

BOOKWORMS



Reading Newsletter Issue 2

A message from the Year 6 Reading Ambassadors:

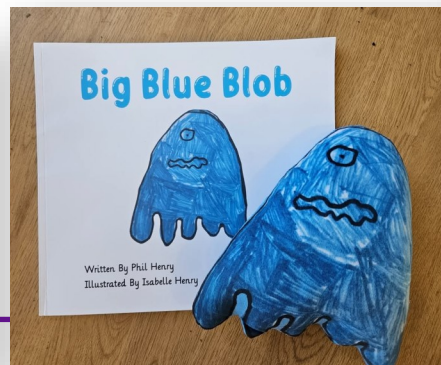
With winter well and truly here, we can think of nothing better than snuggling somewhere warm and cosy to enjoy a good book!
On our recommendations page you'll find recent releases, as well as some festive favourites which are perfect for this time of year!



The Goat Lees Reading Ambassadors:
Izzy, Ella, Laila and Georgie

Author Visit

We were so excited when local author Phil Henry visited us to read his book *The Big Blue Blob*. We enjoyed listening to the story before asking Phil lots of questions about how he goes about writing his stories and what other books he has planned—we can't wait to read those too!



The Winter Mini Challenge

Following the success of the Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge, The Winter Mini Challenge is back, encouraging children to keep up their good reading habits over the winter break and help spark a love of reading. Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple — children read at least three books of their choice between 1st December 2024 and 20th February 2025 and add them to their online profile at wintermini.org.uk.

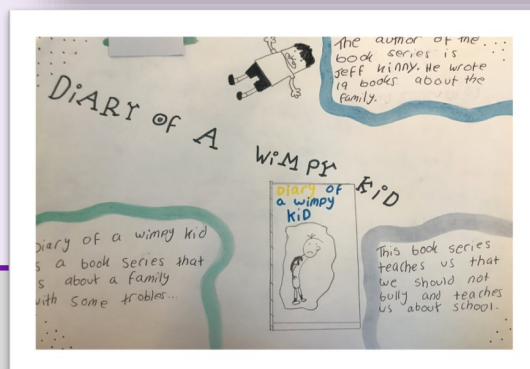
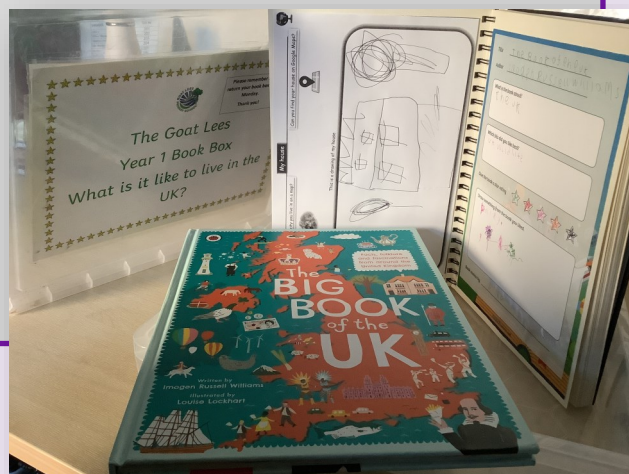
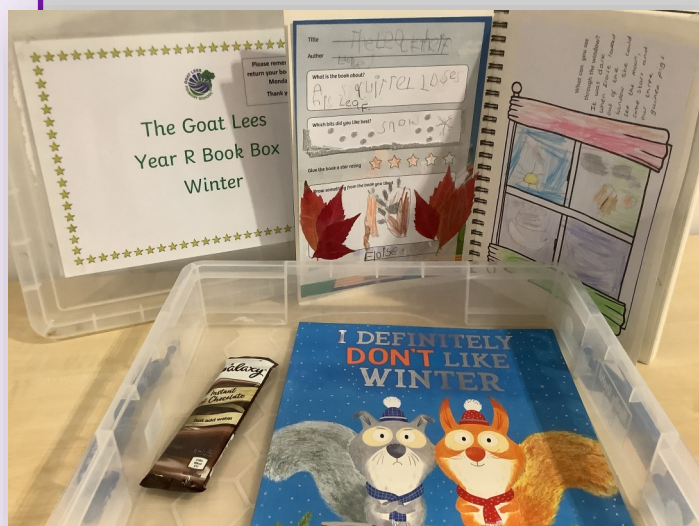
Reaching their reading goal will unlock rewards including an online badge and a Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep. The Winter Mini Challenge is absolutely free; children can read their own books, borrow from our school library or pop into their local library and choose from a huge selection of books, all free of charge.



For more information visit your nearest Kent Library or The Reading Agency website.

Book Boxes

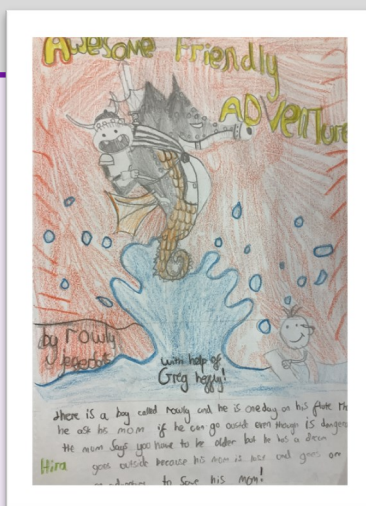
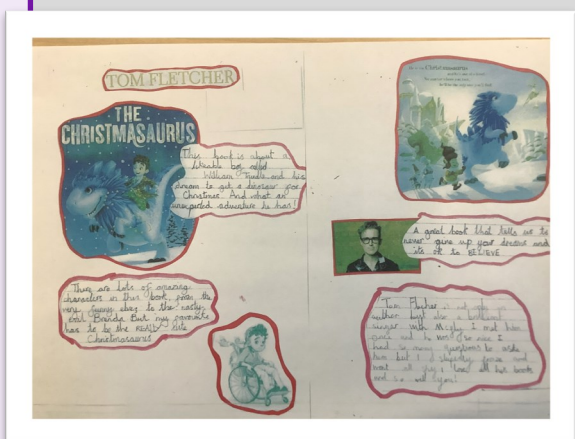
At Goat Lees, children in Billy, Angora and Alpine classes all have the chance to take home their Class Book Box. Inside each box is a special book to share with their family, their class reading journal (with exciting activities to complete) and even a delicious hot chocolate treat to enjoy!



Class Reading Journals

Every KS2 class at Goat Lees has a shared reading journal. Over the course of the year, we all get the opportunity to create our own imaginative page celebrating a book of our choice. It's a great way for us to share a book we've enjoyed reading and promote it to the rest of our class. We're free to design our page however we like and can include information about the author and illustrator, characters and plot (no spoilers please!), as well as short extracts, quotes and pictures.

These are some of the pages created this term.





Book Fair

Our annual book fair, organised by Mrs Paggett, took place earlier this term. There were lots of fantastic books available - Mrs Paggett couldn't resist buying some new titles for our library!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event, it helped raise funds for us to buy even more books!

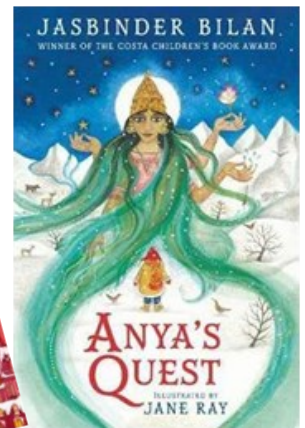
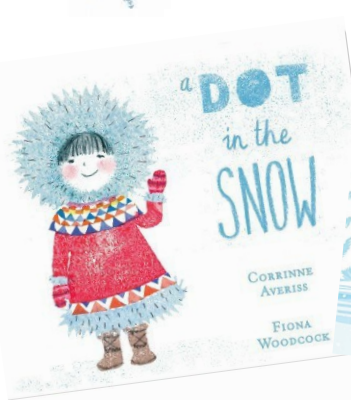


Check out some of the new books in our library...



To inspire a love of reading across the school, our Reading for Pleasure display includes teacher favourites, recommendations, pupil reviews, author of the month (currently Onjali Q. Raúf) and pocket poems to read, share and perform.

Books to get excited about this winter.....



Perfect picture books for children in EYFS and Key Stage 1

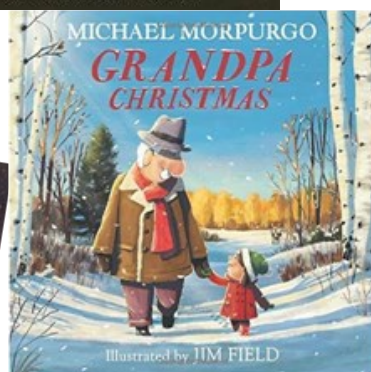


For readers aged 7+



Super stories for 5-7 year olds

Great fiction for readers aged 9+





Let's Talk Books

With Miss Chapman

What are your favourite reading genres?

Adventure, romance and fantasy.

What is it that you enjoy about reading?

I love getting transported to a different world and not having to worry about anything.

If you could meet any book character, who would it be and can you tell us why?

I would like to meet Draco Malfoy as an adult to see if he has got nicer since growing up- also because he has a very large library in his house!

What were some of your favourite books when you were a child?

I loved Harry Potter. My dad started reading the first one to me when I was little, then as I got older and new books came out, I read them myself. I also liked the Cathy Cassidy books.

Where do you most like to read?

I either like to read on the sofa or in bed before I go to sleep - although sometimes I get so distracted that I end up staying up past my bedtime!

Do you prefer to reads a standalone book or a series?

It depends on my mood - I like a series but I don't like having to wait for the new books to come out, I get too impatient and my favourite authors tend to end books on cliff hangers!

10 ways to become a better reader...

1. Read 2. READ

3. Read

4. read

5. READ

6. Read

7. Read

8. read

9. Read



10. READ

