

Reader's Roundup

Mere Green's Reading Newsletter

Welcome to our first edition!

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum at Mere Green and we want to share our passion for books with you! Here is our roundup of all-things-books for both you and your family.

-Miss Bursnell, English Lead



READING HACKS

In years 1-6, children now keep their books on their tables everyday. Since this began, we have seen a positive impact on reading attitudes and an increase in how much children read. Here are 3 top tips to increase reading miles outside of school:

1

VISIT YOUR LIBRARY

It's one of the easiest ways to explore new books and authors. Find out about the Summer Reading Challenge below!

2

LISTEN TO AN AUDIO BOOK

There are 100's of free children's (and adult) audiobooks on Spotify. Just search for your favourite titles.

3

ALWAYS CARRY A BOOK

Waiting at the dentists, visiting grandmas - keep children occupied and show you can always fit in reading a book!

Readers' rescue: DONATIONS needed!

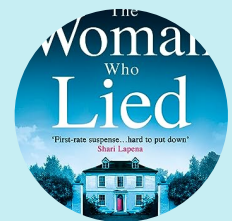
We are always looking to update our school libraries to give our children access to a wide variety of books and authors. If you are looking to de-clutter and donate any good quality books, particularly picture books, then please drop them off to the main office area. We would be extremely grateful!

STORY-TIME FOR PARENTS



Mrs Metcalfe, French teacher, recommends

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens



Mrs Kimbley, TA in year 3, recommends

The Woman Who Lied by Claire Douglas



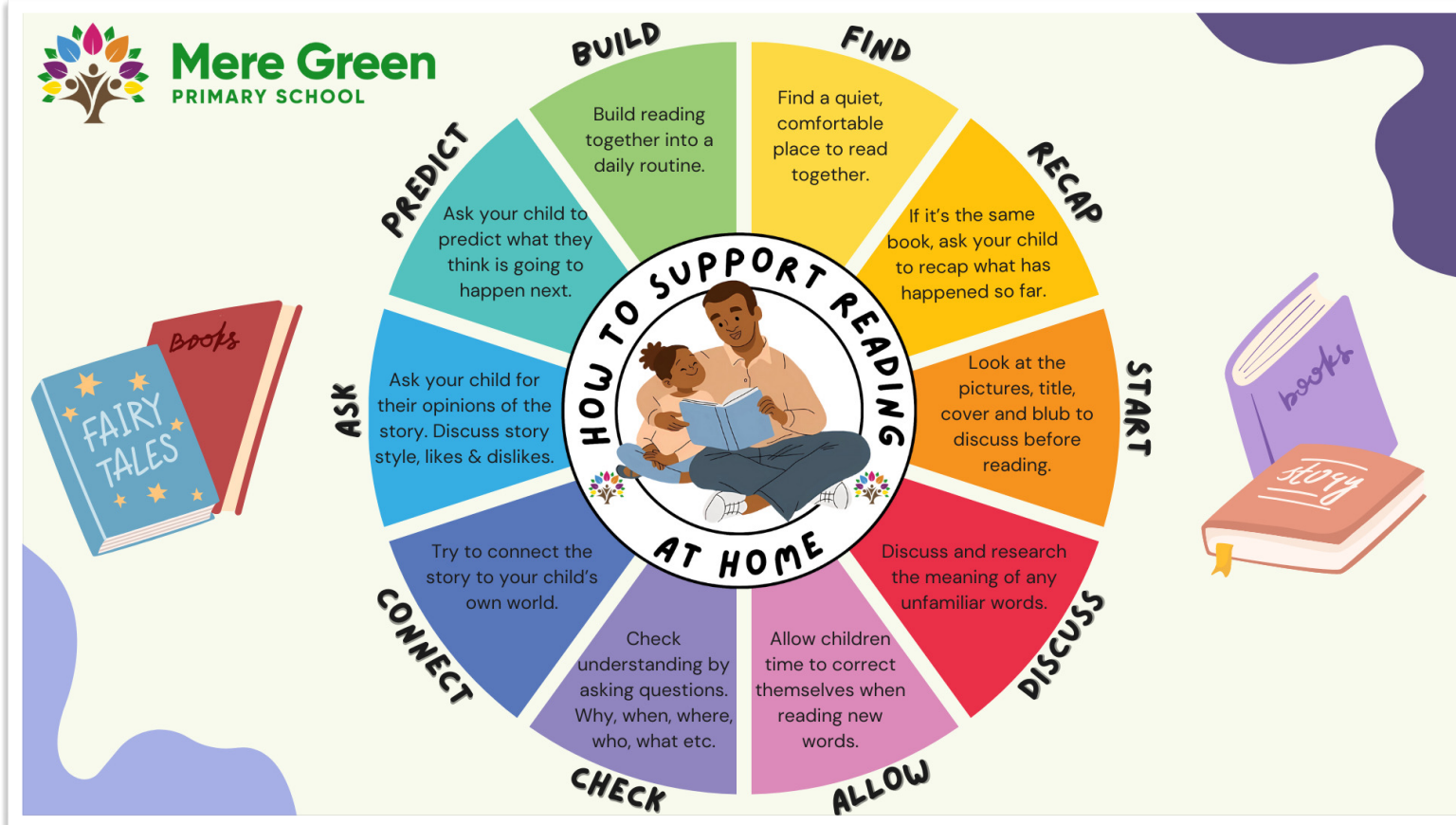
Miss Quinn, 1:1 in Year 1, recommends

The Humans by Matt Haig

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE - 6TH JULY

Your child is invited to sign up for this year’s Summer Reading Challenge - FREE at your local library. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. Children can sign up online or at their local library and it’s completely FREE to take part. Librarians from Mere Green library will be sharing more information during a school assembly on 8th July.

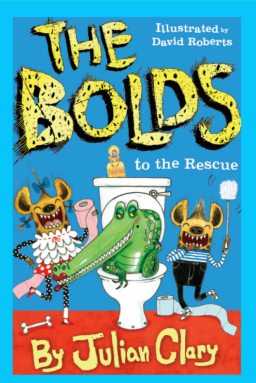
“It is an amazing way to boost children’s confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.”



YOUNG READERS' PICKS

Year 6 have been writing book reviews, based on their favourite reads this year. Here are a few to inspire your reading habits!

<p>BOOK REVIEW BY: EDDIE ELWELL.</p>	<p>Title: Alex Rider. Author: Anthony Horowitz.</p>
	<p>Summary: The world's only teenage spy must outwit the world's most ingenious terrorists and madmen. This series keeps the action on OVERDRIVE.</p>
<p>Main Character: What I enjoyed of Alex Rider was his determination and grit to find something out his own way. He carries on trying to figure out what the terrorists across the world want to do.</p>	
<p>Things I didn't enjoy: My only objection to this series is they don't really go into depth about Alex Rider. All you know is his parents have died and he's living with his housekeeper in London.</p>	<p>Things I enjoyed: The variety kept me interested and entertained. Another thing is the full format of the story so that I can get into it more than shorter story's do. That's why I think the Alex Rider series is such a good book. There was a lot of action with gun fights and cool weapons. This kept me hooked in. The cool inventions from Smithers to help Alex escape from anywhere.</p>

<p>Book review by Lucy Lawson</p>	<p>THE BOLDS: to the rescue. By Julian Clary</p>
	<p>The Bolds, the hyena family successfully impersonating as humans, have become well known in the animal kingdom. Soon their house is full of visitors hoping to learn how to pass as humans too. First to move in (emerging from the toilet) is Sheila, a nearly full-grown crocodile, fed up with life in the sewers. Fifi, a French poodle intent on a career as a singer, is followed by a homeless, pregnant cat, a turtle, and 15 sea gulls. Roger, a sheep who hates feilds, hopes to find less "outdoorsy" work, ideally as a nanny. Space is soon at a premium, even after Mr. McNumpy, the (disguised) grizzly bear next door, takes in some of the overflow. The cheery Bolds put up with chaos and overcrowding, but after two nervous racehorses fleeing their new owner, Dodgy Dean, join the household, Fred and Amelia take steps to equip residents with skills to manage on their own. Lessons on table manners, walking on hind legs, toileting, speaking and reading, plus career and wardrobe advice ensue, along with group therapy and emergency drills (evading discovery by humans). Despite progress, the racehorses, proving tough to disguise, are recaptured by Dodgy Dean to be sold for horsemeat. Luckily, the Bolds have a rescue plan. This book is really humorous, and i would recomend it to people 5-13 its a great one to read with freinds or family, even on you own!</p>
<p>Lerner Publishing Group, 1 Apr 2017</p>	<p>I feel like the book could have been better if sheila (the crocodile) had never seen daylight in her life and she had shown more passion and exitment when she first went outside when she went to a fete. SPOILER ALERT: I also think it would have been better that in the next book in the series, sheila comes back to Teddington (where the bolds live.)</p>

<p>Book review: The Hobbit J R R Tolkien</p>	<p>Harrison Price</p>
<p>This book is about the journey of Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit adventuring to the mountain of Erebor, which is guarded by the evil dragon Smaug. He has been chosen by the dwarf Thorin Oakenshield to be a thief and aquire the jewels and riches of the dwarfs kingdom in Erebor, although he will have to face the dragon nesting there.</p>	<p>I liked not only liked the action but I also enjoyed the intresting storyline. It was fun because all the characters had a unique trait and personality in the story and nobody wasnt included. There were so many intresting twists in the plot and it was suprising at every point in the story.</p>
<p>Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who is short with brown curly hair and large hairy feet. He is sneaky yet resisitant to greed, unlike the dwarves in the story and he likes to stay at home.</p>	<p>The only thing that I particularly disliked about the story is the difficult vocabulary. This is because since the story is quite old, there are words wich are no longer used in modern stories and therefore they are difficult to understand.</p>
	