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# Reading at St Mary's

At St Mary's we have been working hard to continue to promote a love of reading and reading for pleasure. Have a look below to see some of the wonderful things we have been doing.

## World Book Day!

Our whole school celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March by dressing up as some of our favourite characters. We got to share stories and complete activities within our classes to do with reading and even got to join up with another class to have shared story time!





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## Author visit

We also received a visit from author Ellie Irving on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. She did an assembly to the whole school and spoke about how she became an author and why she loves writing so much. KS2 classes were then very lucky to receive an hour writing workshop with Ellie. The feedback from the children about this was great.





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### Year 4 and 5

Year 4 and Year 5 were lucky enough to be invited to visit Dial Lane Book Shop in the town centre on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. They went with their World Book Day vouchers and were very lucky to receive a whole bag full of free books each! They got to meet the owner of the book shop and had a great time seeing the fabulous selection Dial Lane has. Year 4 even managed to enjoy a picnic and some reading in the park on their way back to school.



In October, we replenished our library with a selection of new literature. You may have noticed your children coming home with brand new books! They seem to be really enjoying these – the new multi-cultural books have been particularly popular. Our Year 6 librarians work hard to sort our library and made sure our new books are displayed nicely.

In December, Reception were very lucky to have a visit from Let's talk reading. A volunteer came and shared stories with the children during part of a morning. As part of their initiative to get children in the early years reading - every Reception child received a free book! How amazing! We are hoping to have them back again in the Summer term for Reception and future Reception cohorts.



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### Year 1

Year 1 went on a trip to Ipswich County Library on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. They had a mini tour of the Library and story times with the librarian and Mr Cook! We sent out library card applications so some children were able to borrow books with their new library cards for the very first time! The children then got to enjoy a well-deserved picnic in the park with their new books!



We have tried very hard this year to boost the children's positive experiences of reading and we are excited to continue doing so for the rest of this academic year and beyond.

Books for Topics

## 50 Recommended Reads for...

# Primary (ages 4-11)

Which ones have you read?

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agents of S.U.I.T.</b> John Patrick Green &amp; Pat Lewis</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fairy vs Wizard</b> Jenny McLachlan</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Little, Brown Nut</b> Mary Auld &amp; Dawn Cooper</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Stop! That's Not My Story!</b> Smriti Halls &amp; Erika Meza</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Astrid and the Space Cadets: Attack of the Snailiens!</b> Alex T. Smith</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Football Rules the World</b> Simon Mugford &amp; Dan Green</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lola and Larch Fix a Fairy Forest</b> Sinead O'Hart &amp; Rachel Seago</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Test Trouble</b> Serena Patel &amp; Louise Forshaw</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Axel Scheffler's Treasury of Fairy Tales</b> Axel Scheffler</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Frankenstiltskin</b> Joseph Coelho &amp; Freya Hartas</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Luna and the Treasure of Tlaloc</b> Joe Todd Stanton</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Girl Who Became a Fish</b> Polly Ho-Yen &amp; Sojung Kim-McCarthy</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Aya and the Star Chaser</b> Radiya Hafiza &amp; Kaley McKean</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Gigantic</b> Rob Biddulph</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Magic Faces: Heroes of the Pirate Ship</b> Esi Merleh &amp; Abeeha Tariq</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Glorious Race of Magical Beasts</b> Alex Bell &amp; Tim McDonagh</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Beastlands: Race to Frostfall Mountain</b> Jess French</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Grandpa Frank's Great Big Bucket List</b> Jenny Pearson &amp; David O'Connell</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Marnie Midnight and the Moon Mystery</b> Laura Ellen Anderson</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Lost Happy Endings</b> Carol Ann Duffy &amp; Jane Ray</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Beasts of the Ancient World</b> Marchella Ward &amp; Asia Orlando</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Greenwild</b> Pari Thomson &amp; Elisa Paganelli</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Night Flight</b> Katie Cottle</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Most Exciting Eid</b> Zeba Talkhani &amp; Abeeha Tariq</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Black Hole Cinema Club</b> Christopher Edge</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>How Do Meerkats Order Pizza?</b> Brooke Barker</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Operation Banana</b> Tony Bradman &amp; Tania Rex</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Wonder Brothers</b> Frank Cottrell Boyce &amp; Steven Lenton</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Can You Get Rainbows in Space?</b> Dr Sheila Kanani</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>How to Be More Hedgehog</b> Anne-Marie Conway</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Peng and Spanners</b> Steve Webb</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tiny, the Secret Adventurer</b> Aisha Bushby &amp; Kubra Teber</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Coming to England</b> Baroness Floella Benjamin &amp; Diane Ewen</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Human 2.0</b> Patrick Kane &amp;</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pop!</b> Matt Carr</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trixie Pickle, Art Avenger: Toxic Takedown</b> Olaf Falafel</p>
		<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rubbish? Don't Throw It Away!</b> Linda Newbery &amp; Katie Rewse</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>We All Celebrate!</b> Chitra Soundar &amp; Jenny Bloomfield</p>
		<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Snail in Space</b> Rachel Bright &amp; Nadia Shireen</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>What is Black and White?</b> John Kane</p>
		<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Squishy McFluff's Camino Adventure</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>When You're Fast Asleep</b></p>

