

Issue 1

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Mickleover Primary School Reading Newsletter



What will each class be reading this term?

Ladybirds & Bees	The Jolly Postman by Alan Ahlberg
Cats & Dolphins	The Bog Baby by Jeannie Willis
Owls & Tigers	Jack and the Baked Beanstalk by Colin Stimpson Little Red by Lynn Roberts
Year 3	Cave Baby by Emily Gravett
Year 4	The Lost Happy Endings by Carol Ann Duffy
Year 5	Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
Year 6	Street Child by Berlie Doherty

Reading Fact File

Name: Mrs Hilton

Favourite Fiction Genre: Mainly, I like to read 'romantic' fiction from authors like Freya North and Elizabeth Noble, but I also enjoy historical fiction – particularly those based in the Tudor period.

Where / when do you like to read? When I go on holiday (or during the school holidays). I have the habit of not being able to put a good book down, so if I read on a school night, I can get carried away - resulting in not enough sleep!

Favourite Childhood Book: I was brought up on Enid Blyton but I also enjoyed Milly Molly Mandy (Joyce Lankester Brisley) and Anne of Green Gables (L M Montgomery).

Book character you would most like to be and why: Charlie from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This book came out when I was very little and it seemed so magical.

How do you choose a book? Usually because it has been recommended, but I am also persuaded by the front cover. I try to read the first page too, to see if I am drawn in by the style of writing.



Helping your child with reading doesn't just mean listening to him / her reading a school reading book, although this is of course vitally important! Here are some other ways of developing reading skills in your child:

- Talk and listen to your child
 - Make time for discussion – of a TV programme, a news item, a film, during a walk, over a meal, in the car, at bath-time
 - Read stories, poems and other texts aloud to your child – and don't deny yourself the pleasure of reading more challenging texts to older children
 - Let your child see you reading for purpose and pleasure
 - Visit the library / bookshops
 - Listen to stories on CDs, the radio, the internet
 - Give your child access to a wide variety of written material: books, magazines, websites, recipes, instructions, TV guides, catalogues, games
- And remember, children are never too old for a bedtime story.**



Future Events:

We are planning a Sponsored Spell later in the term to raise money for new books for our reading scheme. We are aiming to buy books which better support our phonics teaching and to update our books for the older children, as some are looking more than a little tired.

World Book Day will be celebrated on Friday March 6th, with a Harry Potter themed-lunch to help the day go with a swing!