



Coulston Reading Newsletter Autumn 1

What an exciting start to the year it has been!

At Coulston, we have been enjoying *Reading for Pleasure* and developing our knowledge and enjoyment of a wide variety of stories, poems and non-fiction books, both within our classes and across the whole school. Each half-term we would like to share, with our wider school community, our adventures into other worlds so that we can all share in our love of reading together.

Author of the Month

September – Roald Dahl



Roald Dahl was a novelist, short-story writer, fighter pilot and screen writer. He was born in Wales on 13 September 1916 to Norwegian parents.

During World War II, Dahl became a Wing Commander and intelligence agent before becoming a writer in the 1940s. Since then, Dahl has become one of the most famous and popular children's authors of all time with many of his books being made into films and theatre productions.

Some of his most famous works are: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Witches*, *Matilda*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *The BFG* and *The Twits*.

On 13 September, Mr Twit came to visit us here at Coulston and shared some excerpts from his story with all of the children. Great fun was had by all!

October – Baroness Floella Benjamin

Baroness Floella Benjamin has been famous for many years, appearing in both films and television since the 1970s and working as an actress in the West End. She is perhaps most well-known for her time presenting *Play School* on the BBC.

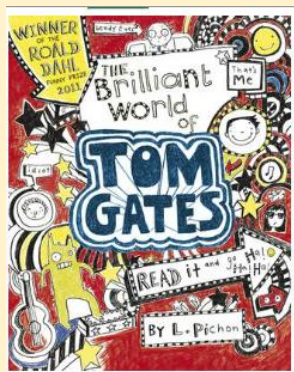
Her book *Coming to England* has been our book for October which is about her journey to England from Trinidad. Mrs Lambe has enjoyed sharing this story with classes across the school during the past month and the children have enjoyed learning about it as part of their class reading sessions.

During her life, Baroness Benjamin has also carried out a wide range of charitable works protecting and supporting the health and wellbeing of children. Owing to her charitable works, she became a Dame. She was also given the role of carrying the Sceptre with Dove at the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.



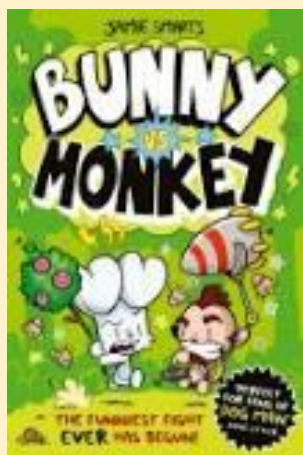


Reading Ambassadors' Recommendations



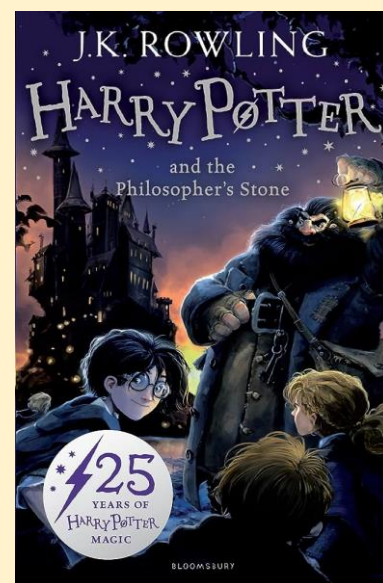
Sophie in Year 4 recommends The Tom Gates Series because it is quite funny, has nice ideas on cooking and has perfect pranks that you can play on older or younger siblings.

Deion in Year 4 recommends the Chip and Kipper books because they include lots of things that wouldn't happen in real-life. They get you to use your imagination and inspire you to write your own books too.



Jack J in Year 5 recommends Bunny versus Monkey because it is a series for all ages and there are loads of comic strips in it.

Rosa in Year 5 recommends Harry Potter because it is action-packed with magic and mystery which draws you in to the characters' adventures. A great read for those above Year 3.





Autumn 1 – Book Bingo

Can you read these during the half-term break?

A poem about
Autumn

A recipe (and
create
something to
eat!)

A comic or
magazine with
a spooky story

Your favourite
book of all
time

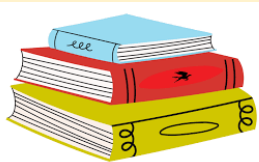
A book linked
to your topic
at school

A magical
story or fairy
tale

A book that
makes you
feel cosy

A newspaper
or piece of
journalistic
writing

An
information
book





Autumn 1 – Book Treasure Hunt

Can you find all of these during your half-term?

A book with a
spooky cover

A book that is
set in the
future

A book based
on a true story

A book that
has been
made into a
film

A book that is
set in the past

A book with
more than 100
pages

A book about
someone
famous

A book that
contains
magic

A book that
you have
never heard of
before

How many did you manage to find?

