

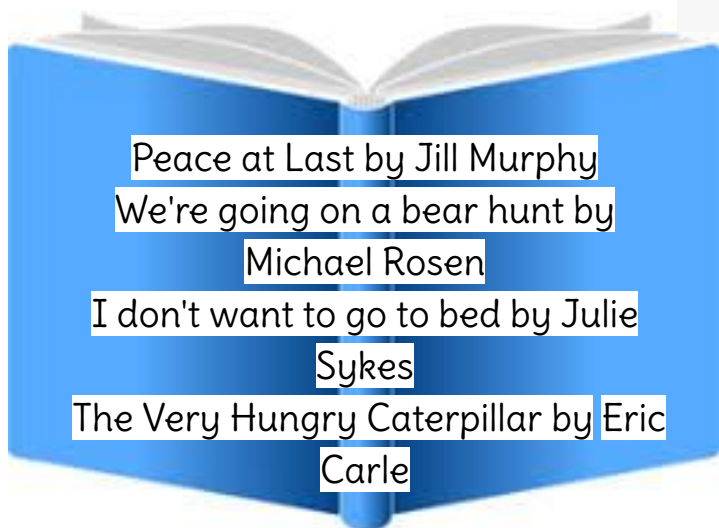


Welcome to the Christmas edition of our reading newsletter. Christmas is almost upon us and it's been an exciting and busy term here at St Bernadette! The children have been enjoying reading many fantastic books in their class, either within their Literacy lessons, Guided Reading sessions or for enjoyment as class stories.

We would like to thank you for supporting your children with reading at home and hope that you have also enjoyed some wonderful stories together.

Here are some of the books that each class have enjoyed this term:

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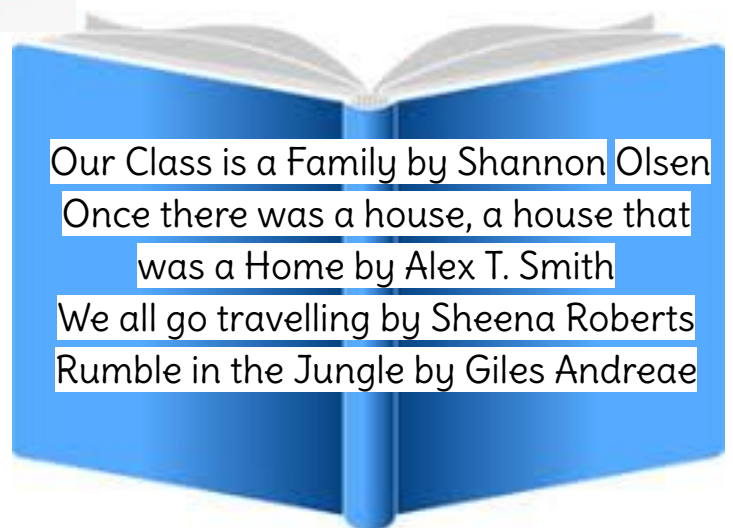
Peace at Last by Jill Murphy

We're going on a bear hunt by
Michael Rosen

I don't want to go to bed by Julie
Sykes

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric
Carle

RECEPTION



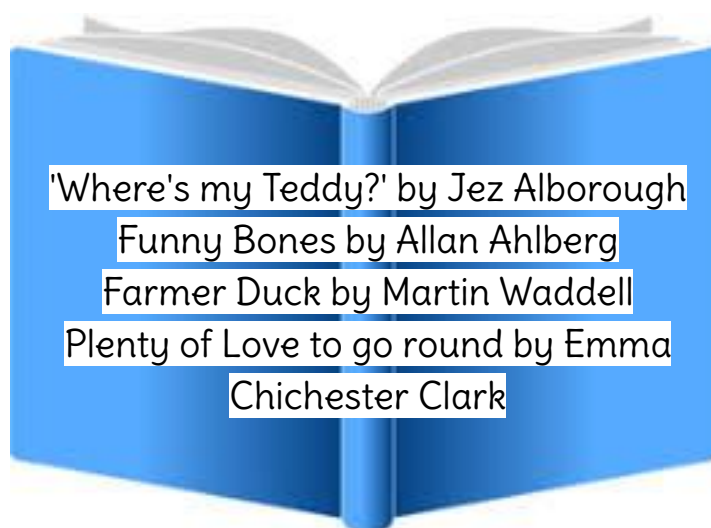
Our Class is a Family by Shannon Olsen

Once there was a house, a house that
was a Home by Alex T. Smith

We all go travelling by Sheena Roberts

Rumble in the Jungle by Giles Andreae

YEAR 1



'Where's my Teddy?' by Jez Alborough

Funny Bones by Allan Ahlberg

Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell

Plenty of Love to go round by Emma

Chichester Clark



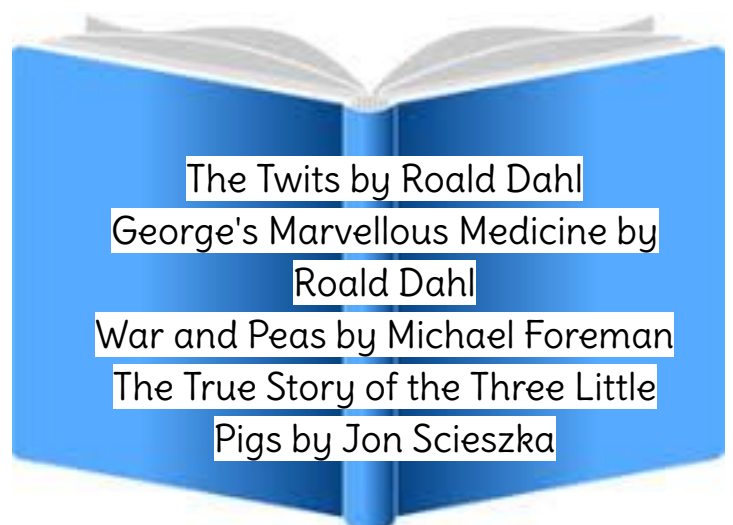


YEAR 2



Matilda by Roald Dahl
 The BFG by Roald Dahl
 Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin
 Dogger by Shirley Hughes

YEAR 3



The Twits by Roald Dahl
 George's Marvellous Medicine by
 Roald Dahl
 War and Peas by Michael Foreman
 The True Story of the Three Little
 Pigs by Jon Scieszka



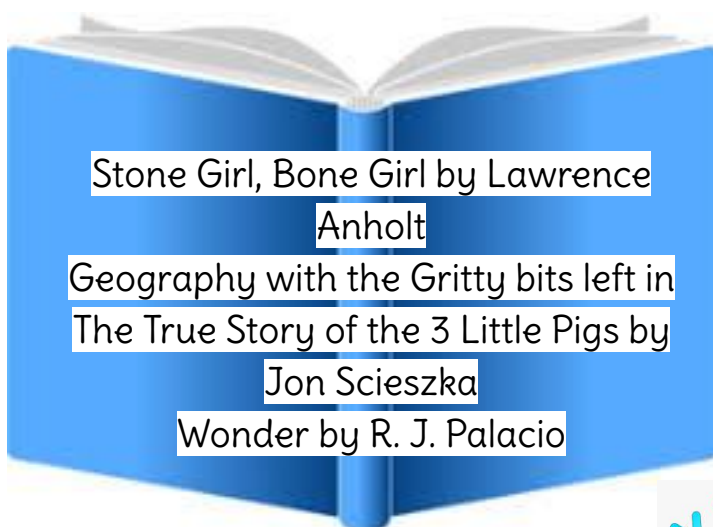
YEAR 4



Ancient Myths Collection
 Vanishing Rainforest by Richard
 Platt
 The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith
 Overheard on a Saltmarsh by
 Harold Monro

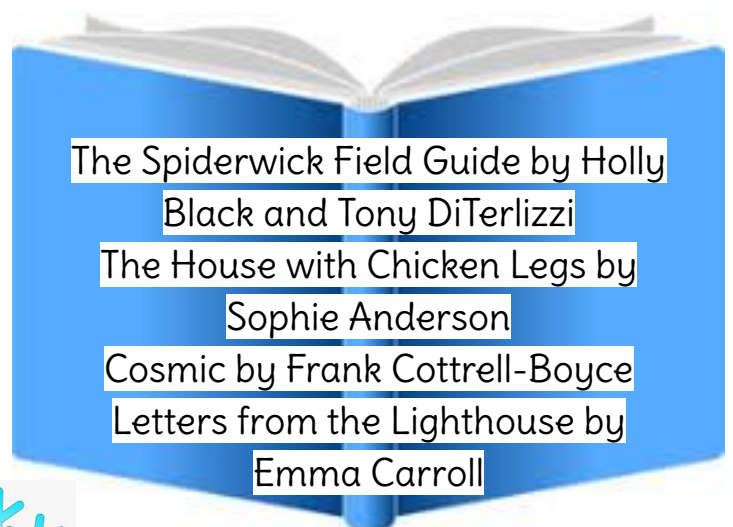


YEAR 5



Stone Girl, Bone Girl by Lawrence
 Anholt
 Geography with the Gritty bits left in
 The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by
 Jon Scieszka
 Wonder by R. J. Palacio

YEAR 6



The Spiderwick Field Guide by Holly
 Black and Tony DiTerlizzi
 The House with Chicken Legs by
 Sophie Anderson
 Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce
 Letters from the Lighthouse by
 Emma Carroll

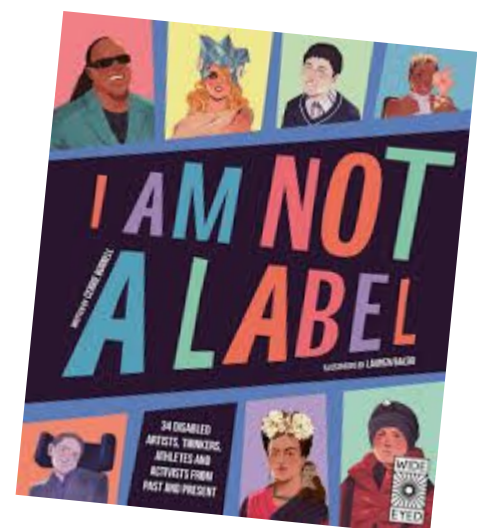
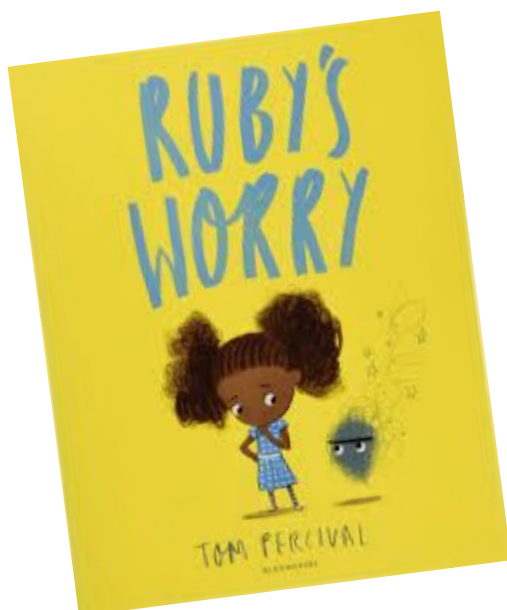
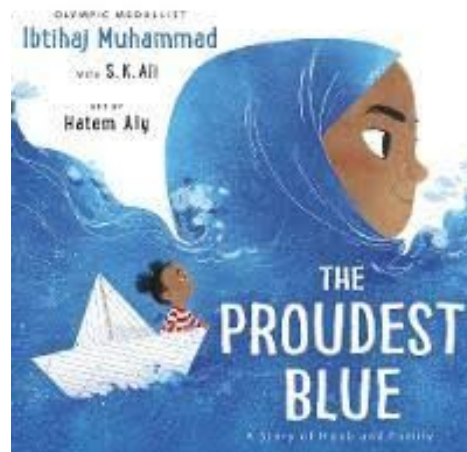
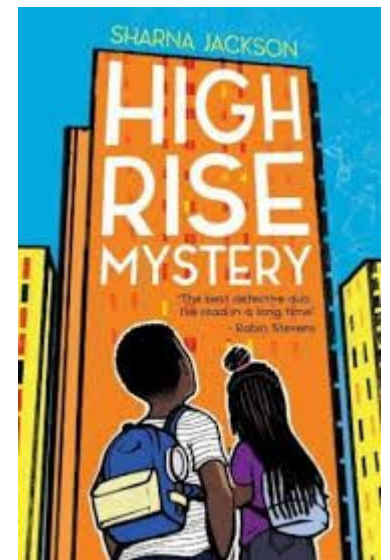


DIVERSE READING at St Bernadette

At St Bernadette, we strongly believe that all children within our school community should feel represented in the books available to them in our class libraries.

This term, with the help of your very generous donations, we have been developing the diversity of books, characters and non-fiction texts in our classrooms to ensure that every child can relate to characters they enjoy reading about.

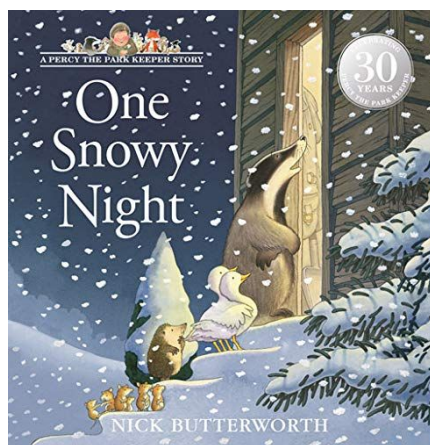
In the Spring Term, we will continue to improve representation and diversity in our school library and classrooms, so that our books reflect the society we live in, and all pupils feel represented and valued.



RECOMMENDED READS



Picture books



One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth

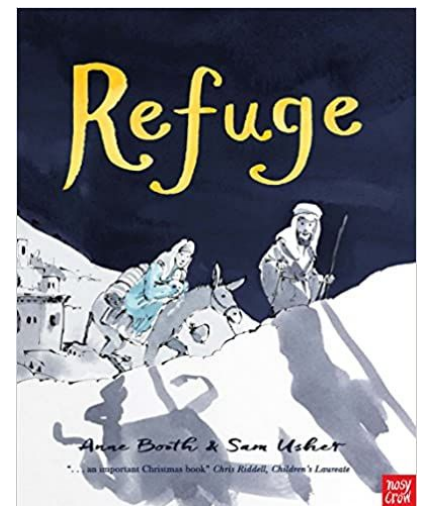
Celebrate thirty years of Percy the Park Keeper and his animal friends with this funny story in the classic series from award-winning author and illustrator Nick Butterworth!

Percy the park keeper always feeds the animals in the park where he lives. But one cold winter's night Percy discovers that his little friends need more than food and he must find a way to help them.

Refuge by Anne Booth

A timely and timeless retelling of the Christmas story, inspired by refugee children everywhere.

This powerful and evocative picture book, which tells the Christmas story and what follows – the fleeing of Jesus, Mary and Joseph from Herod's soldiers to Egypt – has timeless crossover appeal and a poignant message that couldn't be more relevant.



The Crayons' Christmas by Drew Daywalt

A brand-new Crayons book from the #1 New York Times best-selling duo Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers. This hilarious interactive book has letters, games, ornaments, a poster and even a pop-up Christmas tree – perfect for the festive season!

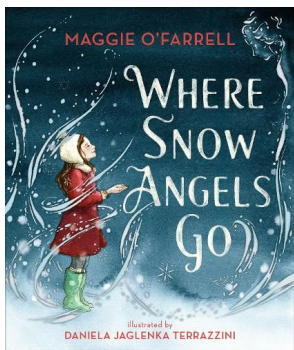
'Tis the season for all of us to write our Christmas wish lists. But everyone knows – even the Crayons – that the best presents are the ones that you give. In this unique book, readers join in as Duncan, the Crayons and their families celebrate the festive season.



RECOMMENDED READS



Books for Younger Readers



Where Snow Angels Go by Maggie O'Farrell

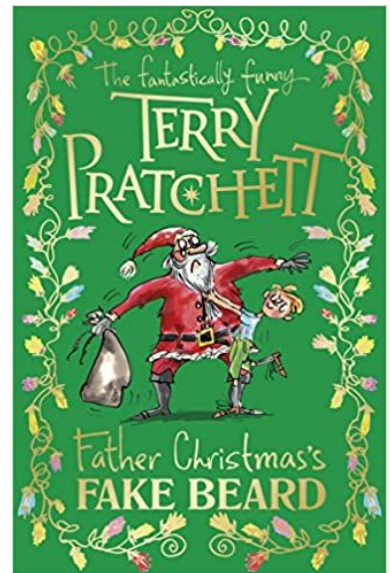
SNOW angel! He tells her that he is here to look after her, for Sylvie is not as well as she seems... Many months later, as Sylvie recovers from her illness, she longs to see her snow angel again. He saved her life! There is so much she wants to tell him, so much she wants to know! Will he ever come back to her? And how can Sylvie make sure that everyone she loves has their own snow angel, to keep them safe, too?

Father Christmas's Fake Beard by Terry Pratchett

Have you ever wanted Christmas to be different? Turkey and carols, presents and crackers - they all start to feel a bit . . . samey.

How about a huge exploding mince pie, a pet abominable snowman, or a very helpful partridge in a pear tree? What if Father Christmas went to work at a zoo, or caused chaos in a toy store, or was even arrested for burglary!?

Dive into the fantastically funny world of Terry Pratchett, for a festive treat like no other. These ten stories will have you laughing, gasping and crying (with laughter) - you'll never see Christmas in the same way again.



A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig

BELIEVE IN THE IMPOSSIBLE

You are about to read **THE TRUE STORY OF FATHER CHRISTMAS**

If you are one of those people who believe that some things are impossible, you should put this book down right away.

(Because this book is FULL of impossible things.)

Are you still reading? Good. Then let us begin...

RECOMMENDED READS



Books for Older Readers



The Midnight Guardians by Ross Montgomery

Sometimes at the darkest hour, hope shines the brightest...

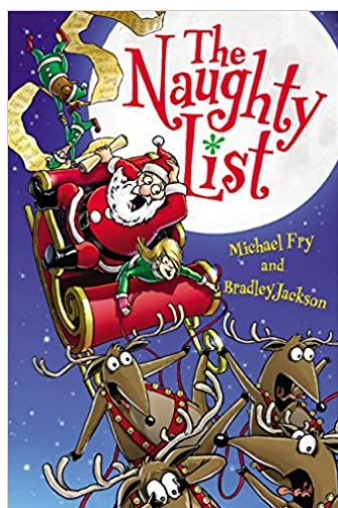
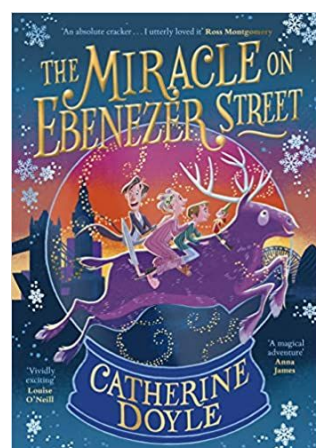
When Col's childhood imaginary friends come to life, he discovers a world where myths and legends are real. Accompanied by his guardians – a six-foot tiger, a badger in a waistcoat and a miniature knight – Col must race to Blitz-bombed London to save his sister.

But there are darker forces at work, even than the Nazi bombings. Soon Col is pursued by the terrifying Midwinter King, who is determined to bring an eternal darkness down over everything.

The Miracle on Ebenezer Street by Catherine Doyle

A stunning modern reimagining of Charles Dickens' beloved classic, A Christmas Carol. 'Old Marley's magic was beginning to stir...'

When George stumbles across Marley's Curiosity Shop at the Christmas fair he finds a mysterious snow globe. The scene it contains is just the first of a series of impossibilities . . . Alongside his Scrooge of a father, George is swept on an adventure that takes them to Christmas past, Christmas present and Christmas future.



The Naughty List by Michael Fry

A great story, lively drawings, and a cast of unforgettable characters. What else could you want for Christmas?

When Bobbie's hilariously bumbling efforts to save her brother's Christmas actually land *him* on Santa's Naughty List, she must travel to the North Pole to make things right again and save Christmas. Bobbie suddenly finds herself on an epic holiday adventure complete with rogue elves, dysfunctional reindeer, a lazy Santa, and more.