

# Hensingham Primary School Library Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2020

### *Library launch success*

Children have been visiting the library every week to choose reading for pleasure books and a recent pupil survey suggested that this is having a positive impact on reading. Librarians have been allocated to supervise changing of books between sessions and to return quarantined books. This is going well and they are taking their new roles very seriously!



### *Brand New Library Books*

Thanks to a very generous anonymous donation, we have restocked some of our smaller book sections to give children more choice over the books they read. We have also added several new books by upcoming authors, including Nizrana Farook, Catherine Rundell and Sophie Anderson to our older sections, to encourage a wide range of themes and interests.



### *Brilliant Book Club*



Thanks to a very kind donation of money which was raised by the sale of 'preloved books' from the Cleator Moor Post Office, we were able to buy a brand new set of Books for our first school Book Club of the Year! Our Year 5 pupils spent several weeks exploring the amazing book 'Wonder' and holding weekly discussions on the content, themes and their opinions on the story and character choices. Well done to everyone who volunteered their time and effort! The book club will be rolled out to other classes during the new year.

## Access to books

If children can't get to the school library due to isolation, if they finish their books really quickly or if they just enjoy reading books online, there are lots of ways they can access books at home.

The Whitehaven Library are now offering a 'click and collect' service where you can collect up to 6 books per child in a safe and easy way. Contact the library to find out more.

There are free ebooks available on the Oxford Owl website, including some Read Write Inc titles for our KS1 children and we have signed up to Epic which is a free eBook library with thousands of books and comics available for all ages and interests, including lots of fiction and non-fiction themes. This also has a huge selection of audio books which children can read along with as well as the function to allow children to select words they don't understand and a definition will be given to help with comprehension.

Cumbria County Council

**Select & Collect**  
Simply order by phone or email and collect your items in just 7 days

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Whitehaven Library

Although our libraries are not open for browsing at the moment, we are always here to support you with your child's reading, we can supply a selection of up to 6 books chosen by our library staff for you to collect. We can select board books, easy readers, non-fiction, teen, dual language and lots more.

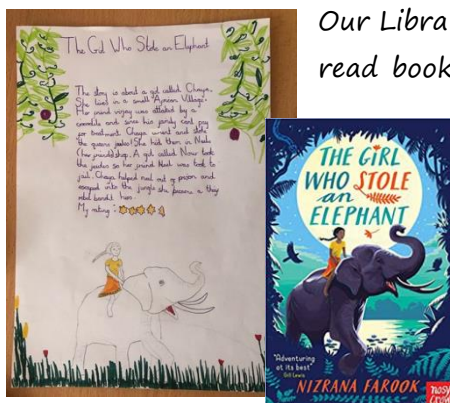
For more information please take a look on the Cumbria Libraries website [www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/selectcollect.asp](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/selectcollect.asp)  
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## Book Reviews



Our Library now has a Book Review Folder where pupils who have read books can leave reviews to help other children decide what to choose or find out what types of books other children have enjoyed. This can include books from home, the library and even online so encourage your child to write something and add it to the folder next time they are in the library! Reviews can also be sent electronically to [jwalker@hensingham.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:jwalker@hensingham.cumbria.sch.uk)

## **Book of the Month**

Each month the Book Trust provides details of latest releases and new books for different age groups. Whilst we won't always have these available in our school library, they are handy for any children who like to spend pocket money on new books or perhaps to create a birthday or Christmas 'wish list'! Visit [www.booktrust.org](http://www.booktrust.org) for more details.

## **Book Bonanza**

In January, we will be launching our own very own Reading Passport! This will contain a list of 10 books, both school library books and eBooks, and each year group will need to read at least five of them during the term to gain rewards! Each book will have ideas for quizzes, activities and further reading suggestions ... so look out for more information coming soon!

## **Book Buddy System Introduced**

We understand the importance of being able to discuss books with peers to support comprehension and increase enjoyment. So to improve peer reading opportunities and promote healthy discussions about books, we have now introduced a new 'Book Buddy' section in the library, where multiple copies of the same book are available to allow pupils to read along with their friends (like a mini book club!) Friends can decide on a book together and then read at home and discuss the next day ... perhaps they could even leave a review for the next group!



## **Reading Raffle Winners**



Our Reading Raffle winners are drawn each half term to promote reading enjoyment as part of our Strive for Five System. Here are our winners from earlier in the term, the final draw for Autumn will take place tomorrow!