month

Interest age: 8+

Independent reading age: 9+

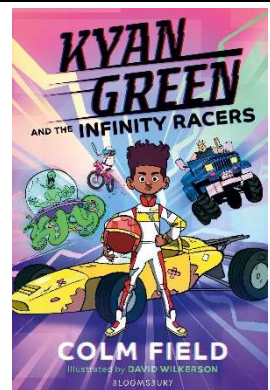
The Song Walker is an extraordinary new story of friendship, discovery and courage from Zillah Bethell, author of The Shark Caller which won the Wales Book of the Year and the Edward Stanford Children's Travel Book of the Year 2022. When a young girl wakes up in the middle of the desert, she has no idea who she is. She's wearing one shoe, a silky black dress, and she's carrying a strange, heavy case. She meets Tarni, who is on a mysterious quest of her own. Together, the two girls trek across the vast and ever-changing Australian Outback in search of answers. Except both are also hiding secrets...



Interest age: 8+

Independent reading age: 9+

The hilarious, moving and adventure-packed new novel for readers of 9 and up from Ross Welford, the bestselling and Costa-shortlisted author of Time Travelling with a Hamster. The year is 2425. Centuries after a catastrophic meteor collision, nature has retaken the earth. In a small town in what was once England, young Ocean Mooney and the monkey-owning Duke Smiff have just dug up a 400 year-old tablet computer.



Interest age: 8+

Independent reading age: 8+

Fans of Danny Wallace, Ben Miller and Rob Biddulph's Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City will race through this epic adventure! Welcome, infinity racers! Prepare for an adventure that's out of this world . and all of the others! When Kyan finds a battered old racing-car game in the loft, he doesn't believe the big claims written on the box. I mean, what kind of 'Infinite Race' only has seven pieces of track? So it comes as a shock when the game really does take him on the journey of a lifetime - through multiple universes!