



Wilbraham - Let's Read!



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Hello and welcome to our very first edition of our new reading newsletter. It is packed full of things - you can listen to Mr Wheeldon read a story, you can listen to Mrs Izon read some poems, you can find out more about the literacy team and you can see all the books that the whole school has been reading!

Remember to make sure you enter our competition for some fabulous book-related prizes! We would also love to hear your feedback on the new newsletter too – our email is reading@wilbrahamprimary.com.

Make someone laugh!

What did the frog say when he
went to library?

Reddit, reddit, reddit!



National Poetry Day

We celebrated by sharing some poems at school. If you want to join in with some poems at home, click on the book or scan the QR code to listen to some poems read by

Mrs Izon.



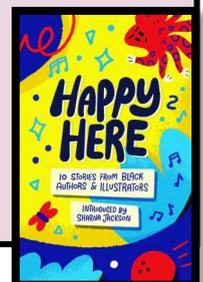
Competition Winners

A huge congratulations to **Abeer** for winning the Wilbraham Summer Library Reading Competition.

Well done to the **children in 6M** who helped us name the newsletter.

We used 2 of their suggestions to create the name of this newsletter - Wilbraham, Let's Talk and Wilbraham Reads. They have been given this fabulous book as a prize!

Thank you for all the brilliant names suggestions - it was a hard choice to make!





Meet the Literacy Team

We will interview different members of staff in each edition of the newsletter. But first, let's meet the literacy team!

Miss Hatton

What/who was your favourite book/author as a child?

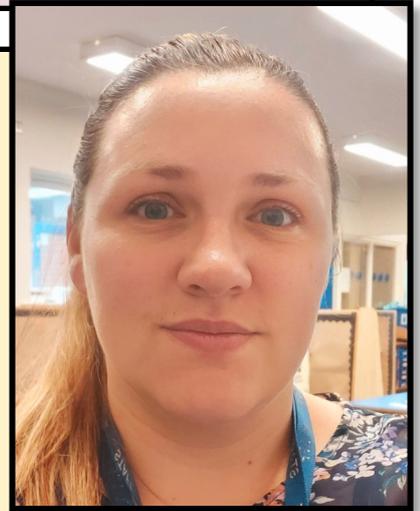
My favourite author was J.K Rowling, I will be forever grateful to her for making me believe 'magic' is real. I love all of the Harry Potter books, but my favourite is 'The Prisoner of Azkaban'.

Where is your favourite place to read? I love to snuggle up in bed to read before I go to sleep.

Who is your favourite character from a book? I have always loved Eeyore from A A Milne's 'Winnie the Pooh' series. Even though he usually feels sad and low, he has some really good friends who love and support him.

Would you rather have a book's ending spoiled for you OR never know the ending?

I would definitely rather have the ending spoiled. Sometimes the endings are the best bit!



Mrs Izon

What/who was your favourite book/author as a child?

I loved Janet and Allan Ahlberg, they did great books and poetry books. I loved the Happy Families series and the Please Mrs Butler poetry anthology.

Where is your favourite place to read? I really enjoy reading in bed before I go to sleep, it helps me to switch off from the day.

Who is your favourite character from a book? I really liked Anne from Anne of Green Gables, I only read it quite recently and she is brilliant! I would definitely recommend reading it.

Would you rather have a book's ending spoiled for you OR never know the ending?

I would definitely rather have it spoiled for me, I hate not finding out the ending to stories!



Miss Gee

What/who was your favourite book/author as a child?

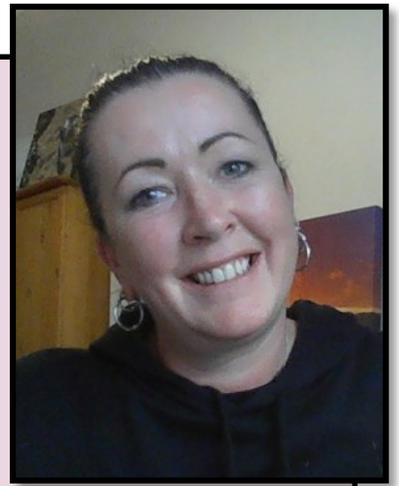
I loved reading adventure stories and Enid Blyton's Famous Five were brilliant! My friends and I made our own 'Famous Five' club and made up our own adventures. Such fun memories!

Where is your favourite place to read? I read best when I am in Anglesey in our caravan. It's so quiet and all I can hear are the birds and sheep from outside—I can read a whole chapter book in a day there.

Who is your favourite character from a book? I have so many! I love reading children's novels and think that Bradley Chalkers from 'There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom' is such a bright character who makes me laugh and can teach us a lot about ourselves.

Would you rather have a book's ending spoiled for you OR never know the ending?

I'd rather have an ending spoiled. Even if I know what happens at the end, I enjoy it!



Ms Tang

What/who was your favourite book/author as a child?

I absolutely loved Roald Dahl. We're currently reading 'The Twits' in 2T and I'm pleased to say my class are enjoying it as much as I did when I was little!

Where is your favourite place to read? Ideally on a warm beach with a cold, fruity drink in hand! However, I also like reading in the bath.

Who is your favourite character from a book? My children and I all love Rocket from Look Up! and Clean Up! by Nathan Bryon. She's a feisty girl interested in Science who wants to make the world a better place. What a great role model!

Would you rather have a book's ending spoiled for you OR never know the ending?

I find it very hard to not finish a book even if I don't enjoy it, so I'd definitely rather have the ending spoiled for me.



Who would you like to see in the next newsletter? Let us know by emailing reading@wilbrahamprimary.com

Tongue Twisters!

If a dog chews shoes,
whose shoes does he
choose?



Storytime

Click on the book or scan the QR code to listen
to a story from Mr Wheeldon



Illustrator Spotlight

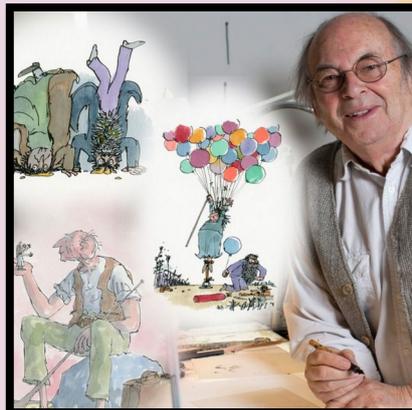
We all know Roald Dahl! But do you know who did his illustrations?

Quentin Blake

For our first illustrator spotlight, we will have a look at the work of the amazing (and very famous) Quentin Blake.

[Click on Willy Wonka to see how to draw him.](#)

Take a picture and email it to reading@wilbrahamprimary.com if you have a go yourself.

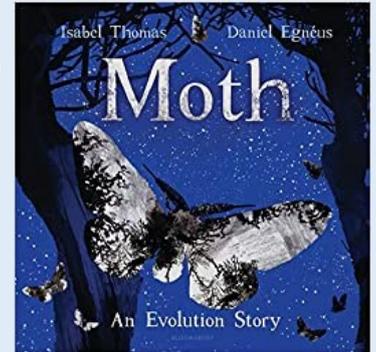




Mrs Morrison's Science Sector

In this section Mrs Morrison will share some brilliant books that can also teach you about scientific concepts.

Moth is the remarkable evolution story that captures the struggle of animal survival against the background of an evolving human world in a unique and atmospheric introduction to Darwin's theory of Natural Selection.



100 Word Book Reviews

Can you review your favourite book in just 100 words?

Send your entry to reading@wilbrahamprimary.com and a selection will be printed each newsletter.

Remember to include the name of your book, its rating out of 5 stars and your name and year group.



It's Competition Time



Mr Wheeldon was reading a book called *My Pet Star*, do you think that the girl looked after the star properly? Let us know what you think and why!

Email reading@wilbrahamprimary.com with

- Your name
- Your class
- Your answer - including your reasons



The winner will receive their very own pocket-sized version of the book!

Let's share a story

Milly, a former pupil, has written this brilliant story for us all to read. Click on the volume icon to hear the story read aloud by Mrs Izon, or scan the QR code.



Monty

By Millie Mae De Quattro



In the city of Manchester, the moon had risen and the stars were twinkling, although no one could see them. All was silent when... **THUMP!** A body lay on the ground. It twitched. A flash of white from the underneath. It stood up, silhouetted in the moonlight. It mewed. Now this "it" as Monty has been wrongly called, is Monty. He is a black street cat with a white (mostly brown now) underside. There's not much more to say about him. Except that he'd do anything for a fish pie. And I mean anything.

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It was morning and everybody was rushing around. Then it happened. "Stop, Thief!!!" It was Mrs Garnor from the bakery at the end of Market Street. She specialised in fish pie. "Someone has stolen my pies!!!" she hollered.

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At the same time, in the university courtyard, Monty had just awoken. He was yawning and stretching, ready for another day of dustbin food and cold. He went to one of his regular haunts, the canal. A place of shelter. He sometimes slept there if the weather was unbearable. In fact, he slept there almost all the time, whatever the weather.

He was wandering around under the tunnels, climbing over locks and balancing on hand-rails, making his way to the pizza restaurant bins. A guaranteed food source. He was in the shadier part of town now, and for some reason there were loads of police around. A man, hood up, sunglasses on, the very image of cool, was walking along the canal. **WHAM!!** Monty was thrown off balance...

A delicious smell had hit him. Literally. He had been whacked in the face with a heavy plastic bag. And it smelled like fish pie.

Immediately, Monty sprang into action. "MROWWW!!!" he uttered his battle cry. All he knew was that he *needed* that fish pie. In a state of mindless hunger, he jumped onto the man. Taken by surprise, the man soon recovered and threw Monty into the canal. What he didn't know was that Monty had spent long hours teaching himself to swim in case he fell in by accident. He had seen dogs swim so he knew (or thought he knew) he could.

Anyway, he was ready for the attack. He doggie-paddled to the nearest steps before spitting a large mouthful of water into the man's face, blowing off his hood. The man staggered backwards. Monty took this moment to have a look inside the bags. It was fish pie alright. Suddenly, the man grabbed him. Monty screeched, unleashing his razor-like claws and digging them into the man's flesh. The man screamed and flailed about. His head smashed into the hard, cold, stone wall. A trickle of blood ran down his forehead. "Oh my gosh!! He's got `im, he's got the thief!!!" Monty suddenly realised that he was surrounded by people!

Cameras flashing, picture after picture was taken of Monty. He was even on the front page of the Manchester Evening News: **CAT TACKLES ROBBER FOR FISH PIE!**

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You'll be glad to hear that this story has a happy ending. Monty was adopted by Mrs Garnor, from the bakery. He lived a warm and comfy life and got a fish pie every day. And a couple of kittens. And a charming wife, Polly the tabby cat.

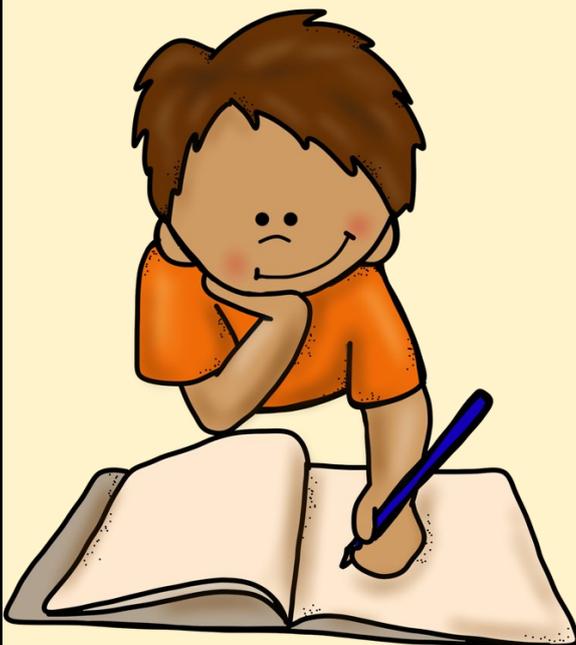
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Submit your stories

Have a story you want to share?

Send your entry to

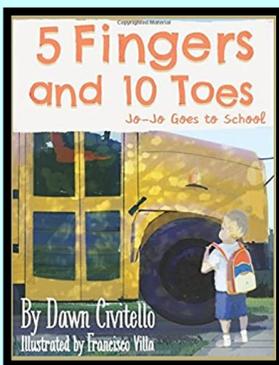
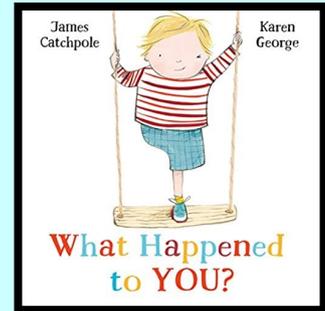
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I see ME!

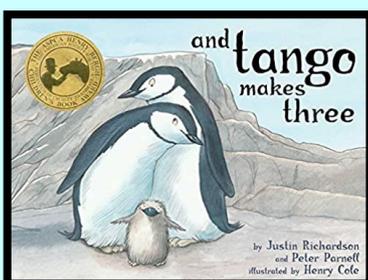
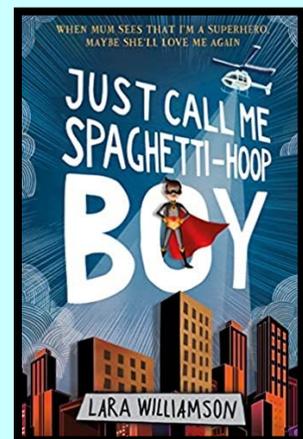
It is so important that the books we share with our children represent all the diversity in the world. Children need to be able to 'see' themselves in the books they read and they need to learn about others who are different to them too. In this section we want to share a range of books that celebrate and promote this diversity. A huge thank you to Alina, one of our parents, for suggesting this page.

The first ever picture book addressing how a disabled child might want to be spoken to. A ground-breaking, funny story that helps children understand what it might feel like to be seen as different.



A children's book that takes us along on a journey of a boy born with a limb difference, as he enters school for the very first time.

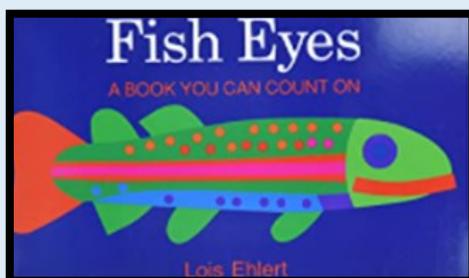
Everyone loves superheroes, they solve problems and make people happy, and that's good because my mum needs cheering up. Also, I've found out that before I was adopted my real mum called me ACE. So now I've just got to prove to the world that's what I am. One mission at a time..



At the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo, two penguins named Roy and Silo were a little bit different from the others. But their desire for a family was the same. And with the help of a kindly zookeeper, Roy and Silo got the chance to welcome a baby penguin of their very own.

Mrs Wright Reads Maths

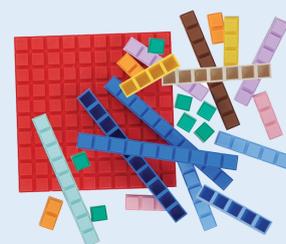
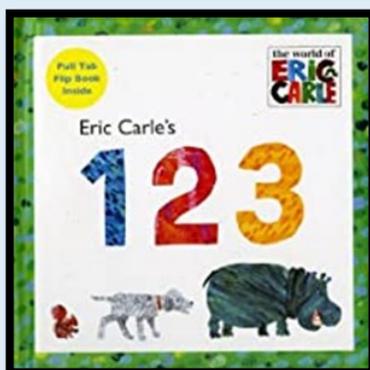
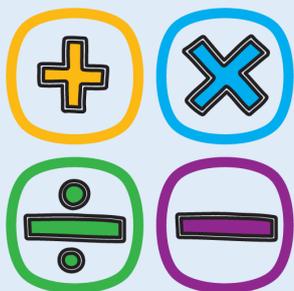
Each newsletter Mrs Wright will share some books aimed at different age groups that you can use to talk about maths.



Pre-schoolers

Each page of “Fish Eyes” introduces a different number of bright, colourful fish. Children can describe the different features of the fish and count their eyes to find out how many are on the page. A little brown fish also introduces the idea of simple addition.

TOP TIP When you count the number of fish, stress the last number you count. One, two, three, **FOUR**. There are **FOUR** striped fish.

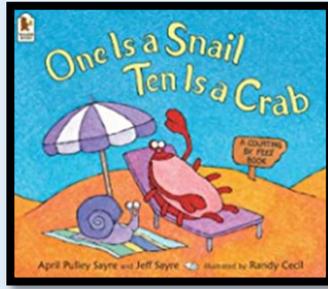


Early Years

Eric Carle's 123 is a book to learn to count. A new animal appears on each page as we count from one to 10. Each page also includes points that correspond to the number of animals.

TOP TIP Ask your child to make predictions. If there are five animals on this page, how many animals will we see on the next page? As you know?



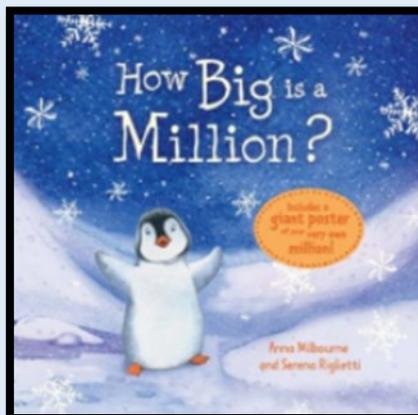
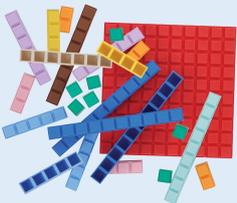


Key Stage 1

Each page of this book invites children to count the number of feet people and different animals have. Children will enjoy counting from one to 100 with silly snails, insects, dogs, and crabs.

Top Tip: Practise adding one more

What happens when we add one foot of a snail? How many feet do we have altogether? How do you know?



Key Stage 2

Pipkin the smallest penguin sets off on a journey to find out how big is a million and along the way meets a hundred penguins, sees a thousand snowflakes and meets one new friend before being amazed to finally find out how big a million really is. A special fold-out poster at the end of the book shows Pipkin looking at the sky, which is printed with exactly one million stars.

TOP TIP Ten Times Bigger

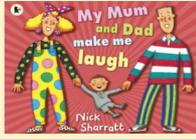
Talk with you child about how the numbers are the same and how they are different. How many 100s in 1000?

Wilbraham Loves to READ!

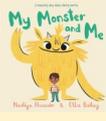
Here are some of the many books that we have been reading.



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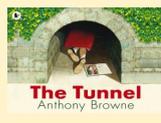
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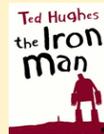
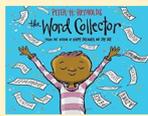
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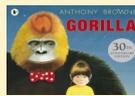
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