



## STOKE MANDEVILLE COMBINED SCHOOL | READING NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022

# Welcome to our Autumn Reading Newsletter!

Welcome to Stoke Mandeville's reading newsletter for the Autumn Term 2022. In this issue, we are proud to introduce our reading champions. These are children from across the school who are helping to further promote a love of reading.

### Our reading champions

Reception: Vinnie and Edith

Y1: Abigayl and George

Y2: Amelia and James

Y3: Mia and Jamie

Y4: Layla and Rosie

Y5: Leah and Rose

Y6: Abigail Z and Sam



*"We want every child to believe they are a reader."*

**We want every child to believe they are a reader.** There are six recognised elements which support a child when they are reading for pleasure.

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and school
3. Finding time to read
4. Having trusted help to find a book
5. Giving children a choice in what to read
6. Making reading FUN

Don't forget that if you read a comic, newspaper or even a recipe, it is still reading!



### **A reading interview with Miss Jacob, Year 1 teacher**

**(Interviewed by Abigail and James)**

Q) What is your favourite book?

A) *Winnie the Pooh*

Q) Which types of books do you like reading?

A) *Fiction Books*

Q) Which books have made you laugh or cry?

A) *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (cry)*  
and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar (laugh)*

### **A reading interview with Mrs King, Reception teacher**

**(Interviewed by Sam, Vinnie and Edith)**

Q) What is your favourite book?

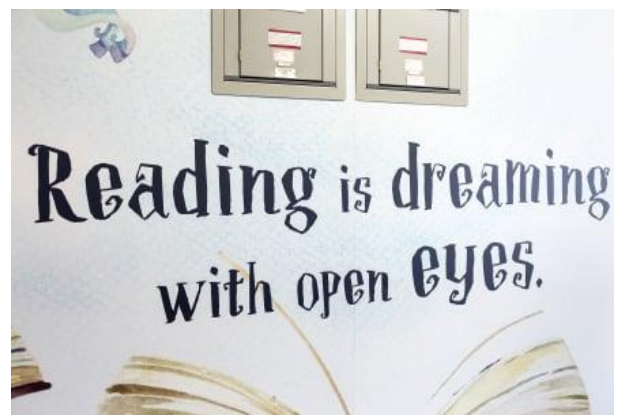
A) *The Twits*

Q) Which types of books do you like reading?

A) *Autobiographies*

Q) Which books have made you laugh or cry?

A) *Whose mess is it?*



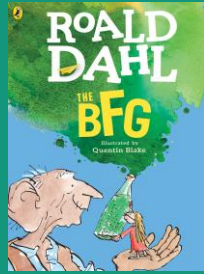
# Book Reviews

This term we have asked our own pupils to provide us with book reviews for their favourite books.

## A Book Review by Mia Year 3

### **The BFG by Roald Dahl**

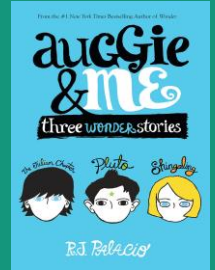
I love the BFG because it's all about a little girl who is in foster care but one night things change. The other BFGs eat children but the one in this story is friendly (Big Friendly Giant)



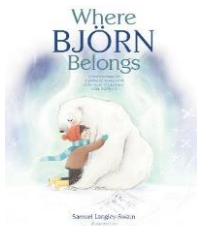
## A Book Review by Abigail Year 6

### **Auggie and Me by R.J. Palacio**

I really enjoyed reading this book. I enjoyed the story line behind it as it was an adventure as well as an insight into someone's life. This book is a sequel to 'Wonder' by the same author but this time, the story is told from a different point of view. I think it is a very important book for children to read as it shows how everyone should be treated the same.



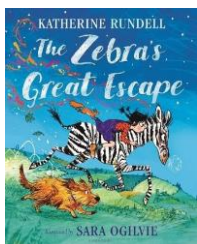
## New books just out!



### **Where Björn Belongs**

Author: Samuel Langley-Swain  
Illustrator: Mirna Imamović

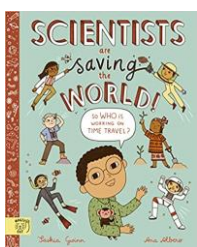
Arthur finds a real polar bear in his garden – but can he keep it? A heart-warming Christmas story.



### **The Zebra's Great Escape**

Author: Katherine Rundell  
Illustrator: Sara Ogilvie

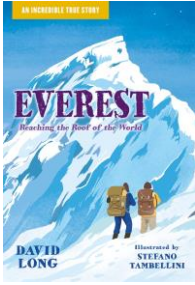
Can Mink save Gabriel the zebra's parents from the evil Mr Spit? A beautifully illustrated longer picture book, perfect for animal lovers.



### **Scientists are Saving the World!**

Author: Saskia Gwinn  
Illustrator: Ana Alberó

A little boy is watching TV with his mum one day and starts asking questions about scientists. What are they doing to save the world right now?

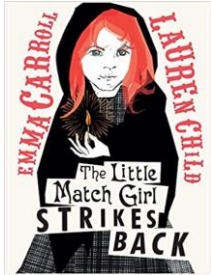


## **Everest: Reaching the Roof of the World**

Author: David Long

Illustrator: Stefano Tambellini

Part of the Incredible True Stories series from Barrington Stoke that also includes Survival in Space: The Apollo 13 Mission, Tragedy at Sea: The Sinking of the Titanic and Tutankhamun's Treasure: Discovering the Secret Tomb of Egypt's Ancient King, this is a fascinating and well-told story of the missions to climb Everest, ending with Edmund...

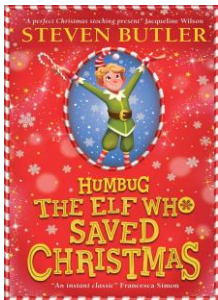


## **The Little Match Girl Strikes Back**

Author: Emma Carroll

Illustrator: Lauren Child

12 year-old Bridie sells matches on the mean streets of Victorian London. Her mother works 14 hours a day making matches in the Bryant and May factory....and the poison from the factory is making her ill. Even though they work so hard, they are very poor and often hungry. Then one New Year's Eve, when Bridie seems to have lost everything, she lights her last three matches...



## **Humbug: The Elf Who Saved Christmas**

Author: Steven Butler

Featuring tons of reindeer poo, stolen mince pies, the fiercest grandma ever, a contrary reindeer, a flying wheelie bin and a riotous and irreverent look at the festive.