

Welcome

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely break and have read lots of exciting books. We have heard about lots of exciting reading events that have happened this half term, so sit down, grab a cuppa and 'read all about it!'

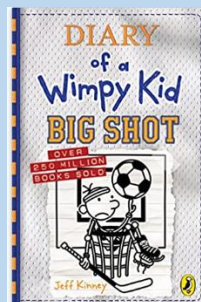
As always, we are so excited to hear all about what exciting reading activities you have completed, so please let us know. Tweet us on @MonksdownReads

Author review

Name: Winfred Shirly Hughes CBE
D.O.B: 16th July 1927
Job: Author

Winfred Shirly Hughes is a well known authour and illustrator who recently passed away aged 94. She as born in West Kirby, Wirral. Shirley is remembered for writing over 50 books, which have sold over 11.5 million copies including this issues reccommended read, Dogger and the popular series, Alfie. She began her career by illustrating books by other authors before writing her first book, 'Lucy and Tom's Day. In 2003, The Walker Art Gallery hosted an exhibition of her work! Shirley Huges, will be sadly missed but her memory will live on in everyone who enjoys her books. She is definalty an author to look out for.

New Book Release Alert



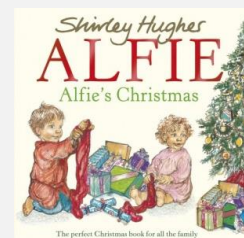
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After a disastrous competition at school, Greg decides that he is officially going to retire from all sports! That is, until his mum persuades him to give it another go and so he RELUCTANTLY signs up for basketball. Will this be a good idea??

Read all about Greg's new adventure in this exciting new story by the amazing author Jeff Kinney.

Recommended Read

Alfie's Christmas
by Shirley Hughes



"Join Alfie and Annie Rose for Christmas! Alfie opens his advent calendar and makes cards and presents. He sings carols and decorates the tree. And he writes a special letter to Father Christmas... But what will Father Christmas bring on Christmas Day? It's going to be such an exciting day!"

Books and Butties.

Parents were invited to a lovely morning of books and bacon butties. Parents enjoyed discussing books they had read with others, finding some new books to read and most importantly having a well-earned rest with a drink and a bacon butty!

Thank you to everyone who came. We hope you enjoyed yourself.



READING ADVENT.

In December, KS1 continued their reading advent calendars as it was such a hit last year.

Each day, a child was picked to choose a book from the reading advent tree. The books were wrapped up to ensure suspense. The children loved opening their new books and reading them with their parents. Some children even brought their books in to read with the class!

Reading Challenge Task

If you received a new and exciting book for Christmas we would love to hear all about it! Bring in your new book and tell your class all about it! Tweet a photo of you reading your new book and write a little blurb telling us all about it.



Coming soon!

Watch this space!

Next half term we have some amazing author visits planned and we can not wait!

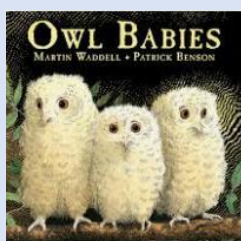
We would love to have as many pupils as possible take part. Simply upload your photograph onto our school Twitter page @MonksdownSchool @MonksdownReads using the hashtag #welovetoread ~readingnewsletter

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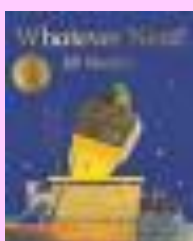
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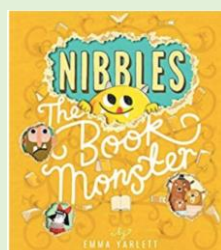
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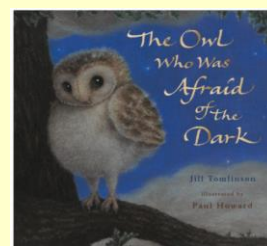
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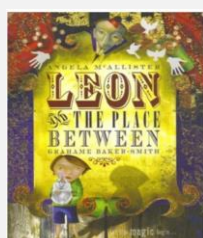
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Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

