

Welcome to our first **Crofton Hammond Infant School Reading Newsletter**— Autumn 2018

We are delighted to share with you our first Reading Newsletter! As a school, we are passionate about reading and want children to enjoy and love books as much as we do. We know that being a reader of books is the key to success in all areas of education throughout a child's life. We want to be able to support you in any way we can to develop a love of reading in your child so that we can secure those foundations ready for their journey to Junior School and beyond! This newsletter will share updates on reading activities happening in school, tips on how to support your child, as well as highlight recommended books. Children, staff and governors are all invited to review books or be interviewed. We hope this newsletter helps to promote reading across the whole school community.

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Favourite reading in school

Early Years

Tabby McTat
Cantankerous King Colin
The Tiger Who Came To Tea

Year One

Once There Were Giants
Finding Winnie

Year Two

Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears
Jack and the Beanstalk
Daft Jack and the Beanstalk
Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge
Dogger

Interview—Mrs Halton



What is your favourite children's book and why?

I love 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen because I used to read it to my children when they were small. I can still remember it off by heart.

What book are you currently reading?

I am currently reading 'The life and rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah' which is an autobiography. He is a famous poet and has had a really interesting life.

Why is reading so important to you?

I have always loved reading! Reading helps me escape to another world and it also helps me to relax at the end of a long day. I have a fascination for words and always love it when I come across a new word I don't know.



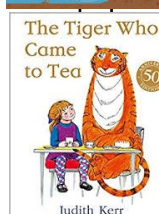
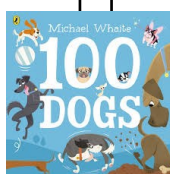
READING EVERY DAY....CREATES lifelong readers **TEACHES** children to find adventure, answers, ideas through books **STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity **OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves **AWAKENS** children to the world around them **ALLOWS** a child's imagination to blossom **GIVES** children the tools to be a successful writer **HELPS** children make connections **BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary **OFFERS** comfort and escape during times of trouble

Latest Book News

Sainsbury's Book Awards 2018

Judith Kerr's iconic book **The Tiger Who Came to Tea** has been named the Sainsbury's Children's Classic 2018 at their Book Awards. We love this book in our school! **100 Dogs** by Michael Whaite won their Picture Book Award.

In the news... Floella Benjamin MBE said: "Books and storytelling can take children to far flung lands, or on exciting adventures; they can offer comfort, a place for their minds to go...the magnitude of this impact should not be overlooked or ignored."



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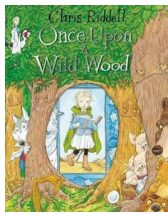
We love to recognise when children are making an effort to read regularly at home and in school. We know that regular reading improves fluency and understanding more quickly and creates confident readers. In class we are going to celebrate when somebody has read **4 or more separate times in a week** (either at home or with a volunteer in school). They will receive a special stamp in their Reading Records to recognise their achievement. We will also have a **Reading Assembly** once a month that celebrates children who have made significant progress in their reading or shown a love for books at school.

Thank you for all your support in reading regularly with your child at home—you are truly **Reading Heros!**

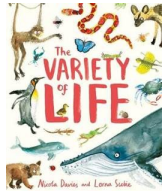
Autumn Releases



Angry Cookie by Laura Dockrill & Maria Karipidou
Cookie is very angry, and she'd prefer it if you just went away! Laura Dockrill's text is brilliantly quirky and friendly, and little ones will definitely identify with Angry Cookie. It's a perfect book for talking about emotions.



Once upon a wild wood by Chris Riddell
A brand-new fairytale character, Little Green Rain Cape, sets off through the wild woods on her way to Rapunzel's birthday party. On the way, she meets and helps a host of beloved fairytale characters. A delightful picture book that children of all ages will love.



The Variety of Life by Nicola Davies
Did you know there are 400,000 species of beetle but only eight species of bear? Jam-packed with fun facts and figures, this is a glorious celebration of our world by non-fiction specialist Nicola Davies.

Online Review Millie S from Year 2 has recorded an online book review based on the WW1 Centenary celebrations. Hear her review and wonderful reading of a WW1 poem by using the QR code below. If you have an **iphone** hold your camera up to the code, then open Dropbox website to play the clip. **Android** phones may need an app to access the QR code.



Bug Club

Don't forget to visit your child's e-book Bug Club account where they will find a fantastic range of books to read at their level. Your child's username and password is in their Reading Record.

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

Reading Events in School

Don't forget—our **library** is open on a Tuesday and Thursday after school between 3.20 and 3.45pm if you would like to choose new books with your child or just have a read of some new books together.

Book Fair— **The Book People** will be visiting our school with a stand of books for sale between **27th November and 4th December**. Please have a look at books and consider buying some for Christmas presents! We will gain £150 worth of books for school by holding the fair and gain extra funds for every book that is sold.

CHIPS are very kindly offering to raise some funds for us this year to go towards refreshing our **Colour-Banded Reading books and class libraries** for children. We can't wait to order some new books to enhance the variety and quality of books our children access in school and at home.

During November, we are arranging for children from **Year 6 at Crofton Hammond Junior School** to visit our school and pair up with children from Year 2 for a DEAR session (Drop Everything and Read!). The older children love reading to the younger ones and the younger ones loves to show off their reading skills too. Photos will follow!

Review Corner

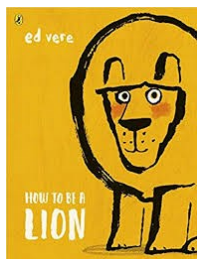
(by Oliver P, Year 2)

Book Title How To Be a Lion by Ed Vere

Age Range 4—8

Review:

This book is about how everyone wants you to be like other people but you can be like yourself in your own way. I liked the bit where the lion and the duck make friends and they write poems together. At the end they sing together and it is really beautiful.



Rating

5/5

