

# Royston St John Reading Newsletter



Issue one

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Welcome to our first reading newsletter. We will be sending home half termly newsletters to help inspire, promote and support you all with reading at Royston St Johns. Huge investment has been made into reading over the last two years: we have invested in Read, Write Inc for the teaching of early reading, ensuring all pupils in Reception and Year One take home phonically decodable books; we have disbanded the use of colour banded books from Year 2 upwards and replaced them all with quality books by the latest authors to help inspire a love of reading in all our pupils; and we have also changed our approach to reading from Year Two upwards to build children's understanding. Reading daily with your child and asking them questions about the text, as well as reading to your child daily, really is the best support you can give at home. This really will make the greatest difference to your child and how they access the curriculum at our school.

We hope that you find this information useful in order for us to work together to support your children.

Ms Steele

The bedtime book bags that we introduced to our Early Years and KS1 children were a great success this half term. A child is chosen in each class each week to take the bag home which includes a book recommended by the class teacher to share with a family member- plus a hot chocolate! Bags must be returned on a Monday morning in order to be quarantined for another family to use at the end of the week.



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We are launching our 'Snuggle Up with a Book' in KS1 this week @RsJbStage  
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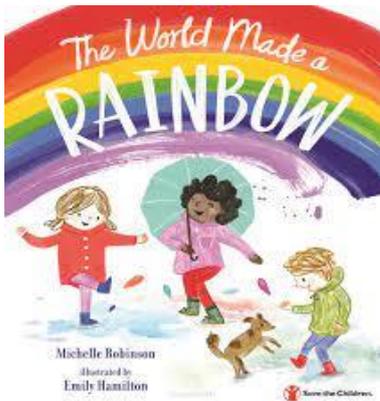
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We love our beautiful library area. Library books can be changed at the class teacher's discretion on a daily basis. Books which have been returned from home will be quarantined before being returned to the shelves for others to browse. We have so many new titles being added weekly so we can offer the best reading curriculum possible. I am a huge believer in not banding books to levels and believe that children should read great books by amazing authors for pleasure. Reading is at the heart of success and we ask that all pupils read daily at home to ensure progress is made.

# Recommended Reads

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Children have been through a lot this year and this lovely book, bursting with hope and reasons to look forward, provides the comfort and reassurance they've been needing, plus a sense of the joy that's been missing for too long. It stars a young sister and brother, plus their sometimes frazzled parents, and describes the creation of a rainbow image for their window. Painting the rainbow brings back good memories as well as some sad ones, but ultimately reminds them of the really important things in life – family and friends – and that “we’ll still have each other/when this rainstorm ends!”

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Welcome to The Nothing to See Here Hotel! Book your stay now for this fabulously funny series full of mayhem, monsters and more than a little bit of magic by bestselling author Steven Butler and illustrated by Steven Lenton. Life is never dull for Frankie Banister and the weird and wonderful guests of The Nothing to See Here Hotel - the no.1 holiday destination for magicals! But when Frankie is kidnapped and dragged off to a secret cistern-city deep in the dooziest depths of the sewers, things get a whole lot weirder! This is book 4 in a fabulous series!



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Eleven-year-old twins, Fox and Fibber, have been rivals for as long as they can remember. Only one of them will inherit the family fortune and so a race is afoot to save the dwindling Petty-Squabble empire and win the love of their parents. But when the twins are whisked off to Jungledrop, a magical Unmapped Kingdom in charge of conjuring our world's weather, things get wildly out of hand. An evil harpy called Morg is on the loose. And if she finds the long-lost Forever Fern before the twins, both Jungledrop and our world will crumble.

## Competition Time!

To help the love of reading grow at our wonderful school we have a competition! Design poster to help inspire a love of reading. The winner will win a book of their choice along with some other goodies. We will also have two runners up. Our school librarians will judge the competition on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Please hand in any entries to your class teacher.