

Oakdene Primary School

Reading Newsletter



Autumn Term

The Importance of Reading for Pleasure

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF
READING 20
MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year

Our Fiction suggestions:



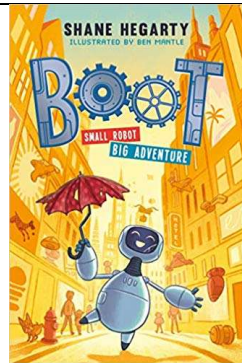
'The Boy who Flew' by Fleur Hitchcock
Aimed at: Year 5 & 6 readers.

If you enjoy mystery and excitement, then this book is for you! Athan Wilde dreams of flight. When his friend, Mr Chen, is murdered, Athan must rescue the flying machine they were building together and stop it falling into the wrong hands. But keeping the machine safe puts his family in terrible danger. What will Athan choose - flight or family?



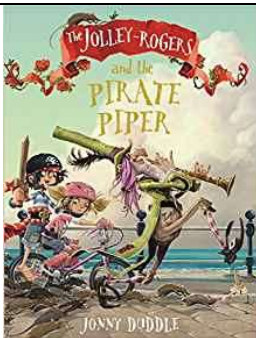
'WILDSPARK' by Vashti Hardy
Aimed at: Year 4, 5 & 6 readers.

Wildspark is set in a world of incredible technology where the spirits of the dead can be given a second chance at life within animal-form mechanical bodies. Prue, with her aptitude for the mechanical, takes her brother's place at the school of mechanical science in the city of Medlock. Prue's secret goal is to find a way to bring back her brother, complete with the memories that other second-lifers lack.



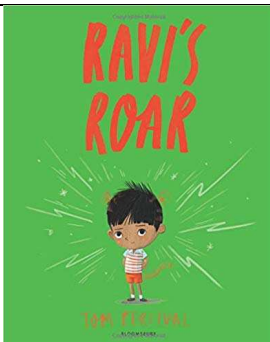
'BOOT: Small Robot, Big Adventure' by Shane Hegarty
Aimed at: Year 3 & 4 readers.

When toy robot, Boot, wakes up at a scrapyards, it has no idea how it got there and why it isn't with its owner, Beth. It only has two and a half glitchy memories, but it knows it was loved, which means something important to humans. With new friends by its side, Boot is determined to find Beth and the gang set off on a dangerous adventure. Everything Boot thought it knew about the world is changing and things aren't as simple as it remembers...



'The Jolley Rogers and the Pirate Piper' by Jonny Duddle
Aimed at: Year 2 & Year 3 readers.

One morning the townspeople of Dull-on-Sea wake to find that their town is overrun with rats. Just when everyone is at their wit's end, a nautical stranger who plays the pipe turns up and offers to get rid of the rodent problem - for a fee. Once that rats have gone, the greedy mayor refuses to pay - so the Pirate Piper plays an enchanted tune and leads the children away. It's up to Matilda, Jim and Nugget to save their friends.



'Ravi's Roar' by Tom Percival
Aimed at: Reception, Year 1, Year 2.

Most of the time Ravi can control his temper but, one day, he lets out the tiger within. Being a tiger is great fun at first - tigers can do ANYTHING they want! But who wants to play with a growling, roaring, noisy, wild tiger who won't share or play nicely? Ravi is about to discover something very important about expressing his feelings and making amends

Poetry Day

On 1st October we will be celebrating National Poetry Day, this year's theme is 'Choice'. As well as reading a variety of poems and exploring the features of poetry, we believe it is important for our pupils to be given lots of opportunities to perform poems in class and at home. This is a great opportunity for them to improve their oracy, build self-confidence and

perform in front of an audience. Studies have shown that learning poems off by heart is both good for the brain and supporting one's mental well-being.

As part of our celebrations the children will be learning and reciting poetry in each class, which will be shared with parents and carers on the website soon, be sure to have a look!



Poetry

A message from poet Brian Moses...

I love poetry for its' rhythms and for the way it works as a snapshot of an experience or thought. It is also something that can be so powerful, it can stay with you a lifetime.

"What advice would you give to anyone who wants to write?" First of all, I reply, if you want to write, then write. Don't talk about it, do it. So many people talk about writing a book one day but never do. Secondly, keep a writer's notebook. Write down what you see, hear, jokes people tell you, thoughts about strange situations, odd signs. It will, as time goes on, become a treasure chest of ideas to refer to again and again. I have notebooks going back many years and they still prove useful. Finally, train yourself to be an observer. Look, listen, note it down. Be receptive to anything and interested in everything. Spot possibilities. Be an ideas detective and read. Read everything you can, anytime, anywhere. Good readers make good writers. Reading is the cornerstone of education. It can also bring huge pleasure. A book is a ticket to an adventure. You'll never be bored with a book. And who knows... one day, you could walk into a book shop and see your name on the front cover of a book. It's quite possible.

Walking with my Iguana

I'm walking
With my iguana

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With my iguana

When the temperature rises
To above eighty-five,
My iguana is looking
Like he's coming alive.

I'm walking
with my iguana

It's the spines on his back
That make him look grim,
But he just loves to be tickled
Under his chin.

And I know that my iguana
Is ready for bed
When he puts on his pyjamas
And lays down his sleepy head.

So we make it to the beach,
My iguana and me,
Then he sits on my shoulder
As we stroll by the sea...

And I'm walking
With my iguana

I'm walking
With my iguana

Well if anyone sees us
We're a big surprise
My iguana and me
On our daily exercise,

Till somebody phones
The local police
Says I've got an alligator
Tied to a leash

When I'm walking
With my iguana

And I'm walking
With my iguana

Still walking
With my iguana

With my iguana...
With my iguana...
And my piranha
And my chihuahua
And my chinchilla,
And my gorilla,
My caterpillar...
And I'm walking...
With my iguana...
With my iguana...
With my iguana...

**Taken from the book 'The Lost
Magic' with kind permission
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Why not try reading it for
yourself...**

and visit brianmoses.co.uk



Our Oakdene Reading Wishlist

We are so grateful to our wonderful families, who continuously support us in enhancing our reading resources in school. Over the summer we have been working hard to enhance our school library and with the funds you so kindly raised during our 'Readathon' we have been able to purchase inspirational, new texts for our children.

Soon, we will be setting up a school reading 'wish list' page, which will further enhance the reading provision we offer our pupils. If you are interested in donating please look out for our letter that will be informing you of how this will work and how you continue to support our Oakdene family.

Here is how our school library looks now with all your wonderful donations. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Miss Doherty.

English Lead.



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