

St Francis of Assisi  
Primary School  
Reading Newsletter  
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### Our third reading newsletter!

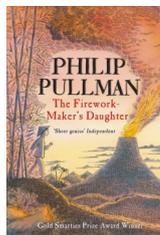
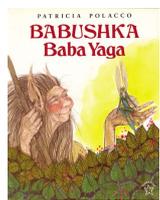
Welcome to our third reading newsletter! In this newsletter, there are lots more book recommendations: below are books set in lots of different countries for all ages. They are all really good reads!

### Book shop, website and app recommendations

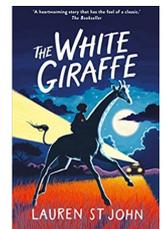
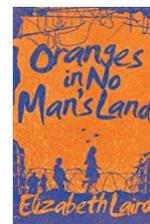


This half term, we're recommending the app, Epic! It's a great app full of books which can be read online for free! There is the option to subscribe to the website too which gives access to a wider range of books to borrow for longer. With 35,000 books to view, it has something for everyone! Why not give it a try?

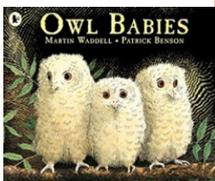
### Great reads set in other countries!



- Babushka Baba Yaga by Patricia Polacco
- Paris by phone by Pamela Druckerman
- The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman
- Kick by Mitch Johnson
- Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird
- The White Giraffe by Lauren St John



### Age 3-5 book recommendation

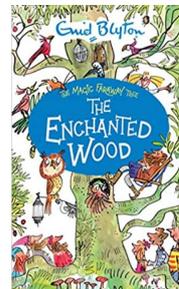


Three baby owls, Sarah, Percy and Bill, wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. So they sit on a branch and wait... Darkness gathers and the owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does and they bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her home.

*I've loved reading Martin Waddell's Owl Babies to children for years. It's one of my favourites and was one of my daughter's favourites when she was little. The story is lovely and is about 3 owl babies left in the woods whilst their mother goes out hunting for food. It's repetitious so the children soon join in and tell the story with you. When engrossed in the story, the children become very animated, and they love*

Recommended by  
Mrs Carrington,  
EYFS

### Age 6-9 book recommendation



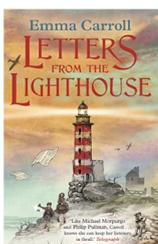
When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, that is the beginning of many magical adventures!

Join them and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Birthdays, the Land of Toys, or even the Land of Ice and Snow with its magic snowman?

Recommended  
by Ellie  
Twidle, Y2DH

*This book is about a magic tree that takes the children to mystery lands. I would recommend this book because it is interesting.*

### Age 9-11 book recommendation



February, 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees. Desperate to be helpful, Olive becomes his post-girl, carrying secret messages (as she likes to think of the letters) to the villagers. But Olive has a secret of her own. Her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid, and she's desperate to discover what happened to her. And then she finds a strange coded note which seems to link Sukie to Devon, and to something dark and impossibly dangerous.

Recommended  
by Mrs  
Proberts,  
headteacher

*I loved this book. It combined the story of one family's experiences and adventures as well as helping me increase my historical knowledge of WWII. It made me think about what life was like for a child as an evacuee and of those wanting and trying to help others. The values of compassion and friendship are so clear throughout the story. I would recommend this to anyone in Year 5 or 6.*

### Our local library

Have you got a library card? If so, you can borrow books from our lovely local library at Ingleby Barwick Leisure Centre. Pop in and register for a library card if you haven't got one, and be able to borrow up to 10 books at a time! They're open every day. You can also follow them on Facebook.

### New recommendations

I'd love some more recommendations for the next newsletter. Children, if you have any great books you'd like the rest of the school to know about, please let Mrs Davies know! Pop to see me or email at [frmdavies@stfrancispri.dalesmat.org](mailto:frmdavies@stfrancispri.dalesmat.org). I'd love to hear all your suggestions!