



READING ROUNDUP

ISSUE 2 – JANUARY 2022

Welcome back to our second issue of the Reading Roundup! A lot has happened in school since our last issue, from author visits to book sales and parent reading morning to reading rewards! Everyone in KS2 was treated to a virtual author visit from famous children's author Jacqueline Wilson and KS1 were treated to a face-to-face visit from up and coming author George Wilkins. Children were given the opportunity to ask both authors questions about their writing process but were also lucky enough to hear them read extracts from their latest books!

Mrs Rye also kicked off her 'Reach for the Stars' awards last term, which allows children who have shown amazing progress or attitudes to learning, the opportunity to own their own book. We've had numerous children receive this award so far for lots of different reasons, and we look forward to seeing more children strive for success!



DATES / EVENTS / COMPETITIONS

JANUARY

- 11.01.2022 – Year 1 and 2 – Young Readers Club Starts
- 30.01.2022 – National Storytelling Week

FEBRUARY

- 03.02.2022 – Virtual Parent Workshop – Support Reading at Home
- 07.02.2022 – Harry Potter Book Night
- 14.02.2022 – International Book Giving Day

MARCH

- 03.03.2022 – World Book Day (Celebrating 25 Years)
- 20.03.2022 – World Story Telling Day
- 21.03.2022 – Shakespeare Week





SUPPORTING READING AT HOME

Children love spending time looking at books with adults. It makes a big difference to their futures to **spend 10 minutes a day sharing a story**. There are no right or wrong ways to read out loud but sometimes it can be tricky to know where to begin. Here are a few tips and ideas to get you started:

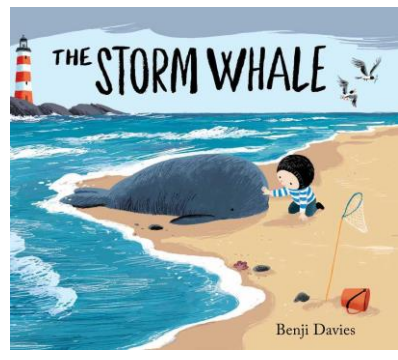
- **I WONDER...** Ask open questions about how characters are feeling or what might happen next or why things are in the illustrations.

- **BRING THE BOOK TO LIFE...** Make faces, use voices, include actions – have fun together!

- **THAT REMINDS ME OF...** Make personal connections.
- **WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN THERE...?** Follow your child’s interests.
- **THAT MAKES ME FEEL...** Let your child know how the events of the story have affected you
- **AGAIN, AGAIN...** Re-reading is a great source of comfort for children – and a chance to spot things that you didn’t see the first time round. Challenge yourself to spot something new each time.

READING AT ST GEORGE’S

This term we started a Young Readers afterschool club for Years 1 and 2. At our first session our readers took on the ‘secret book cover challenge’. Together we read a story without knowing the title or what the book cover looked like! Our young readers then designed what they thought the book cover looked like and came up with their own titles based on what we read. Check out some of their designs and ideas for ‘The Storm Whale’ by Benji Davies.

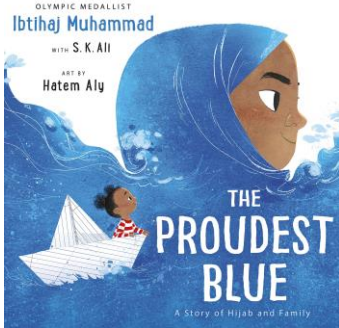




RECOMMENDED READS

Struggling to find a book to read? Why not try one of our recommended reads below...
This term's suggested books have a theme of equality diversity and inclusion.

Age 5+



The Proudest Blue Ibtihaj Muhammad

A powerful, vibrantly illustrated story about the first day of school--and two sisters on one's first day of hijab--by Olympic medalist and social justice activist Ibtihaj Muhammad. With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special.

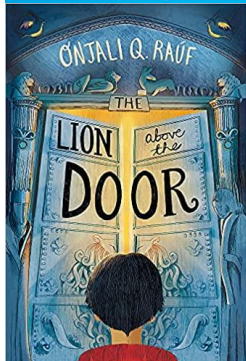
Age 7+



Lightning Girl by Alesha Dixon

10-year-old Aurora Beam lives at home with her utterly unremarkable family... until the day she sees her **little sister** being picked on in the playground and suddenly beams of light shoot out of her fingers! It's time for her parents to drop a life-changing bombshell.

Age 9+



The Lion Above the Door by O'njali Q Rauf

From Onjali Q. Rauf, the award-winning and best-selling author of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, comes an incredible story about missing histories and the concept of a universal family, told with humour and heart. Leo and his best friend Sangeeta are the odd ones out in their school.

Have you read a book that you would highly recommend to others in the school?
Find Miss Gower and tell her to feature in to next issue of Reading Roundup.

