



Summer 2 2025 (Issue 19)



Preston Primary Reading Matters



Poetry Performance

This half term, our Reading for Pleasure theme was Poetry Performance, and what a joyful celebration it turned out to be! Throughout the half-term, each class explored a wide range of poems and poets, selecting a favourite to learn off by heart. With dedication and creativity, the children added expressive actions and worked on performing with clarity, confidence, and prosody. The whole school gathered on the astroturf for a grand poetry performance. It was truly heartwarming to see every class bring their chosen poem to life, sharing a rich variety of voices, styles, and themes. The performances were filled with enthusiasm, imagination, and a genuine love of poetry. This event was a brilliant example of our school aim, 'Love to Learn'. Children were not only reading for pleasure but also exploring language in meaningful ways and sharing their passion with the wider school community.

Well done to all the children at Preston Primary for your outstanding performances and for ending the year on such a high note!

Below is a link to an audio clip from the poetry performance.

<https://youtu.be/QckHrtxFGpY>

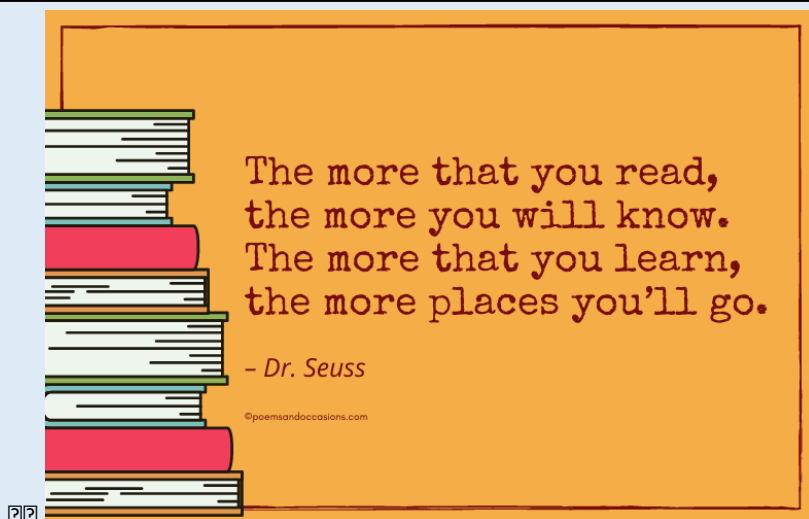
Accelerated Reader Millionaire Club

Children, who no longer have RWI lessons, move onto Accelerated Reader. Class teachers use Accelerated Reader to give pupils a reading target for each half-term which they can achieve by reading and quizzing regularly. In addition to this, Accelerated Reader also tracks the word count of each book which has been quizzed on.

Over the academic year, children accumulate their word count from their quizzed-on books and some aim to become part of the '**WORD MILLIONAIRE**' club. This is a tremendous achievement for children who have demonstrated such great determination and a fantastic love of reading to reach *at least* a million words read.

Congratulations to the 14 children who have achieved this: **Freddie R, Alfred R, Leo A, Ryan G, Reef P, Trixie S, Finley B, Evelyn H, Arlo WM, Osian D, Joesph R, Brody C, Gideon D and Elliot M.**

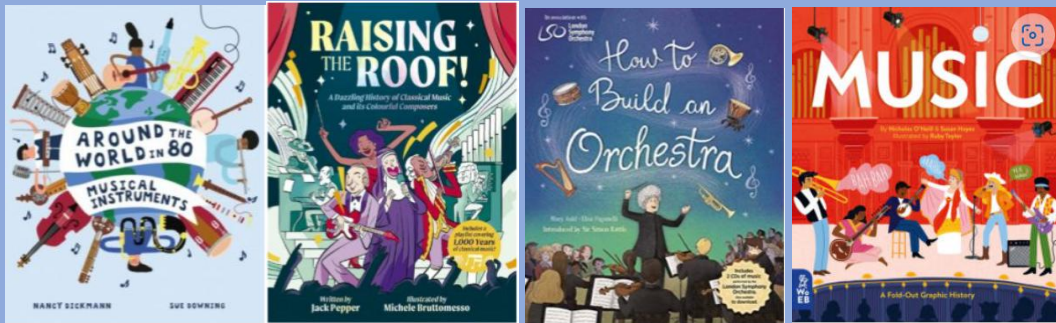
A special congratulations to Alfred R, Trixie S and Joseph R who have read over 3,000,000 words! What fantastic determination!



Books about Music

This half term, all children have been exploring the world of music - discovering different genres, learning about famous musicians, and even trying their hand at playing instruments. Music is a powerful way to express ourselves and connect with others. Here are a variety of fiction and non-fiction books related to music that you may enjoy reading together...

Non-Fiction Books about Music:



Books about Musicians:



Picture Books about Music:

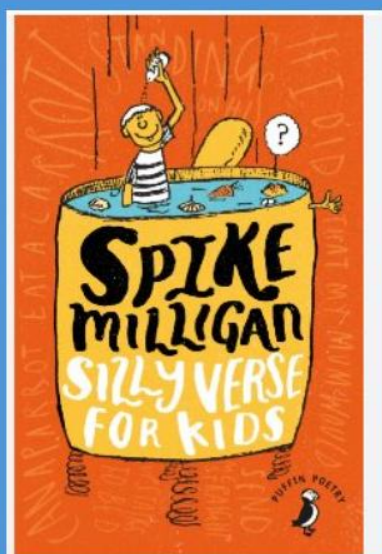


Chapter Books about Music:



Recommended Reads

The teachers would like to share their passion for reading by recommending some great books to read. After you have read one of these book recommendations, please come and talk to us about it. We would love to hear your thoughts and if you enjoyed it, we could recommend further reading.



Poetry

Title: Silly Verse For Kids

Author: Spike Milligan

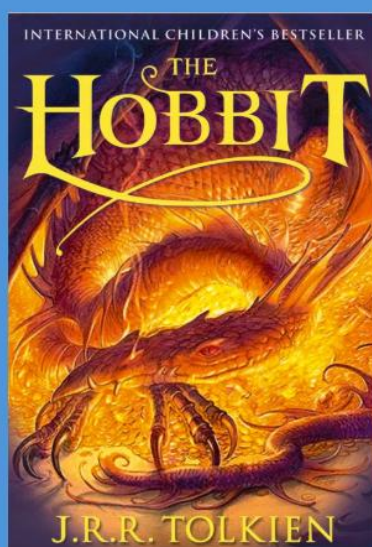
Aimed for: All ages

Why would I recommend this book?

I recommend this collection of delightful poems because it brings a smile to all faces. One of the other reasons I recommend this book is Spike's witty humour will make poetry more exciting to read. It encourages children to use their imagination and creativity. The book has playful rhymes which makes reciting poems more exciting.

If you enjoy humour, wordplay and imaginative storytelling this is a must-read for you.

Recommended by Mrs Glover



Fiction

Title: The Hobbit

Author: J R R Tolkien

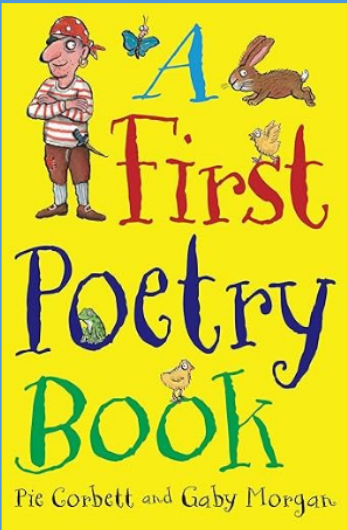
Aimed for: Year 4 and Above

Why would I recommend this book?

J R R Tolkien is arguably the founder of modern fantasy stories. As a lecturer in Viking history, Tolkien's stories are heavily influenced by Norse mythology and Viking history. Pick up any fantasy book and it is very likely it is written by an author who was inspired by Tolkien and the incredible world of Middle Earth he created. The Hobbit, is arguably one of the best fantasy books ever written and is a must read for anyone with an interest heroes, monsters and adventure.

Recommended by Mr Mealy

 <p>Non-Fiction</p>	<p>Title: Let's Build a House Author: Mick Manning & Brita Granström Aimed for: KS1</p> <p>Why would I recommend this book? Let's Build a House by Mick Manning is a fantastic, interactive picture book that takes young readers through the exciting process of building a house from the ground up. With simple, engaging language and vibrant illustrations by Brita Granström, this book is both educational and fun, perfect for curious children who love to learn how things work. Step by step, Manning walks readers through each phase of construction, from laying the foundations to adding walls, windows, and the roof. The book breaks down complex ideas into easily understandable concepts, making it accessible for younger children while sparking their interest in architecture, teamwork, and problem-solving.</p> <p>Recommended by Mrs Braddon</p>
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 <p>Poetry</p>	<p>Title: Author: Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan Aimed for: 5-10 year olds</p> <p>Why would I recommend this book? The poems in this book made me laugh out loud! Each poem is fun, easy to understand and full of imagination. It covers lots of different topics from nature, animals and silly rhymes. The poems are fun to read out loud as the words flow like music. It is a great introduction to poetry. One of my favourite poems from the book is 'On the Ning Nang Nong' which talks about a place where monkeys say 'boo' and cows say 'bong!'</p> <p>Recommended by Mrs Wenman</p>
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Poems Read Aloud

Here are some poems being read aloud to enjoy.

Mrs Bastin reading a variety of poems - <https://youtu.be/U6xuqVmo4DY>

Poems Aloud by Joseph Coelho - [Poems Aloud with Joseph Coelho](#)

Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen [Michael Rosen Performs His Poem Chocolate Cake | Authors Live | BBC Scotland](#)

Library Summer Book Quest



Thank you to Mel from Libraries Unlimited for a wonderful whole school assembly. She introduced the children to **The Summer Book Quest**.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to the quest we had over 100 children register! The local libraries were very impressed and cannot wait to share a love of reading with you all. If you did not get chance to register for the summer Book Quest you can go to your local library and register for free.



How it works:

Children sign up at any local library including Torquay or Paignton and receive a starter pack. There is no defined number of books you need to read – they have made the quest inclusive and fun - they want everyone to enjoy reading and visiting the library.

There are three core elements to complete for the Summer Book Quest

- 1 – to visit the library as many times as possible
- 2 – to read stories that you love
- 3 – to complete one or more of the Summer Book Quest activities (see starter pack for details)

Stickers are collected for each element and can be stuck in the starter pack. Once a child has completed all three elements, they receive a final sticker, a quest certificate and a themed ninja starfish keyring.

There is an optional book review task to complete at the library to be entered into their prize draw.

We will hold our own prize draw at school for everyone who brings in their Book Quest certificate by the end of September. You could be in with the chance to win a book token.

It would be lovely to see as many children as possible from Preston Primary taking part in the summer reading challenge.

What's On? Torquay Library Information



Fun Science – Wed 30th July

10.30 11.30am £2.50 per child

Make an ocean in a pot to take home!

Please book a space by calling 01803 714452



Sculpture Workshop for Children & Adults

10:30-11:30
Create sculptures out of recycled materials
£2.50*

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Friendship Bracelet Making Workshop

10:30-11:30
Make beaded and thread woven bracelets to keep or give as gifts.
£2.00

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Finisher's Day

10:30-15:00
Come in and get your certificate and keyring for finishing the Summer Book Quest!
We'll also have water play, sand & junk modelling

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The Summer Book Boost

Keep your 7–11 year old reading, laughing, and learning all summer long — the easy way.



Keep your 7–11 year old reading, laughing, and learning all summer long — the easy way.

No planning, no prep — just click on the link and use your e-mail to register. You will then be sent weekly bursts of book magic straight to your inbox. [Summer Book Boost - Reading Rocks](#)

You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.

— Dr. Seuss