



BOOK TALK #theJSway



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WELCOME

February has arrived! In this month's edition, we are going to be talking about books that we LOVE!

WE LOVE...

We love reading at JS. Here are the books that some of your teachers love...

Mrs Chalmers LOVES 'No-Bot' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. It is a funny story about a robot who loses but finds his bottom! At the end, all the children love to join in with the celebratory wiggly, jiggly dance!



Miss Whyte LOVES 'Fly by Night' by K.M Peyton. It tells the story of a girl called Ruth, an 11 year old girl who dreams of having her own horse. When her parents move to a council estate near the countryside from the centre of London, she finally persuades her dad to let her spend her hard-earned savings on her own pony. At the horse sale, she buys a spirited pony, 'Fly-by-night', who turns out to be a challenge in many ways, but she eventually builds up a deep bond with him.



CLASS CORNER



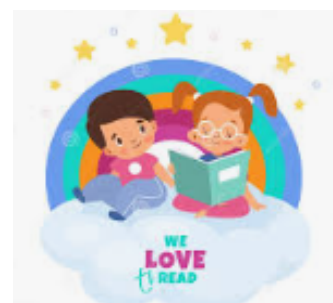
Year 6 are loving *The Lion and The Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes which is inspiring their writing about *The Blitz*. They have commented on how they like the symbolism of the lion and unicorn. They have noticed about the style of artwork used and how it is in keeping with the time period the book is set in.



READING AMBASSADORS

Thank you to everyone who has spoken to Mrs Spence about being a reading ambassador.

After half term, we will be meeting to talk about what a Reading Ambassador is and what we can do in school for reading!



THE JS BOOKWORMS

The JS Bookworms are busy reading the 3 books ready for their upcoming competition this month! They have loved 'The House of Shells' by Efuia Traore. This is what they say...

The House of Shells revolves around Kukimo who makes new friends and enemies when she moves to a new school. She discovers an abandoned house and is warned to never be there at night. We recommend for Year 3s and over as it's adventurous, mysterious and made us laugh a lot!



PARENT BOOK SWAP

Our next Book Swap will be on Monday 5th February at 2.45pm. Please come along to look through a range of books. Feel free to donate any preloved books you have at home too!



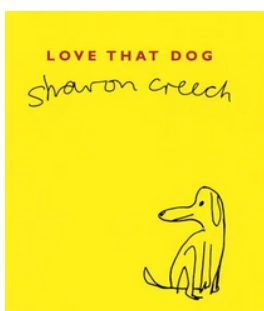
READING RECOMMENDATIONS

There are so many books about love. Here are some recommendations to share around Valentine's Day...



Love is a funny, emotional and uplifting picture book about separation and love, to help children understand their emotions.

Everyone loves everyone in Tess's house, but when Tess has to leave for school for the very first time, she is worried that her family's love might not stretch that far. Mum explains that love is like a string, it connects people together even when they are far away. At school Tess notices that all the children have strings! Some are new, some are old, some stretch a long way, and some even stretch right up into the sky. But what happens when a string breaks? This book is recommended for children in EYFS.



A story told entirely through narrative verse. Slowly Jack learns the pleasures of writing poetry as Miss Stretchberry encourages him to tell his own story through verse. What emerges is a moving and memorable verse novel about a boy and his dog and his growing passion for poetry. This book is recommended for children in Key Stage 2.