



Vernon Park Reading Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the Vernon Park Reading Newsletter for this academic year. The Reading Ambassadors are currently working towards earning themselves a Blue Peter Reading Badge, they have interviewed Miss Ridgeway about her favourite childhood book, Charlie and The Chocolate Factory and have shared their favourite book with their class. We hope you enjoy our newsletter and our book recommendations.



Why is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory your favorite book?

I love chocolate! I also love the magic, the creative ideas and the characters in the book.

What is your favorite part in the book?

When the characters get their first glimpse of the chocolate factory. The children were so curious and I felt like those children did. I wanted to find out more about the factory.

Who is your favorite character in the book?

Willy Wonka! I love how his brain works and how he came up with all of those innovative ideas for sweets and chocolate.

What is your favorite sweet from the book?

Oh, it has to be the everlasting gobstopper!

What is your favorite room in the book?

The room with the chocolate river. It is a huge room like a garden and everything inside was edible!

When did you first read this book?

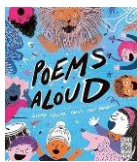
When I was in primary school and it didn't take me long to read. I just wanted to keep going and find out more!

Reading Ambassadors Recommendations



To earn themselves a Blue Peter Reading Badge, the Reading Ambassadors had to read and then review selected books. Here are some of their recommendations:

KS1:



In this fantastic collection, Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho shows us that poems are made to read OUT LOUD!



Michael's dream is to go from being an unknown pup to a Hollywood sensation and global su-paw-star. But becoming famous is no walkies in the park... How long will it take Michael's fellow inhabitants of Snuffles-by-Sea to recognise his amazing talent? And with the help of his trusty sidekick, Stanley Big Dog, what can possibly go wrong?

KS2:



Lily always feels a bit left out. She and anxious, she finds school really hard. But during a game of football in PE, her teacher spots her natural talent and invites her to join the local girls football team. Finally, she thinks she's found a place where she fits in, but will a vicious argument with one of her teammates put all her progress in jeopardy?

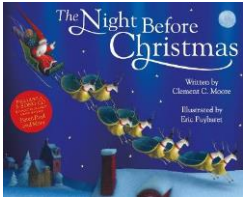


Building her own gadgets in her dad's repair shop, Juniper Mae is a certified kid wonder. She builds jet packs, socks that keep your feet warm and dry, floating fish bowls. But a slight malfunction with one of her latest inventions causes her to crash-land in the dangerous forests around her city, and there she discovers a whole world of mystery, ancient knights and even a small green tama-tama friend, Albie.

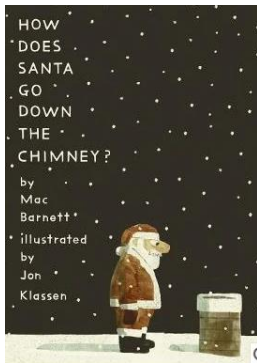
Christmas Recommendations



In a big old house, the ladybird is visiting her friend the spider for the festive season. But those two bad men, Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len, are up to no good again. They have a devious plan – to steal the children's Christmas presents from their stockings! It's a good thing that the clever little ladybird has overheard their awful plotting, and she has a cunning plan to make sure they don't get away with it.



Every Christmas Eve brings with it hushed anticipation and wonder. Here is the story of this magical night, when children around the world await the arrival of the gifts that symbolise all the warmth and love of Christmas.



When Santa arrives at a child's house on Christmas Eve, does he go down the chimney feetfirst or headfirst? What if he gets stuck? What if there's no chimney? Maybe he slides under the door, as thin as a piece of paper? Or is it possible he pours himself through the tap? What happens once he's inside?



Bookstart is a national free book-gifting scheme. The scheme aims to encourage mums, dads and carers to get babies and pre-school children into books early. Bookstart aims to give books to every baby in the UK. It also aims to inspire and create a love of reading that will give children a flying start in life.

Bookstart have produced Booktouch, for blind or partially sighted children, and Bookshine, for deaf children. Both are available with separate contents for babies and toddlers and provides dual language books in 25 community languages.

Bookstart Baby Pack: All babies and toddlers are entitled to two free Bookstart packs before they start school. Babies can join the library from the day they're born. Your Bookstart Baby Pack contains everything you need to get started sharing stories, rhymes and songs with your baby. You can collect your free pack when you register the birth of your child at Stockport Registrar's Office.

Bookstart Treasure Gift: **Your** child's Bookstart Treasure gift has everything you need to get started sharing stories, rhymes and songs. Your child will get their Bookstart Treasure gift when they are 3–4 years old from their Early Years provider. Ask at your local library if you haven't received your gift by the time your child reaches five years.

The Bookstart treasure gift has everything you need to get started sharing stories, books and rhymes with your pre-schooler, including:

- a picture book that's fun and rewarding to share with your pre-schooler (titles vary)
- Share The Fun – full of top tips and guidance about sharing books and having fun together
- a special gift envelope that your 3–4-year-old will love opening!

Michael Rosen's Storytelling Tips

The brilliant Michael Rosen, creator of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, shares his tips and tricks for bringing stories to life for children, including:

- Keeping children engaged
- Using your voice to bring characters to life
- Using puppets to help tell the story

Either click on the link below or scan the QR code to watch Michael's top tips!

