



Troqueer Primary School

Reading Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020

Welcome to the first edition of our reading newsletter dedicated to all things books! In our termly newsletters we aim to promote our love of reading at Troqueer Primary School. We have enlisted the support of two of our dedicated readers to help create our newsletters and raise the profile of reading across the School.

Each edition will be packed full of book recommendations; interviews with our book-loving staff and pupils; and information about what the children will be reading in school.

Troqueer Reading Ambassadors...

Introducing Lois and Rowan from P7, who have been chosen to be our pupil voice on this platform. They are working hard behind the scenes to bring us the latest scoops!



Hello, I'm Lois and I like reading Harry Potter books and anything by Jaqueline Wilson. I like reading because you can take a book anywhere with you and every chapter is different.



Hello, I am Rowan and I like reading fiction books like The Lottie Project and The Witches by Roald Dahl which is my favourite. I like reading because as soon as you start reading it takes you away from everything and into a new world!

We think reading is so important and we are here to help you to find books you love!



A message from Mr Armstrong:

Welcome to first edition of our termly reading newsletter. Reading is the most important of all the important skills we learn at school. Reading helps us to do well in all of the other subjects. When I was a class teacher (many years ago now!) I used to love reading children's books to give me inspiration for the reading and writing lessons that I would do with my class. My favourite is still 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. I love the descriptions of the places, and in particular the way the author uses language to describe the changing relationship between the two main characters. I have read the book several times but still get emotional at the end! Philin Pullman's 'Clockwork' is another favourite. We hope you enjoy these newsletters!

AN INTERVIEW WITH...

Mrs Ashton

What's your favourite children's book and why?

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. I also like to read Julia Donald's books to my own children.

Do you have a favourite author?

David Nicholls, J.K Rowling and Scott Fitzgerald.

If you could be a character from a children's book, who would you be?

Matilda

Book or Kindle?

Kindle on holiday but I prefer a book.

What are currently reading?

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak as it's my favourite book.



READING LIGHT on... Anna Henderson, P7

What's your favourite Children's book and why?

Harry Potter because it has exciting content like wizards, witches and brooms.

Do you have a favourite author?

David Walliams and J.K. Rowling

Where and when do you like to read?

In bed at night-time to get to sleep

Book or film?

Both because if you watch the movie you get to see what happens and if you read the book you get to use your imagination.

What are you currently reading?

Shadow by Michael Morpurgo.



Hot New Book Releases!

Here we will provide you with news of the hottest new book releases. Once you have read them, why not send in your thoughts and book reviews for the reading ambassadors to publish on our next newsletter.



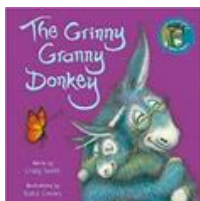
The Grinny Granny Donkey

by Craig Smith.

Out 5/11/2020

This is a follow up to Wonky and Dinky Donkey (a favourite of Mrs Torbett) full of silly tales and funny rhymes.

Children of all ages will enjoy this book!

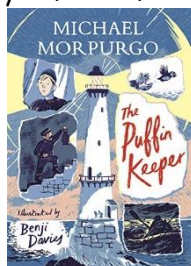


Puffin Island

by Michael Morpurgo.

Out 12/11/2020 (P3-P6)

Sure to be another children's favourite by Michael Morpurgo. This is the story of a lifelong friendship, a lost puffin and a lonely artist. Enjoy!



The Tangled Castle of Magic

by Sophie Anderson.

Released 1/10/2020 (P5-P7).

This is another magical story from the author of 'The house with Chicken Legs.' Join Oila on her magical adventure to save her family.





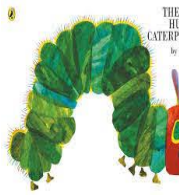
Stocking Fillers!



With Christmas fast approaching here is a list of recommendations from the teachers of Troqueer!

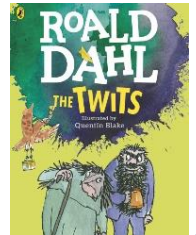
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle Recommended by Mrs Campbell.

One of my favourite books to read with my little girl and a favourite in Primary 1. It is, quite rightly, a much-loved classic. Explaining the life cycle of a caterpillar while engaging readers through word repetition, encouraging participation from readers of all ages. It takes us through the days of the week and all the tasty food the caterpillar eats. A must read!



The Twits by Roald Dahl. Recommended by Mrs Den Oudsten.

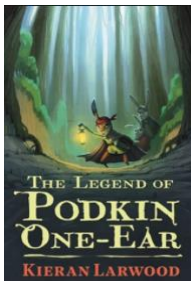
This is a book I read to my class every year and they always love it! It is funny, scary and sad all at the same time! My favourite part of the book is when Roald Dahl describes Mrs Twit as once being beautiful but as she began thinking ugly thoughts, she started showing this on the outside, which I think is a brilliant lesson to learn! I will read it to my own children when they are older.



The Legend of Podkin One Ear, by Kieran Larwood (P3 - P6)

Recommended by Mr Earl.

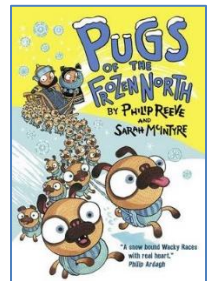
I loved reading this book with my children. They were fascinated by the Ancient world of Razorback Downs. The adventures of Rabbit Podkin & his brave sister Paz will have your children on the edge of their seats. This was a real treat. I hope you enjoy it!



Pugs of the Frozen North by Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. (P4-P6)

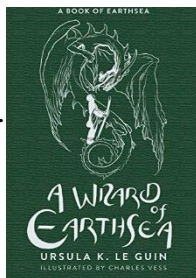
Recommended by Miss Ness.

I have read this book with two classes who both really enjoyed it. It's funny and exciting and has lots of interesting characters. The author uses lots of excellent descriptive language and the illustrations are great! Look out for other books by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre.



The Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula Le Guin. Recommended by Mr Mackenzie.

I'd recommend A Wizard of Earthsea if you like fantasy. The story follows Ged, a boy with a talent for magic, and his time at a school for wizards. Although there's a wizard-school, the book is closer to The Lord of the Rings than Harry Potter. Le Guin is an amazing writer and I love the language she uses. If you like it, there are five more books in the Earthsea series to enjoy!



Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo Recommended by Mrs Ashton.

I would recommend any book by Michael Morpurgo for 10-12 year olds. 'Friend or Foe' especially is a great read and highly recommended, if you enjoy historical or adventure novels. This book also looks at relationships, friendships and dealing with change.

