



# Milton Primary

## Reading Roundup

### Welcome to Milton Primary Academy's first ever 'Reading Roundup'...

As many of you already know, reading is the key to learning. It allows children (and adults) to get lost in a new world, learn new facts and feel empathy towards characters. Not to mention the enjoyment that can come from a great story! If children feel confident reading and enjoy reading, they can apply these skills in all other subjects to support them in making fantastic progress throughout their time at school and into adult life.

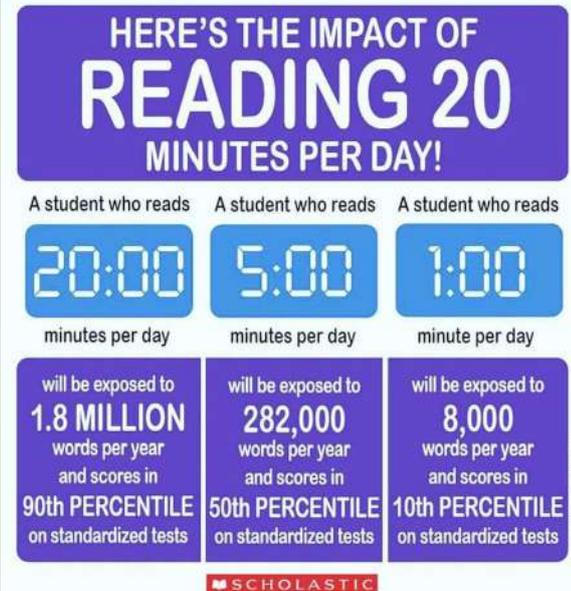
As a result, we have created a reading newsletter to share new, exciting and high-quality texts as well as tips and up-to-date information about helping your child develop their love of reading and reading skills. Each half-term, we will create an up-to-date reading newsletter to share with you, so sit back, relax and enjoy Milton's first ever reading newsletter!



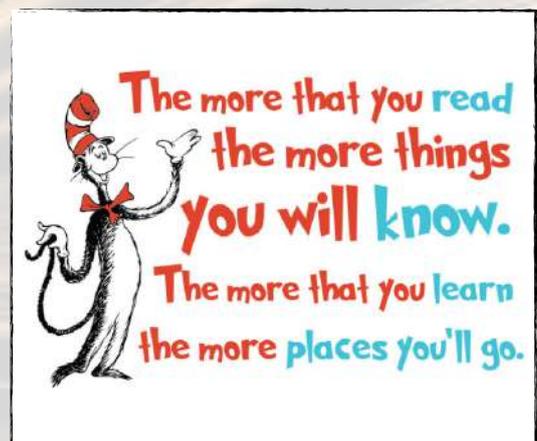


## The Importance of Reading

There really is overwhelming evidence to show that reading has a significant impact on children's success at school. 'As your child reads, they will be learning new words which is the key to developing their vocabulary. The more that you read, the more things you will know' (as Dr Seuss would say!)



If your child hasn't found their love of reading just yet, then don't worry—all it takes is finding the right book at the right time. This is something we talk about a lot of school. With so many fantastic, funny, interesting and creative authors out there, it is only a matter of time until they find the book for them. So, encourage them to read....anything! Comic books, poems, leaflets, child-friendly newspapers, books and so much more is waiting for your child to enjoy.



## Virtual Library

We know that sometimes it can be tricky to get new books at home, especially at the minute. As a result we are in the process of creating a virtual library for the children at Milton so they can experience books wherever they are. Keep an eye out for more information!



## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



### **Mrs Bailey Recommends...**

This is a beautifully written book for older KS2 pupils about a boy called

Michael who feels quite alone. His sister is in hospital and his parents spend a lot of time away. Whilst on his own, Michael finds a strange creature in the garage called Skellig and together, they experience magic and hope.



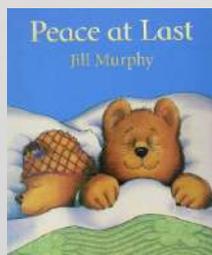
### **Miss Redford Recommends...**

This book is aimed at older children and begins in a magical village inhabited by a breed of small people, called Hobbits. Bilbo is visited by Gandalf, a wizard, who takes Bilbo on a very perilous quest. It's an adventure that you don't want to miss!



### **Mrs McCue Recommends...**

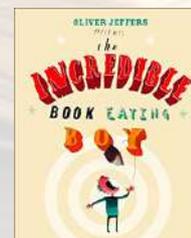
This story is about Mr Bear who can't get to sleep. He tried to go to sleep in different places. You can read this story to find out what he does and you can see if he does get to sleep eventually. Enjoy!

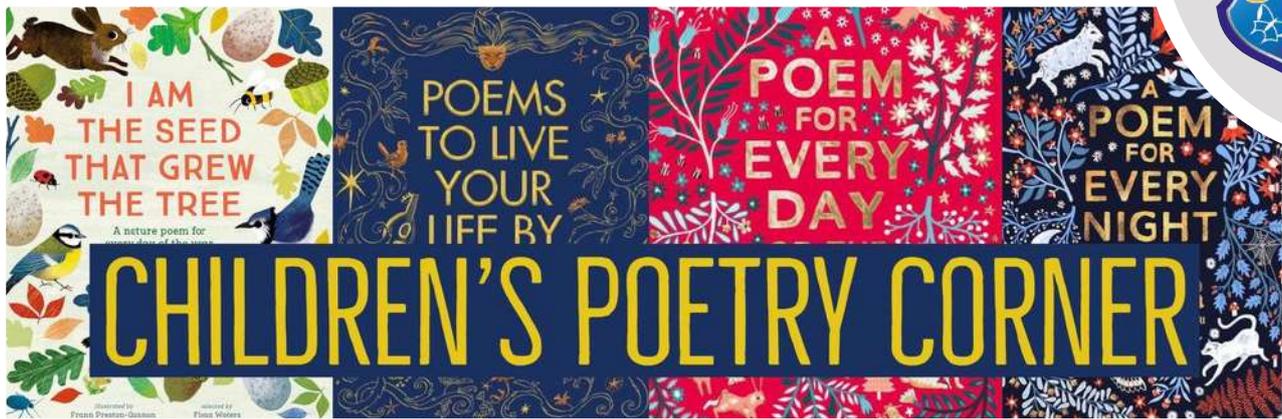


### **Miss Erskine Recommends...**

I love to laugh along with stories and this story really does make me laugh!

This book by Oliver Jeffers is a creative way in which one boy tries to be the smartest person on EARTH! However, things don't quite go to plan.





## The Dentist and the Crocodile

BY ROALD DAHL

The crocodile, with a cunning smile, sat in the dentist's chair.  
He said, "Right here and everywhere my teeth require repair."  
The dentist's face was turning white. He quivered, quaked and shook.  
He muttered, "I suppose I'm going to have to take a look."

"I want you", Crocodile declared, "to do the back ones first.  
The molars at the very back are easily the worst."  
He opened wide his massive jaws. It was a fearsome sight—  
At least three hundred pointed teeth, all sharp and shining white.

The dentist kept himself well clear. He stood two yards away.  
He chose the longest probe he had to search out the decay.  
"I said to do the back ones first!" the Crocodile called out.  
"You're much too far away, dear sir, to see what you're about.  
To do the back ones properly you've got to put your head  
Deep down inside my great big mouth," the grinning Crocky said.

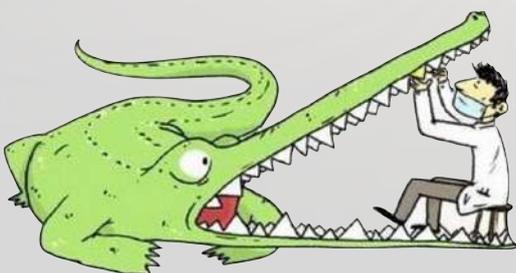
The poor old dentist wrung his hands and, weeping in despair,  
He cried, "No no! I see them all extremely well from here!"  
Just then, in burst a lady, in her hands a golden chain.  
She cried, "Oh Croc, you naughty boy, you're playing tricks again!"

"Watch out!" the dentist shrieked and started  
climbing up the wall.

"He's after me! He's after you! He's going to eat  
us all!"

"Don't be a twit," the lady said, and flashed a  
gorgeous smile.

"He's harmless. He's my little pet, my lovely  
crocodile."





# Accelerated<sup>TM</sup> Reader

## Well Done!!

Congratulations to all the children who have quizzed this term. Jess in 3JR has proved herself a real star AR quizzer by completing 16 book quizzes since the start of the term, whilst Hubert, also in 3JR, has completed 15 quizzes! Well done to both of you and also to everyone else who has been working hard, completing as many quizzes as possible!

### Word Millionaire's Row



## Reading Challenge

## BOOK BINGO

Choose a book from your school library to read. <input type="checkbox"/>	Write a 'School Library Book Review' for the school library book you read. <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a fiction book.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that someone in your family read when they were young. <input type="checkbox"/>
Read a children's newspaper.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that is set in a different time in history. <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a poetry book.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that features mythical creatures, such as dragons or aliens. <input type="checkbox"/>



# Helping Your Child Select A Book..



Sometimes, choosing a book can be tricky, especially with so many fantastic choices out there. To support your child with helping them choose the right book, try these strategies:

- 1) Is the book in their ZPD range? Use <https://arbookfind.co.uk> to find out if the book is at the right level for your child. This was displayed as a BL (book level) on the website. You can also check if the content of the book is appropriate: Years 1-3 should be reading 'LY' (lower years) books and Years 4-6 should be reading 'MY' (middle years) books.
- 2) Look at the covers and read the blurb. Although we should never judge a book by its cover, often the covers are the first thing to catch our eye. Try encouraging your child to read the blurb too to see if it's a book they would enjoy.
- 3) Questions. Ask them why they have chosen their current reading book? Can they explain why? Is it because they like that author? Has someone recommended it to them?

## World Book Day 2021

We recently celebrated World Book Day 2021 at school and at home. Have a look at some of the fantastic photos showing off how much we enjoyed the day:



All children should have received their World Book Day Token. World Book Day book tokens will be valid from 18 February – Sunday 28 March 2021. This year, participating booksellers will honour the tokens beyond the 28 March while stocks last. Click this link to see the books on offer and to find out more information about the tokens <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>