



St Bridget's Christmas Reading Newsletter



December 2023

Welcome to the first reading newsletter of the year. Read on to see what goes on in school sprinkled with ideas for captivating Christmas and Spring Term reads to whet the appetite of all learners.

Reading in St Bridget's

Reading takes place in various forms every day across the school: phonics, class text reading by the teacher, choral reading, independent reading and you will find the year 6 Reading Ambassadors reading to younger pupils during lunchtime in the school library. Children in all classes experience a rich reading diet of stories, non-fiction and poetry.

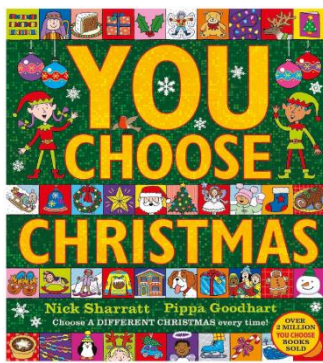


Blue Peter reading badges have been flying in - look how many reading champions we have already (with many more still awaiting their deliveries!)



Lunchtime reading club takes place in the school library every day where year 1 and year 6 children read together.

Some ideas for brilliant Christmas reads over the festive season:

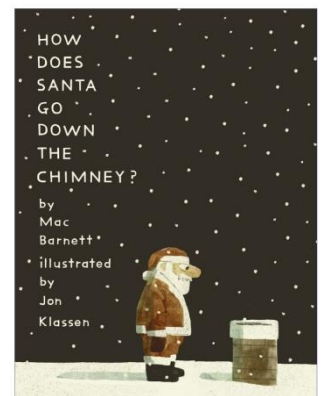


You Choose Christmas by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart

The original version of this book is every young child's favourite and this is an amazing Christmas special edition which is bound to delight!

How Does Santa Go Down the Chimney? By Mac Burnett and Jon Klassen

This newly released picture book is guaranteed to have children in stitches with its attempt to answer the mysteries about Santa's Christmas Eve escapades.



Operation Nativity by Jenny Pearson

This is the perfect Christmas read for junior children. It is a fresh (and hilarious, but emotional) take on the traditional nativity story.

Juniper's Christmas by Eoin Colfer

Flying reindeer... Santa Claus... the need to restore the Christmas spirit – all the ingredients for a seasonal heart-warming tale.

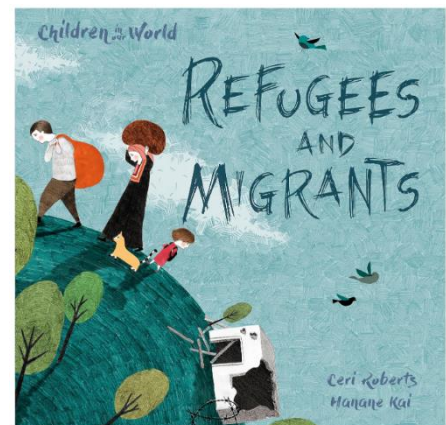
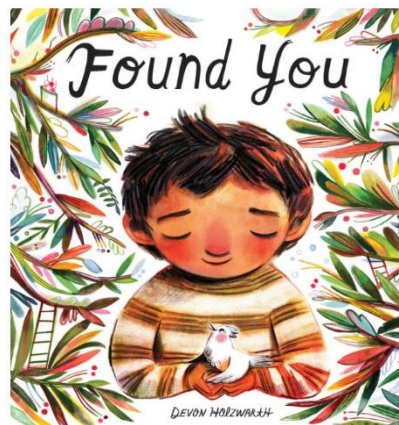
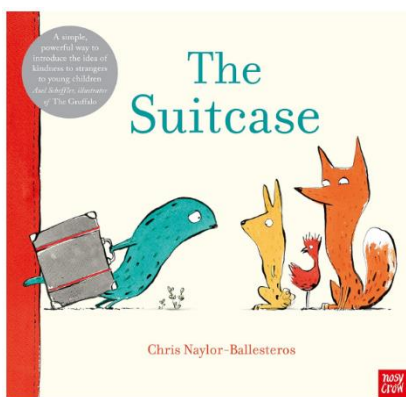


Spring Term across the school has two foci: the first half term shines a light on refugees as part of the Social Justice topic. The second half celebrates and promotes STEM topics and opportunities.

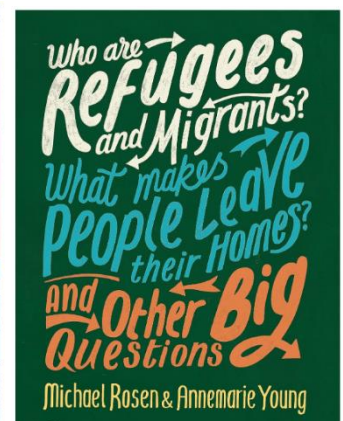
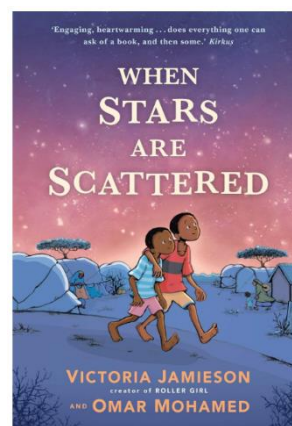
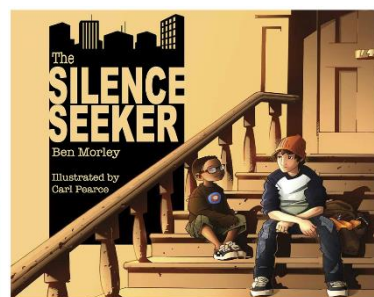
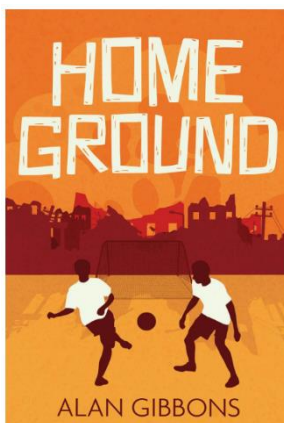
Books are a really accessible way to introduce topics which can be difficult to discuss or that can be worrying or confusing for young children. Many of the following books champion kindness, acceptance and tolerance or offer a new perspective on many of society's realities.

Social Justice and Diversity – Refugees and Immigration:

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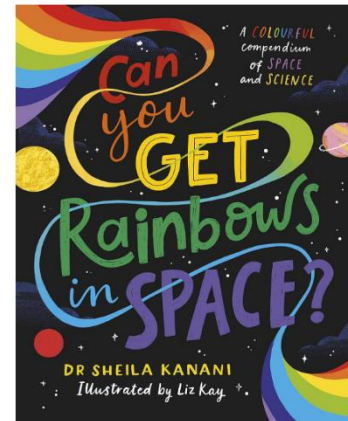
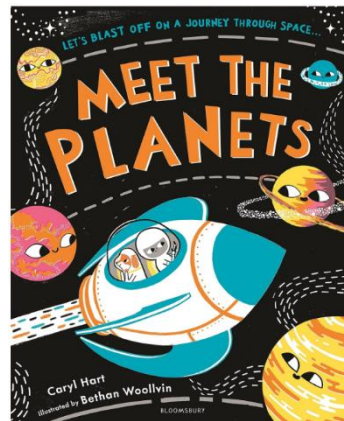
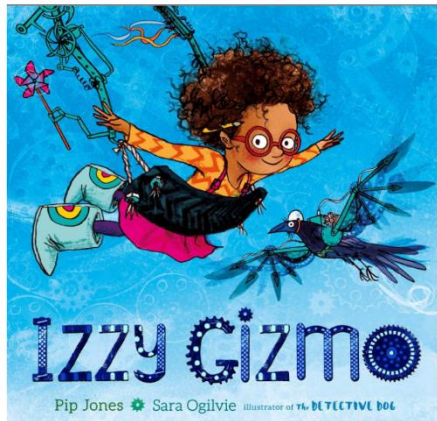


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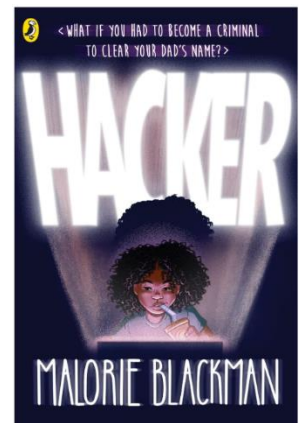
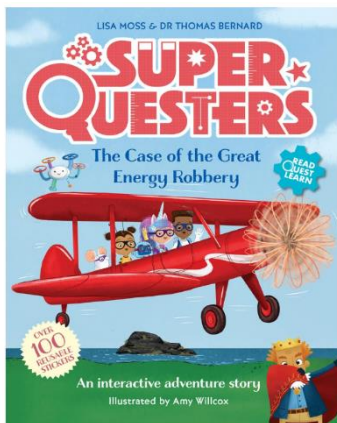


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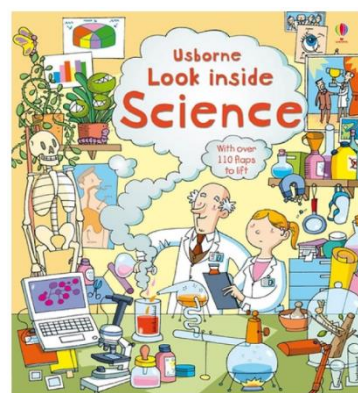
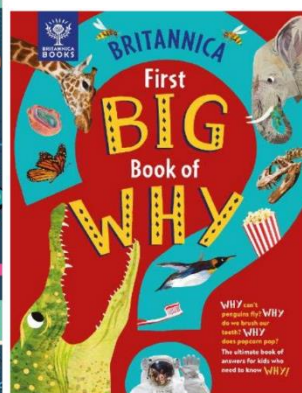
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Reference for all ages:



For all curious and inquisitive learners with an appetite for computing, science and technology.

