



Reading Newsletter Autumn 2023



Welcome back!

Well after a rather soggy start to the year, the library is looking fabulous and in full working order! Thank you to Mr Young, staff and the Year 6 children who helped organise and move all the books.

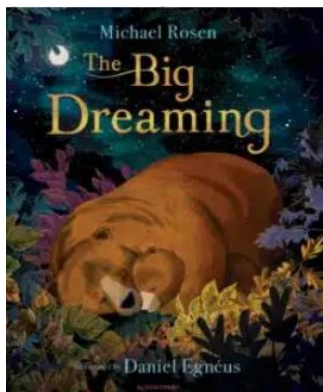
We have some exciting new additions too. Some comfy sofas to enjoy as we read and a **reading book vending machine**. Every two weeks, teachers will nominate a child from their class, who has impressed with their reading, either through reading consistently (e.g. reading everyday), making great progress or supporting others to read. They will then be awarded a raffle ticket, which will be draw out of a hat for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. **The winner from each phase can select a book from the vending machine to take home!**



St. Kath's' Book Nooks

The Reading Ambassadors have opened two amazing 'Book Nooks' on the lower playground after school on **Wednesday**. Come along, **borrow** a book from a super selection, take it home to read and **return** the following week. A great opportunity for children to share stories at home, or even find a new author to be excited by!
Come and take a look next Wednesday!

New Releases this Autumn

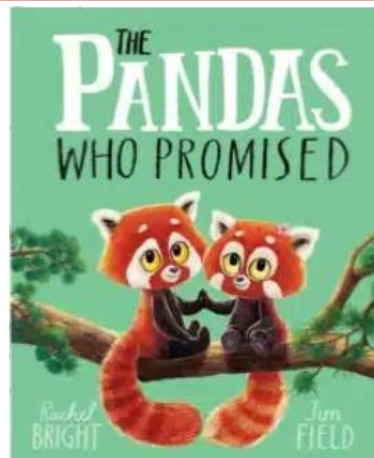


The Big Dreaming by Michael Rosen & Daniel Egneus

The Cold is coming, and it's time for Big Bear and Little Bear to get ready for the Big Sleep: for bears sleep all winter long, and wake up in the spring. But Little Bear is worried. What if they run out of dreams during the Big Sleep? And so, Little Bear sets out bravely to find enough dreams to see them through the long winter.

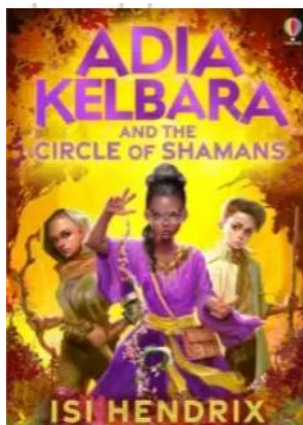
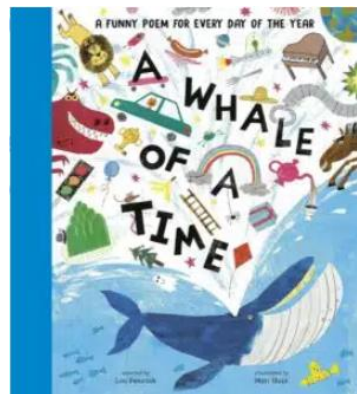
The Pandas Who Promised by Rachel Bright and Jim Field **KS1**

High on a misty mountainside, red panda cubs Popo and Ketu live happily with their mama. As the sisters grow, they promise that they will ALWAYS stay close to home. But while Popo is content to stay in the family's cosy treetop nest, bold Ketu dreams of excitement and exploration. And so when Ketu creeps off down the mountain in search of adventure, Popo must make a choice: will she keep her promise to Mama, or look after her sister?



A Whale of a Time: A Funny Poem for Every Day of the Year by Lou Peacock & Matt Hunt **LKS2**

A brilliantly illustrated collection of 366 hilarious poems to keep you laughing all year round! From rib-ticklingly funny to wryly witty, each poem in this uplifting collection is guaranteed to put a smile on your face and is perfect for reading aloud to share even more side-splitting hilarity with family and friends.



Adia Kelbara and the Circle of Shamans by Isi Hendrix **UKS2**

As a 12-year-old orphan, life for Adia has not been easy. Raised by her Aunt and Uncle, in the swamplands as a member of the Igbo tribe, Adia is marked to be an Ogbanje – an evil spirit, thought to bring misfortune on those around her. When Adia mistakenly destroys her village she flees to the Academy of Shamans, hoping to free herself from the curse.





The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow & Joe Todd-Stanton POETRY

This is an extraordinary verse novel about the final year of primary school, told through poetry. The verse captures the character of Year 6 pupil Nate as he navigates issues of school, family illness, emotions, change and friendships. Year 6 is a difficult year for many children and whilst they are unlikely to have it quite as difficult as Nate, the book still captures some of that flavour, including the run-up to SATs, friendship issues and anxiety during a time when a sense of big changes is in the air.



Snodland Library

Enjoy the latest releases with no cost! Visit your local library to grab some new bedtime stories to share with your children. Children's library cards allow them to borrow up to 30 books - which will keep even the biggest book worm busy!

There is also no charge on children's cards, if books are returned a little late!

Opening Times

Thursday	09:00 - 17:00
Friday	09:00 - 13:00 14:00 - 17:00
Saturday	09:00 - 13:00
Sunday	Closed
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	09:00 - 17:00
Wednesday	12:00 - 17:00



Diary Dates

October
 Black History Month
 Mental Health Month
 Halloween

Donations Welcome

Do you have any children's books, that are of good quality, which are no longer needed? If so, we will happily accept donations. Please hand in through the school office. Thank you.

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Recommended by...

Have your say! We would love to include your book review in our next newsletter! Remember to fill in a book review, write your name and class on the back and return it to the library. You could be in the next edition!



Get caught reading!

We would love to share photos of you reading too! To be in the next edition of St. Kath's reading newsletter 'Get Caught Reading'! Ask someone at home to snap a picture of you enjoying your book. Don't forget to write it in your Home-School Reading record to move up your 'Race to Read chart in class! Send to office@st-katherines.kent.sch.uk

