



Barrowcliff School Reading Newsletter



Spring Term 2022

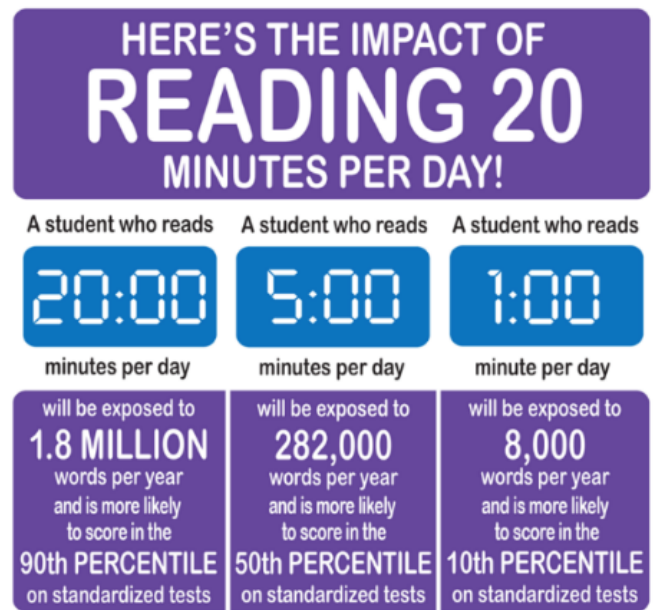
Welcome to our first reading newsletter! Whether your child hasn't been able to put a book down in 2022 so far, or if you've struggled to get them to pick one up, this newsletter is for you! Lots of things to try, recommendations, interesting ideas and useful information all about **books**! What would you like to see on our **reading newsletter**?

Adults have you tried...

Echo reading?

It is really important sharing books and reading with your children at home (even up to year 6). To remove the difficulty of decoding some words and to improve **fluency** whilst still allowing the child to read aloud, you could try **echo reading**. Echo reading is where the child will re-read the same part of the text that has just been read to them by the adult; this allows the reading to be demonstrated and copied. It can be done for sentences or even paragraphs. Try timing yourself to read a paragraph and see if you child can match your time!

There is overwhelming evidence that **reading for pleasure** has a significant relationship to people's life chances. If your child isn't a 'book worm' yet, don't worry! There are so many wonderful and exciting authors out there, that there's a book to engage and inspire your child out there... they just may not have discovered it yet!



Author Spotlight Tom Palmer



Tom Palmer is a British author of children's books. Palmer was born in Leeds and gives thanks football articles for getting him interested in reading as a child. Being from Leeds, Tom **supports Leeds United** and also a big fan of rugby league, sports which have both inspired many of the books he has written.

He struggled with reading when he was young as he didn't have the stamina to read long books. His mum got him reading newspapers and magazines about football to build his reading up and he liked them: they were about what he was interested in. **Football.** Which is very important!



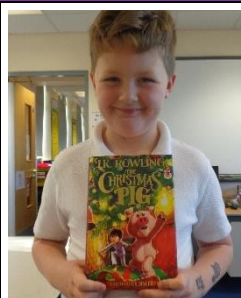
Many of his books also feature references to world wars and battlefields as he has done a lot of work with the Royal Air Force (RAF) museums. He has also written stories about one of his biggest loves: his family dog Finn! Tom feels that to get the most enjoyment, you need to write and read about what you love and are interested in most. **Tom visited school back in 2019!**



Recommended reads...



Safina's (Year 6) book recommendation is 'Being Miss Nobody' by Tamsin Winter. She says, 'It brings awareness of selective mutism, and it is a great book because it has so many interesting plots and twists all the way through.'



Charlie's (Year 3) book recommendation is 'Christmas Pig' by JK Rowling, the author most famous for writing the Harry Potter book series. He said, 'It's an adventure story about a boy and a toy who get lost. It is really good because it makes you happy! I read it over Christmas and loved it.'

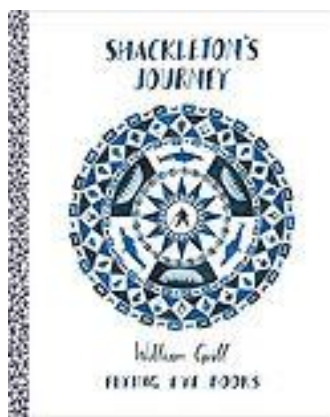
Books into TV or Film



Because of their success as written stories, lots of books have been adapted and turned into TV series or films for the big screen. Many famous TV series and films you have watched have originated from a book, written by an author. This term's feature book which has turned into a film is... **The Demon Headmaster**.

The Demon Headmaster book series was written by Gillian Cross and features 8 different books! The stories of the books were originally made into a TV series in 1996, and was then remade into another TV series in 2019. They feature a headmaster who is trying to take over the entire country and it is up to three children to stop him. A highly recommended read, and one which beats the TV series for entertainment! **Do you know any books which have been adapted into TV series or films?**

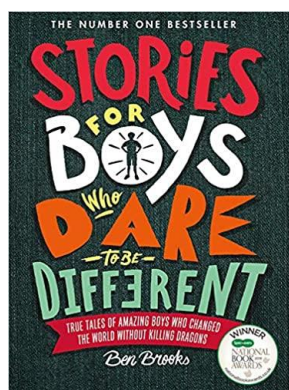
Must Read Non-Fiction Collection



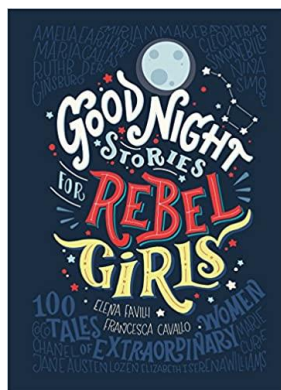
Shackleton's Journey is a unique visual re-telling Ernest Shackleton's landmark expedition crossing the Antarctic from one pole to the other. William Grill's impeccably researched and informative illustrations celebrate the 100th anniversary since the **historic exploration** by Shackleton and his crew on Endurance.



Guinness World Records 2022 provides a fascinating snapshot of our world today. The annual additions provide all of the most **weird and wonderful** world records. Some of the record-packed features in this year's edition include: 'Environmental champions,' the eco-warriors fighting to make our planet a better place. 'The tallest and shortest...' A book for you if you love the strange and even stranger.



An extraordinary compilation of 100 stories of famous and not-so-famous men from the past to the present day. All **achieving amazing things** that you should know about! Entries include Frank Ocean, Salvador Dalí, Rimbaud, Beethoven, Barack Obama, Stormzy, Ai Weiwei and Jesse Owens.



Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls introduces us to one hundred remarkable women and their **extraordinary lives**, from Ada Lovelace to Malala, Amelia Earhart to Michelle Obama. Empowering, moving and inspirational; these are the true stories of females throughout history who you should know about! Illustrated by sixty female artists from every corner of the globe.