

# **Alexandra Park Primary School**



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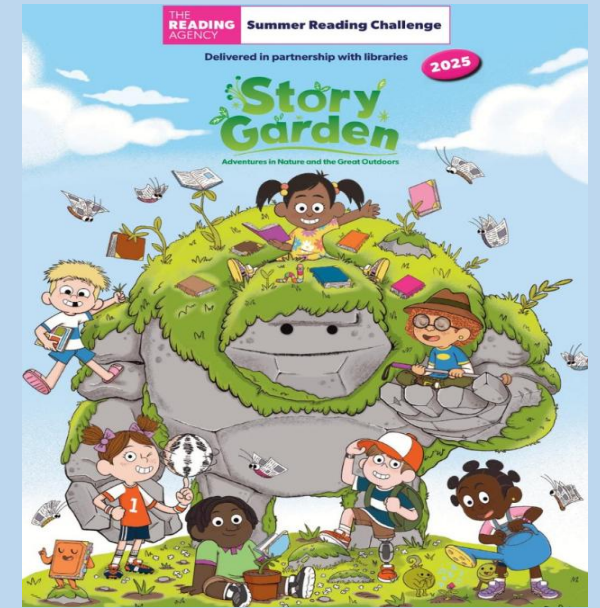
## **Reading Newsletter Autumn (2025/2026)**





# Summer Reading Challenge

We were delighted that so many children read 6 books from the library during the summer and it was great to see how proud they were of their certificates and themselves! A love of reading is one of the greatest gifts a child can have.



## BOOK BINGO!



Congratulations to our winner of 'Book Bingo' in our celebration event. Keep up the brilliant reading.



# Reading Ambassadors

We are proud to have our new Reading Ambassadors in post, who are going to share their passion with the school community this year. Already, they have taken part in their first reading council meeting, putting forward some excellent ideas around how to develop children's love of reading. They have started plans for reading events across the whole school and also read Christmas stories to our younger children in Reception and Year 1.

We are excited to work together this year to develop a wider reading for pleasure culture and help all children see themselves as readers!



## Quotes from our Ambassadors

*"At the minute, I am really enjoying a text in class called 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. I can't wait to find out the ending!"*

*"I would recommend Sky Hawk by Gill Lewis."*

*"Reading helps you learn lots of new things about the world."*



*"I love reading biographies of famous people and stories that include empathy."*

*"My favourite author currently is Onjali Rauf."*



# Christmas Reading

During advent, it has been lovely to see some of our older children reading Christmas stories to the EYFS/KS1 classes as part of their whole class story time. Merry Christmas, everyone.



# National Poetry Day

Throughout October, we took part in National Poetry Day, where children listened to, created and read a variety of wonderful poems. One of the poets we learnt about was Paul Cookson. The children really enjoyed reading and performing his poems aloud – some even managed to make their own versions and perform in assembly. Well done, Alex Park.



You can read more of his poems here...



<https://paulcooksonpoet.co.uk/>



## WHERE TEACHERS KEEP THEIR PETS

Mrs Cox has a fox  
Nesting in her sweaty socks

Mr Spratt's tabby cat  
Sleeps beneath his bobble hat

Miss Cahoots has various newts  
Swimming in her zip up boots

Mr Spry has Fred his fly  
Eating food stains off his tie

Mrs Groat shows off her stoat  
Round the collar of her coat

Mr Spare's got grizzly bears  
Hiding in his big wide flares

And ...

Mrs Vickers – has a stick insect – called "Stickers"  
And she keeps it in her ...



# Author Spotlights

This term we would like to introduce the author P.G. Bell. Here is a short interview and a selection of his more recent books. Please look out for these in our school library – we hope you enjoy them!

## An interview with P.G. Bell



**What was your favourite childhood book and why?**

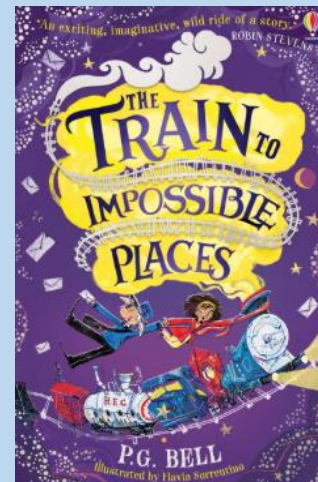
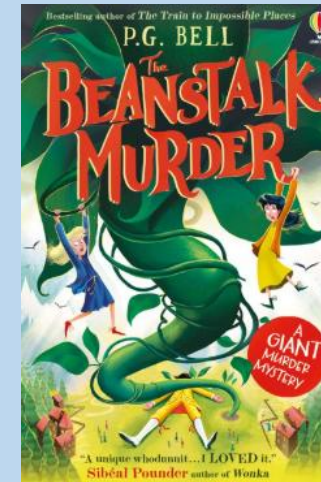
I had too many favourites to count, but the one that's stayed with me is *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams. I loved the absurdity and wordplay – it unlocked whole new sections of my imagination.

**Which of your own books is your favourite and why?**

I love all my books equally, but I'm most excited about *The Big Bad Wolf Murder* right now, because it's brand new. A book really comes alive for me when I get to share it with my readers.

**Why do you choose to read?**

Reading is a deeply personal and interactive thing. Every time I open a book, the writer is inviting me into their thoughts – their words chart the path, but my imagination has to take the steps along it. It's wonderful practice for seeing the world from someone else's perspective, and adding it to your own.





# Writing Competition

## Published Authors



This term, we have enjoyed reading some published writing following the success of a LKS2 Young Writer's Monster Tales national competition. The published work is now in our school library and reception foyer so please take a look when you get the chance. Keep up the fantastic work!





# Stay and Read...

## Parents



It was great to see so many of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents join us for our 'Stay and Read' sessions this half term. The children really do love you joining them and returned to class with a huge smile. Thank you!



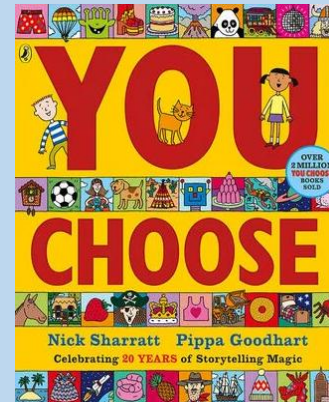
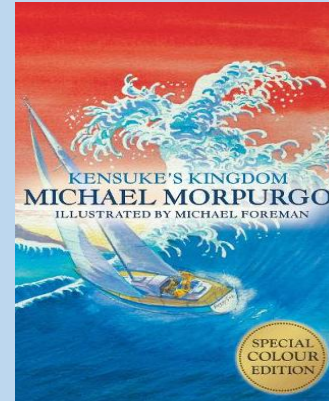
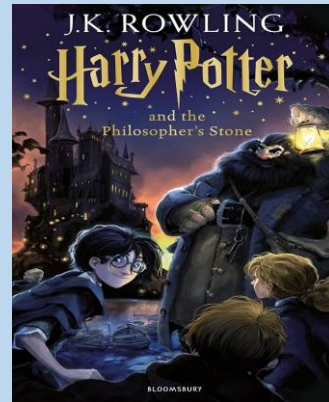
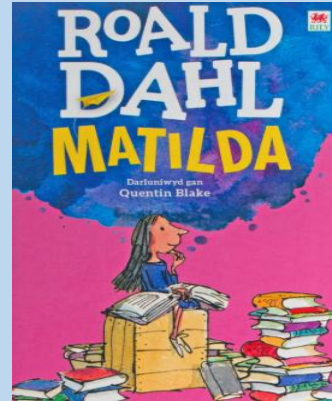
*Year 4...*



Miss Oxley

Growing up, I loved musical theatre. One of my favourite books whilst in school was Matilda by Roald Dahl. I also enjoyed reading the Harry Potter series. I just love how books can make magical stories come to life and seeing children's reactions in class.

## Guest readers



*Year 6...*



Miss Charlwood

I absolutely loved reading when I was in school and I still do now. Some of my favourite books were Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo and the 'You Choose' series by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart. Recently, I have really enjoyed Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve, which is one of our Y6 top 100 reads in the library.