



Reading Newsletter Summer 1

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Park View Reading Newsletter. At Park View Academy, we have made Reading the focal point of our amazing school and have embedded high-quality texts in to all areas of the curriculum. Our 'For the Love of Reading' time happens every single day and teachers carefully plan the texts so a range of interests are catered for. This immerses the children in the books as well as improve their understanding of vocabulary, inference, events and cultures from our past and present. Our Reading Ambassadors work hard to make sure all Reading areas are inviting and that Reading remains at the heart of our rigorously structured curriculum. In this newsletter, there are new book recommendations for children of all ages and quotes from some of our reading ambassadors on what they have enjoyed reading this term!

Love of Reading

For 10 to 15 minutes after every lunch time, children are exposed to a high-quality text that is read to them by adults in the school. Love of Reading is one of our favourite times of the day. The children are always eager to hear more of the story, so much so that they want to be the one that reads to the rest of the class!

Benefits of reading...

- Reading boosts analytical thinking.
- You are likely to learn something new if you read daily.
- Reading can help to alleviate stress and anxiety.
- Reading boosts vocabulary and memory skills.

What do our reading ambassadors have to say?

"I have loved reading the Boy at the Back of the Class. It is about a refugee kid and how Josie, Tom and Michael try to help him. I have also loved reading The Chocolate Tree because it is about the Mayans in history which is one of my favourite subjects." – Paige, 4M.

"I have enjoyed reading and learning about Marie Curie because she is an important female scientist who achieved so much in her career!" – Lilah, 3B.



Our favourite author quotes:

- "If there's a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it."
Toni Morrison.
- "After nourishment, shelter and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the world."
Phillip Pullman.
- "No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader. No surprise in the writer, no surprise in the reader."
Robert Frost.

New Releases Taken from www.lovereadings4kids.com

KS2 - May 2021 Debut of the Month – A Clock of Stars by Francesca Gibbons

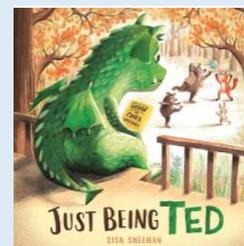
Imogen's life at home is not all perfect so it's no surprise that she follows the strange silver moth that arrives from nowhere – even when it leads her through a door in a tree! And there's no stopping her little sister Marie from following...Like any magic opening, the door leads the two girls into an extraordinary world where almost anything can – and will – happen! As in the best traditions of children's stories, Imogen and Marie meet a wealth of larger-than-life characters including a spoiled prince and a dancing bear as they journey through a richly-imagined world of possibilities.

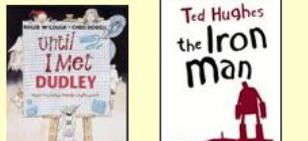


KS1 – May 2021 Debut of the Month: Just Being Ted by Lisa Sheenan

A lesson about the importance of being yourself (even if you're a dragon).

It's hard to make friends when you're a dragon, Ted discovers; everyone he meets is afraid of him, though we can see he's very kind and convivial. When the annual Bears' Picnic Party comes around, Ted has a brainwave. He makes himself a bear costume and sets out in disguise to have fun. Of course, things don't go quite according to plan, but by the time the bears realise what Ted really is, they are more than happy for him to stay (which prompts a surprising wave of costume shedding by other 'bear' guests too. Young children will very much enjoy this and understand that accepting bears/dragons/people for who they are is the best way to be.



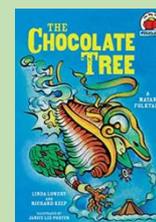
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<p>Year 3</p> <p>We are reading:</p> 	<p>Year 4</p> <p>We are reading:</p> 	<p>Year 5</p> <p>We are reading:</p> 	<p>Year 6</p> <p>We are reading:</p> 

Year Group Focus – Reading

Nursery - 'Matisse's Magical Trail' by Tim Hopgood: Matisse is a young snail who loves to create beautiful drawings with his trail. The trouble is, most of the time people are far too busy to even notice them. It is only when a child notices Matisse's beautiful trails that his art is finally celebrated – and they inspire a whole class of children to get creative too! Nursery have absolutely loved learning about Matisse's magical adventure and have used it as a springboard to explore mark making, expressive arts and reading.



Year 4 – 'The Chocolate Tree' by Linda Lowery: Ever wonder where chocolate came from? We have the Mayan King Kukulcan to thank. Kukulcan is more than a king – he is also a god. One day he brings his people an amazing gift: a chocolate tree! But there is just one problem. Kukulcan's brother, Night Jaguar, doesn't want regular people to have chocolate. He thinks only gods should eat the tempting treat. Will Night Jaguar prevail? Or will the Mayans get to keep their chocolate tree? Year 4 have had a fantastic time reading the Chocolate Tree. They have learned how chocolate is made and even tried some Mayan hot chocolate in a History lesson!



Year 2 – 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward. The Tin Forest follows an old man who tidies the rubbish in a junkyard and dreams of a better place. With faith, ingenuity and hard work, he transforms it into a wonderland in this poetic modern fable. Year 2 have really enjoyed the fantastic imagery and imaginative writing in this lovely tale where dreams really do come true!

