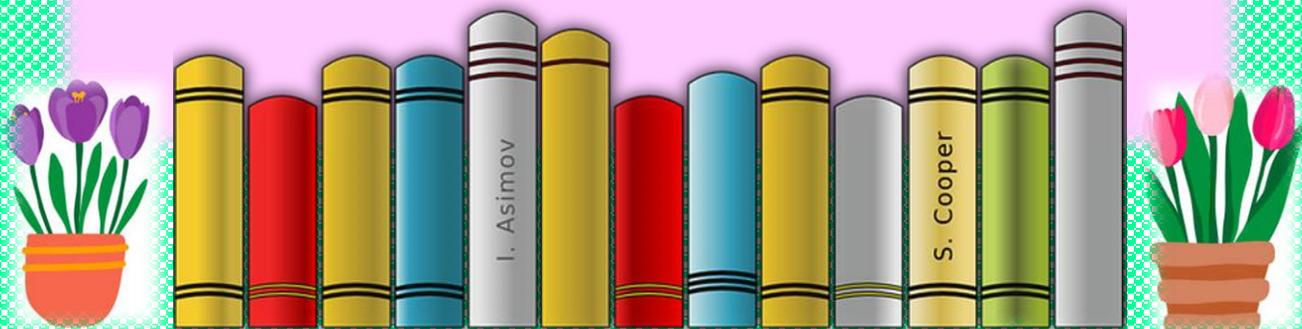


The Bookshelf

March 2025



St Lawrence's Reading Newsletter!



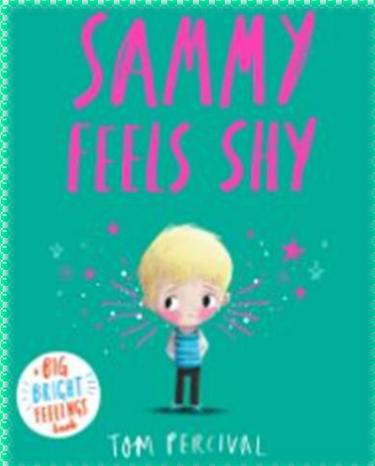
Hello Sunshine!



Welcome to our latest edition of 'The Bookshelf', St Lawrence's very own reading newsletter! What a great term we have had. There has been so much reading to celebrate. We have had amazing author visits and a fantastic World Book Day! There has been a real buzz around reading throughout the school and it is wonderful to see children loving their reading from Little Lawrences to Year 6!

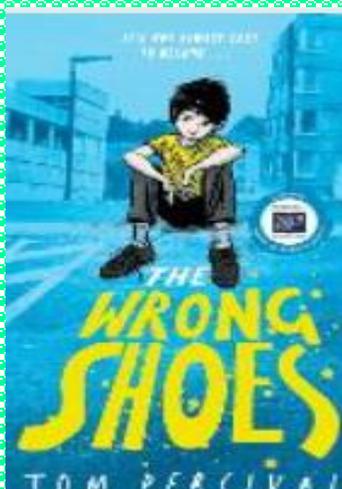
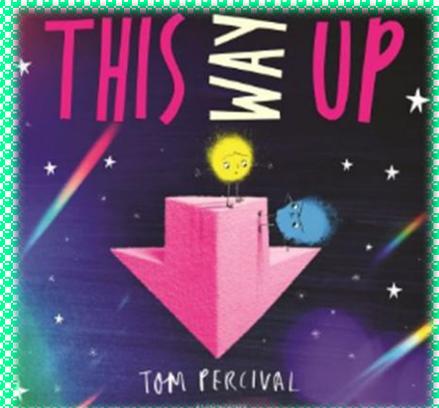


Why not try one of these titles by our visiting author of the term, Tom Percival!



Sammy LOVES having fun. But at school there are so many people . . . and he doesn't always know what to say. When a whole load of things go wrong and Sammy feels like EVERYONE is staring, he starts to go pink, and then pinker . . . until he's bright pink ALL OVER! Can Sammy learn how to tackle his feelings - and go back to his usual colour?

Everyone knows which way 'UP' is. It's the opposite of 'DOWN'. Or at least, that's what Queetle had always thought . . . Now, he's about to discover that 'UP' might not be as simple as it seems.



There is not enough money for food let alone the trendy haircut or the new pair of shoes that might make him look more normal and make the school bullies leave him alone. Will he hide the true extent of his worsening situation from everyone! (9+ Readers)



Every Teacher is a Reader

An interview with Miss Todd
by Beth in Year 6.

What are you reading at the moment?

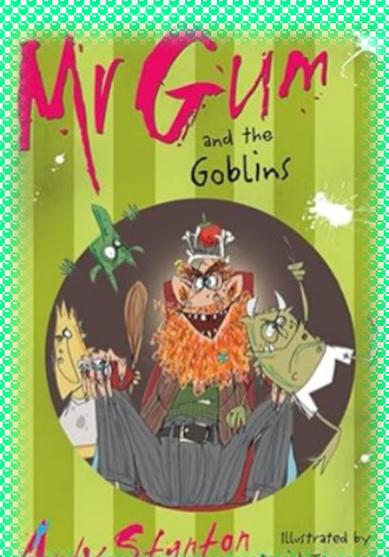
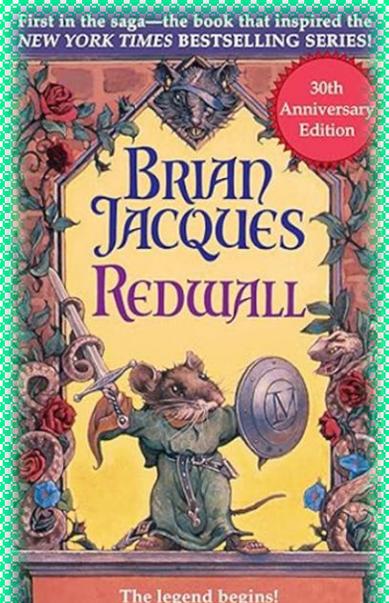
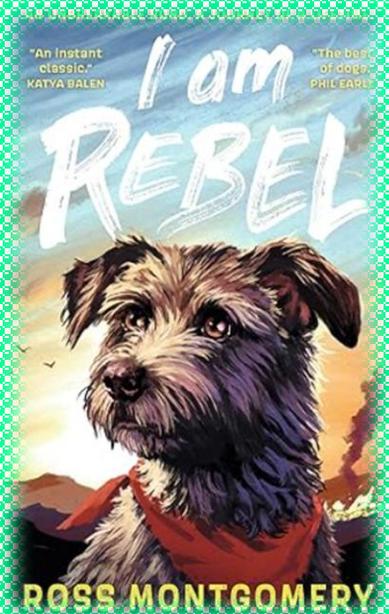
"I am Rebel by Ross Montgomery - a lovely book told from the perspective of a very lovable dog. Recommended!"

What was your favourite book when you were at school?

"My favourite book when I was at school was Redwall by Brian Jacques. I was addicted and tried to read the whole series."

What are your favourite genre of books to read?

"I love funny and silly books (think Mr Gum and Grimwood), books set in different countries and books with great, relatable characters who you totally root for. Send me your recommendations please. I'm always after a good read!"



BENEFITS OF READING to your Child

Parents play an integral part in their children's education and helping them reach their full potential. Here are some benefits of reading to your children:

Helps them sleep.

Getting a good night's rest is important for developing children, and reading to them while they are in bed can calm their minds and bodies.

Improves communication skills.

When you spend time reading to children, they will be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way.

Creates new bonds.

With a majority of our days spent looking at computer, TV and phone screens, it's important to take a few moments to spend quality time with your children. Reading to your children also can build an emotional connection. It's a win-win.

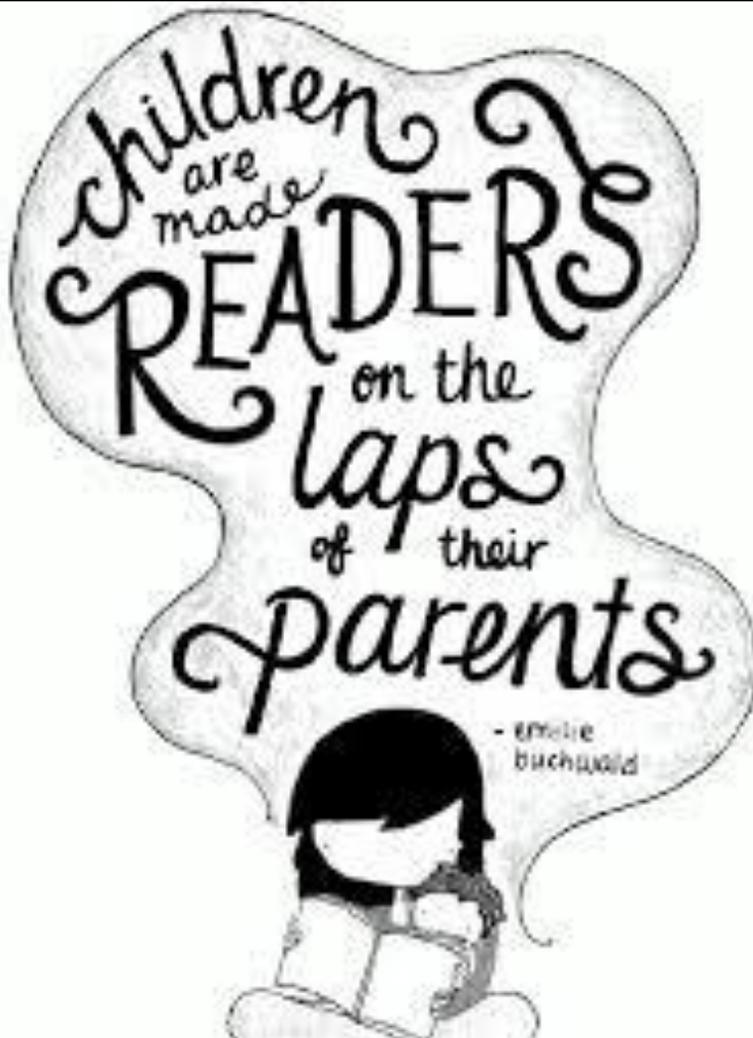


Teaches them the basics.

Teaching children to read is like building a house — you need to have a solid foundation that you can build upon later in life.

Improves logical thinking skills.

Reading to children helps their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic, recognize cause and effect, and use good judgment.



Supporting your child at home...

**Reading at home is
so important.**

**Children are never
too old to read
aloud to you, or to
be read to!**

**Please look at the
amazing events and
opportunities that
are available to
families on the next
page!**



Warwickshire County Council

What's on?

Visit your local library to take part in some of the brilliant children's activities and workshops they offer!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/southam-library-information-centre-71494300233>



Have a library card but can't make it to the library? Borrow Box is an app where audio and e-books can be accessed easily!



**Borrow
Box.**

Spring Festival 8th-11th May 2025
stratlitfest.co.uk



This is an amazing event with great activities led by incredible children's authors! Book early to avoid disappointment!

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



Nadia Shireen
FOR SCHOOLS Grimwood Age 6+

Fri 9 May 10:00am £5



Dame Jacqueline Wilson
The Seaside Sleepover Age 6+

Sat 10 May 10:00am £8



Nadia Shireen and Charlie Higson
What's That Noise? Age 4+

Sat 10 May 10:00am £8



Superheroes
Drop In and Do Workshop Age 5+

Sat 10 May 11:00am £0



Maz Evans
Oh What a Knight! Age 7+

Sat 10 May 11:30am £8



Gareth P Jones
The Fairy Tale Musical Mash-up Age 5+

Sat 10 May 1:00pm £8



Comic Workshop
with Abby Bulmer of Phoenix Comics
Age 10+

Sat 10 May 2:00pm £10



Introduction to Dungeons and Dragons Masterclass
with Becci Smith Ages 11-16

Sat 10 May 3:30pm £10

Easter Reading

BINGO

Can you complete a row, column or even a full house of reading challenges this Easter?

Go outside and read next to some spring flowers



Read a book on Easter morning



Read at the park

Read really slowly



Read in bed



Read something funny



Tell a story using the pictures



Read (and follow!) a recipe with a grown-up



Find a sweet treat to snack on whilst reading a book



Buy a packet of seeds, read the instructions, and get planting!



Read with a friend



Read a book with yellow on the cover



Read a book with a character who would have hatched from an egg



Read with a grown-up



Draw something from a book



Build a reading cave and read a book inside

We would love to see some photos of your reading over the holidays!



Reading Gallery



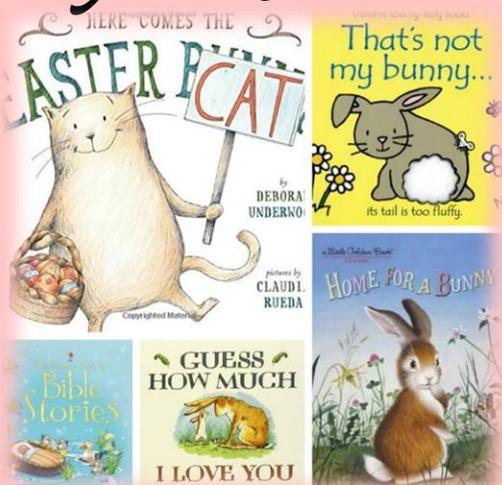
Here is a celebration of World Book Day 2025!





Dear Easter Bunny,

Forget the chocolate and fill
my basket with books please!



Xxx



From all of us at St
Lawrences...

