



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
LIVE, LOVE, LEARN. TOGETHER WE WILL SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

The Fruit of Holy Spirit



What an amazing first half term we have had at Holy Spirit! Thank you all for your support this half term, it has been much appreciated. Our children have worked really hard settling back into school in their new classes and they continue to make me the proudest headteacher. I would like to thank all of our staff at for everything that they do each and every day to ensure that your child has the very best education in Holy Spirit. We are truly blessed at Holy Spirit to have such a dedicated and talented staff. I hope that you all have a wonderful half term break and I look forward to welcoming you all back to Holy Spirit on Monday 31st October.

***Kindest regards
Miss Sinead Walsh
Headteacher***



Dear God,
make our school a place of laughter and friendship. A place where we can learn. Make our school a place where we are kind and considerate, a place where we can share our hopes and dreams. Thank you for the people who teach us all we know, thank you for our school where we will soar to new heights. Amen.

I hope that you enjoy reading our October edition of 'The Fruit of Holy Spirit'. It is focused on how we promote a love of reading throughout our wonderful school Holy Spirit. Thank you to Mrs Woods, our Deputy head and English subject leader for her fantastic work ensuring that reading is at the heart of our curriculum offer at Holy Spirit. Each month we are going to buy each class a new book for their class reading area to enjoy. Last month we bought each class a poetry book and in October we bought a book about linked to our value of the month Kindness.

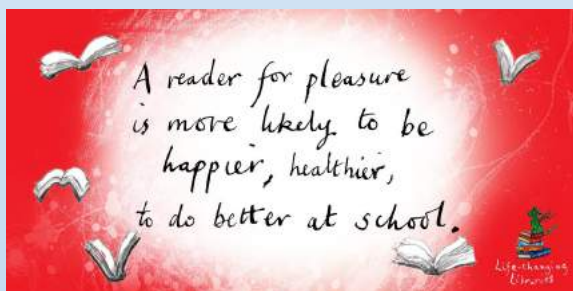
Reading is important,
because if you can
read
you can learn
anything
about everything
and
everything about
anything. –

Tomie dePaola



We love reading at Holy Spirit!

At Holy Spirit we LOVE reading. Reading for enjoyment is incredibly valuable for children. Children who enjoy what they read do better throughout their lives. Reading opens up new worlds for children and it gives them the chance to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. It is also proven to improve children's ability to deal with their feelings and improve their self-esteem. Children's books change lives...always for the better.



In each class, you will find beautiful reading areas. We have our favourite books including the most up-to-date releases. We use our class libraries every day.

Book Talk Challenge

This week your child will have been sent home with a bookmark with some challenges on them. We want to see lots of talking about books; talk about your favourite books with your child and ask them about theirs. We'd love to see a photo of you reading together on twitter. #weloveread



Book Talk Challenge

Return by Friday 4th November

Can you tell an adult about a book you have read? ☐

Write down the book you talked about:

Ask an adult to tell you about a book they read as a child? ☐

Write down the book you talked about:

Read to an adult and write down an interesting word you find? ☐

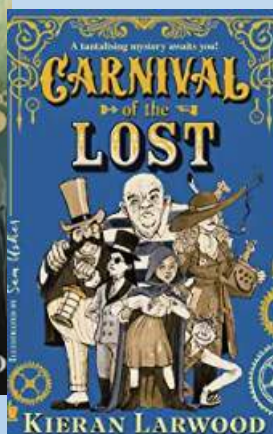
What was your word:

Take a photo of you reading with an adult and post it on twitter. ☐

Name: _____ Year: _____

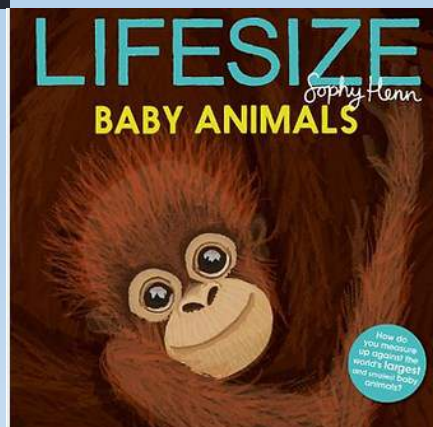
Sharing our love of Reading!

Over the last couple of weeks we have held some Reading for Pleasure events in school. We read some amazing books in front of a roaring fire, completed some activities and ate some biscuits.



I would highly suggest that everyone reads books by Kieran Larwood. Kieran creates incredibly fantastical worlds where strange and wonderful creatures go on amazing adventures. You should definitely give these books a go.

Lifesize Baby Animals shows the actual size of real-life babies, from tiny possums (the size of a full stop) to baby blue whales (the size of an ambulance). The illustrations are beautiful and introduces simple facts. A lovely book.



Nursery



Nursery have been reading the story of 'The Leaf Thief' by Alice Hemming. In this story a squirrel worries that someone is stealing his leaves. His friend, bird, helps him to realise that this happens every autumn and it is the wind that blows his leaves off the tree.

The leaves turn brown and yellow and red. It is Autumn.



Squirrel was so cross. There were loads of leaves on his tree, and the wind took them away.



I am a reading star because I independently drew a story map of our story.



I am a reading star because I have been working hard to find rhyming pairs



Reading Stars



Reception



Come and cosy up with a good book in our Reading Area. The children have a selection of books from easy reading and traditional tales through to Talk 4 Writing texts.



Reception's key text this half term has been ...

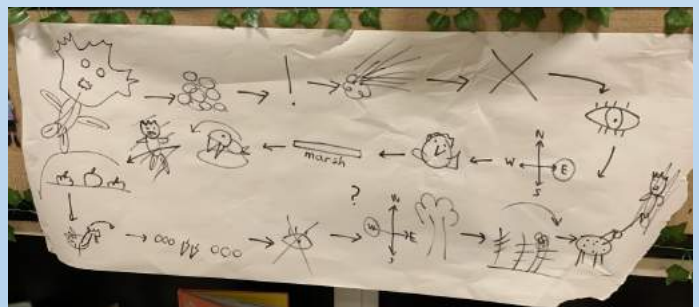
The Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert.

The children have enjoyed learning to retell the story using Talk 4 Writing techniques. Reception have also enjoyed making and labelling their own Leaf Man as they explored Autumn in the outdoor area.



Scan the QR code to hear us retell the story.

We can tell the story of The Leaf Man using our story map



Well Done to this half terms star readers. You have been trying hard with your reading in school and at home. Keep it up



Year 1

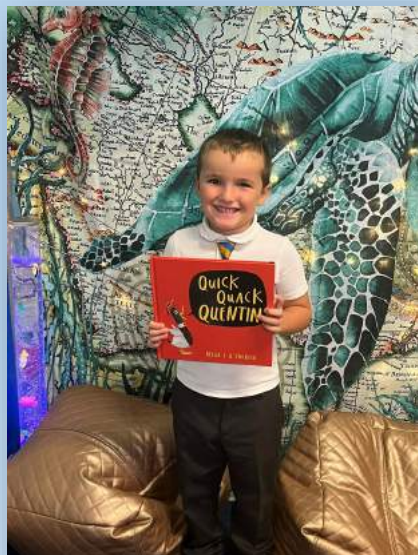


Year 1 love to read! We have been reading Elmer, who is a very funny elephant but he wants to be just like all of the other elephants. We have also enjoyed reading The Tiger who came to tea. The tiger loved to eat everything that was in the house, this meant that there was no food left in the house at all!

I enjoyed reading Elmer because he always made the other elephants laugh. They always have an Elmer day now to celebrate being different.

I loved reading 'The tiger who came to tea' because the tiger ate all of the food. I think he would love to have some tiger food!

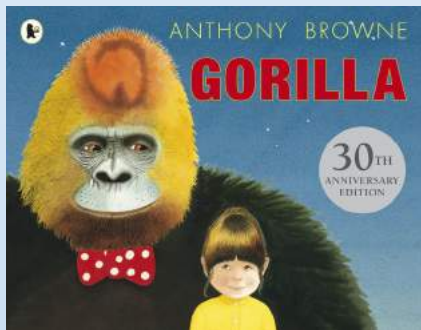
Well done to Gabrielle, who has been our star reader! She makes sure reads at home every night but loves to read lots of different stories in class too!



Year 2



We love reading in Year 2. We have done lots of reading for pleasure so far this year and really enjoy having stories read to us. The photograph on the left is of our 'Reading Garden' in our classroom.



In Year 2, we are reading Gorilla by Anthony Browne. In this story, a girl called Hannah loves gorillas but has never been to the zoo because her parents are too busy. However, for her birthday, her Dad buys her a toy gorilla. This toy comes to life and takes Hannah on a wonderful journey. They go to the zoo, to the cinema and have some foot together.

I love the gorilla story.
It is one of my
favourite books ever!
-Emilie

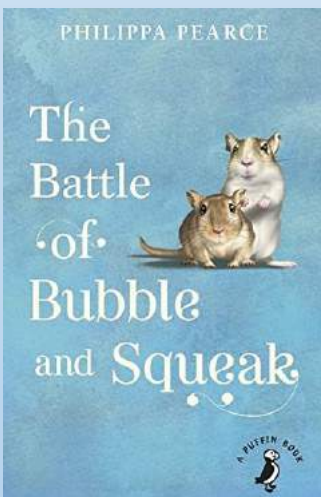
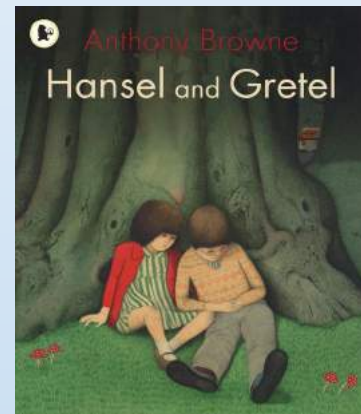
I really like it because
Hannah gets to see gorillas
with a real gorilla and the
gorilla is very kind.
-Michael



Year 3

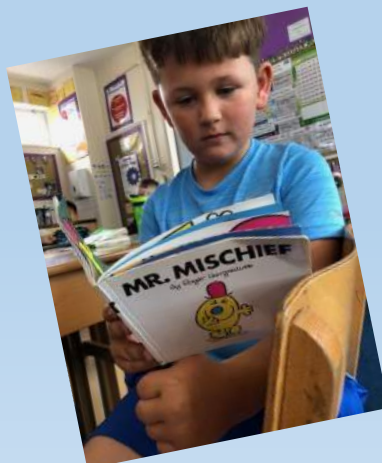


Year 3 really do love to read. We have chosen our top 10 books from the library by reading and evaluating them. We particularly loved the picture book *Hansel and Gretel* by Anthony Browne. The pictures tell more of story than the words...ask Year 3!



We love Bubble and Squeak because they are naughty Gerbils and mum gets cross with them all of the time.. Alexandru.

We are reading the Battle of Bubble and Squeak by Philippa Pierce. It's a funny story about the chaos caused by two gerbils given to Sid. Mum hates pets, stepdad loves them What could possibly go wrong??



Ava is a super reader and really enjoys a good book. Check out her comments on Twitter about her book *Beauty and the Beast*!



Year 4



Year 4 love to sit in our Reading Garden and enjoy a good book. It is so peaceful, to sit near the window and enjoy our lovely school grounds while we immerse ourselves in imaginary lands.

Our class novel is Michael Morpurgo's *Why The Whales Came*. We love Michael Morpurgo's novels and the way he uses words to create images in our heads. We are half way through it at the moment and can't wait to find out what happens to the Birdman, Gracie and Daniel.



Malakai: My favourite part was when Mr Jenkins joins the navy and Morpurgo explains just how serious this was for Gracie and her mother.

Alex: My favourite part so far was when Mr Jenkins found Gracie's cormorant and she had to say it was a Christmas present!

Here is our Star Reader -! Abigail loves to read everything she is given and enjoys reading at home too. This is her favourite book at the moment and she is also enjoying our class novel.

Thomas: My favourite part was when Gracie was trying not to laugh when the Preventative tried to take the timber from the people living on Bryher.



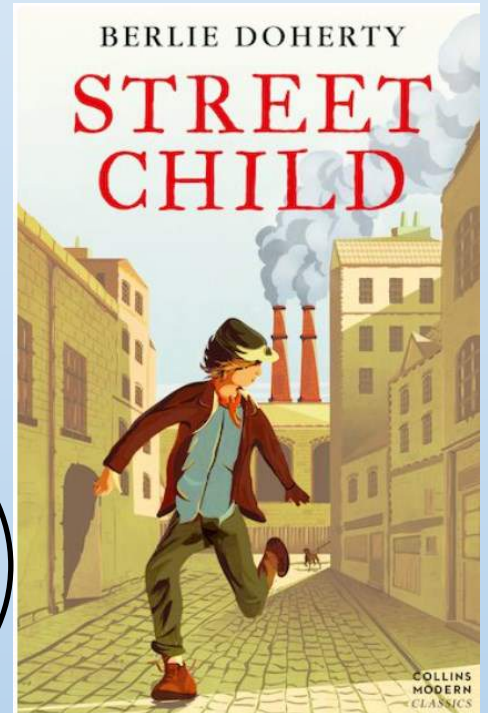
Year 5



We have been reading the book *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. The story is set in the 1860's where life was very tough for some people. So far, Jim has been made homeless and forced into a workhouse where people are not very nice. We have learned some new words including hearth, shilling and weary. Why don't you ask us what they mean?

I like it because it is set in the olden days and I like learning about other centuries and how hard they

I think that it's sad because his mum dies and he still is so young. He also doesn't have any money.



Don't forget to log onto Reading Plus every week. It is such a fabulous resource and supports our children to make the best progress they can possibly make in reading.



STAR
READERS



Year 6



We have been reading *Skellig*—by David Almond this half-term. The children are engrossed in the story, desperate to find out more about the mysterious man, that Michael finds in the garage of his new home. The children have also written a brilliant descriptive recount, based on the events read so far.

Skellig is a mystery book. I hope that the man in the garage is going to be helped by Michael. I think he is an Angel that got captured and needs help getting back to his world before it is too late. Finn

Skellig is a great book! I am predicting (and hoping) that the man in the garage will have special powers! Connor



Jacob is our Star Reader this week! He has been making a determined effort on Reading Plus every night at home, and he is loving the book he has chosen from our library—he now wants to

STAR
READER



Rainforest



We absolutely LOVE reading and retelling stories in the Rainforest. We enjoy turning 'the big lights' off and having all our special lights on, alongside our bubble machine, and we enjoy our book in a lovely, quiet and calm space. Some of us share books, some of us read by ourselves and some of us enjoy sitting whilst a book is read to us. It's such a special time to have together and we've been sharing our opinions on the books we've read.

I like it when we read Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We joined in and we had porridge after.

The poems we read were funny.
I laughed so much!



Phonics Session: Y1



Dates for the Diary

9th November 9.00am

23rd November 9.00am

We will be inviting parents into school to join in a Phonics sessions with their child. This will be a great opportunity for you to observe how we teach phonics and early ready in school. We will be splitting the class in half, please keep your eye on Marvellous Me for your confirmed date.

Home Reading



Please remember to read your child's reading book more than once with them. This will ensure fluency. This means that they will start to read words without saying each letter. It is also important to help them with the High frequency words that are at the front of the book.



Spanish



Spanish Curriculum Autumn Term 2022

Y1	Greetings, Classroom instructions, Ask and say their name and how they feel, Introduction to Spain (Customs and traditions), Numbers 1-10, Colours, Animals, Numbers 11-20, Weather, Jobs, Christmas in Spain	Y4	Revision of topics covered and in Y3, Face and body vocabulary, Health and illness, Ailments and remedies, At the Doctors surgery, Qualities of character, Spanish poem, Assessment, Christmas activities
Y2	Revision of topics covered in Y1, Personal information – age, Desserts,, Days of the week, Months, Numbers 20-31, Birthdays, At the Zoo Christmas activities	Y5	Revision of topics covered in Y4, Location of Spanish town + cities, Fruit and opinions, Healthy lifestyle – No/Se debe + Infinitive, Assessment, Christmas activities
Y3	Revision of topics covered in Y2, Places in the town, Shops, Shopping – Buying clothes, Alphabet, Spanish Tongue twisters, Christopher Columbus, Family + Info, Assessment, Christmas Activities	Y6	Revision of topics covered in Y5, Accommodation in Spain, My home- house/ flat, Furniture, Places in the town + directions, Monuments, Spanish monuments, Assessment, Christmas activities

Have a look at some of our learning in Spanish this term

