



# Lower Park Primary School

Reading Newsletter

Autumn 2021: Issue One



Welcome to Lower Park's brand new reading newsletter! We love to read at Lower Park and through this newsletter we hope to promote an even deeper passion for reading and books. We believe that a love of reading is the most important gift that we can give to our children; it builds empathy, strengthens vocabulary and is often a chance for our children to escape to another world. Happy reading!

## What are we reading now? Early Years:

The children in Early Years have begun the new school year accompanied by Paddington and friends! The children have loved reading 'Paddington and the grand tour' by Michael Bond, where Paddington takes a trip on an open-top bus in London. They have also thoroughly enjoyed the Michael Rosen classic 'We're going on a bear hunt', re-enacting the story during Forest Friday. If you would like to find more Michael Rosen texts, particularly fun performance poetry, why not visit his website for recommendations: [www.michaelrosen.co.uk](http://www.michaelrosen.co.uk)

'Chocolate cake' is always a popular choice!

## What are we reading now? Key Stage One:

As part of our 'Escape to the capital!' topic this term, the 'Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke has become a firm favourite! We will also be enjoying Steve Antony's The Queen collection. Beginning with 'The Queen's Hat', these fun, fictional stories feature lots of famous London tourist spots and see the Queen getting up to all sorts of mischief! Steve Antony is a prolific children's author/illustrator. If you haven't yet read any of his books, pop down to Poynton Library or see a member of the KS1 team, who may be able to lend you a copy. Keep an eye out for the seasonal hit 'The Queen's present', a Christmassy visit to the royal family as well as to some of the world's best-known landmarks.

## What are we reading now? Lower Key Stage Two:

This term, LKS2 are learning all about Ancient Greece. We are enjoying listening to lots of Greek myths and legends and reading 'Who Let the Gods out?' by Maz Evans. This book has everything: humour, history, adventure and lots of new vocabulary! 'Who Let the Gods Out?' is the first in a series of four books by the author. But what is it about? When a shooting star crashes to earth, it lands Eliot (the main character) smack bang in the path of Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But when the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, they've got nowhere to turn for help but to the old Olympian gods. Enjoying the first book? Why not take a look at the others...



## What are we reading now? Upper Key Stage Two:

Grab your helmet because we're going on a Viking adventure! This term, UKS2 are learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings (Raiders and Traders). We have already taken part in a historical re-enactment and invaded each other's land. We are also delving deep into the past and reading 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman. This book is an action-packed blend of historical adventure and fantasy for junior readers; a blast of uncensored Viking adventure. If you enjoy this type of historical fiction, there are so many books for you to get stuck into. Why not look in our school library (or your local library) for:

Beowulf by Micheal Morpurgo

Anglo-Saxon boy by Tony Bradman

1000 year old boy by Ross Welford

The Dragon's Hoard by Lari Don

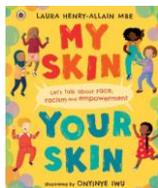
### New releases:

Look out for these new releases, coming soon!



The Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson

Publication date: Oct 2021



My Skin Your Skin by Laura Henry-Allain

Publication date: Oct 2021



The Christmasaurus and the Naughty List by Tom Fletcher

Publication date: Oct 2021



Lion above the door by Onjali Q. Rauf

Publication date: Oct 2021

### Books about sport:

After a fantastic summer of international sport, including the Euros, the summer Olympics and the US Open (and with the winter Olympics just around the corner), here are some brilliant reads, all with a sporting theme:



### Dog Man by Dav Pilkey - Review by Joseph Wilson (Year 2)

'I think this book is really great because it's easy to read and it has an excellent moral: 'Be good and be happy!' This is the first in a series and it is a graphic novel so I think children of different ages will enjoy reading it. Dav Pilkey is the author/illustrator (he also wrote the Captain Underpants series) and at the back of the book he teaches you how to draw the main characters, which I think is really fun. If I could, I would give this book 2008 stars out of 10!'

### An Interview with Mrs Jones

- 1) What are you reading at the moment? The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
- 2) What is your favourite children's book? Harry Potter by JK Rowling or The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- 3) Where is your favourite place to read? In a comfy chair by the fire
- 4) Real book or Kindle? Both!

### Lower Park Book Fair coming soon!

We are so excited to be able to welcome the book fair back to school on 25th November. Always an extremely popular event, the book fair offers a fabulous range of books for all ages and is also the perfect opportunity to stock up on early Christmas presents! This year the book fair will be a virtual event, which will allow you and your child the opportunity to see what's available in your own time and from the comfort of your own home. There will also be some amazing online offers so please do get shopping!