

BOOK TALK

April 2025

AWESOME APRIL!

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

National Poetry Month is celebrated in April. It's a time to enjoy poems, read new ones, and have fun with words. We have lots of poetry books in school. Do you have any poetry books at home?



You can borrow lots of poetry books from the city libraries or look online. Try this website:

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>



CLASS CORNER

Year 3 have been reading an alternative version of the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs'. What really happened to those pigs and the wolf? This book has supported their writing of newspaper reports in their English lessons.



HOLBROOKS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Over the Easter holidays, why don't you visit Holbrooks Library? The opening times are as follows:

MONDAY | CLOSED
TUESDAY | 9.30AM - 4.30PM
WEDNESDAY | 1PM - 7PM
THURSDAY | 9AM - 4.30PM
FRIDAY | CLOSED
SATURDAY | CLOSED
SUNDAY | CLOSED



READING DIARY REMINDERS

SCHOLASTIC SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

READING EVERY DAY...

...**CREATES** lifelong readers.

...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.

...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.

...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.

...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.

...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.

...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.

...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.

...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.

...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

READ
Every Day
Lead a Better
LIFE

- All JS children are to read at home a minimum of 3 times a week to practise their developing reading skills.
- Children can read a couple of pages, a chapter or the whole book. As long as they are reading regularly, there is no expectation on how much they read.
- Adults should write a written comment in the diary to reflect on their child's reading - there are prompts in the reading diaries to support you with this.
- Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book twice a week if they have finished their book or are not enjoying it.
- Re-reading books is good! It helps children read more fluently and develop their understanding more.

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

There are lots of festivals and celebrations in April. Here are some books that are relevant...



We're going on an egg hunt. We're going to find them all. We're REALLY excited. Hooray for Easter Day! Join the Easter Bunnies as they set off on an exciting lift-the-flap Easter egg hunt. With ten eggs to find and count, it's great fun. But watch out for the obstacles along the way - lambs, chicks, bees and ducks - and there's even a wolfish surprise, so do take care. Based on the traditional 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' rhyme, the delightful illustrations and read-aloud story will be a huge hit with all fans of the classic We're Going on a Bear Hunt.



Beautifully told picture book celebrating Hannukah, by Ivor Baddiel and Kathryn Selbert. Leora loved the preparations for Hanukkah. Cooking the food, putting up the decorations, getting out the hanukkiyah, the special Hanukkah candleholder . . . Join Leora and her family as they come together to put the finishing touches on their Hanukkah preparations and get ready to celebrate. For Leora, her main wish this year is that she will be allowed to light the candles. Leora hopes her family will see that she is ready for such a big responsibility . . . If they do, she feels sure it really will be the happiest Hanukkah! Beautifully told story of family and celebration by Ivor Baddiel. Gorgeous, heartfelt illustrations by Kathryn Selbert. A child-friendly introduction to Hannukah.