



Florendine Reading Newsletter



February 2022—Happy New Year!

Reasons to Love Reading!

Don't just take my word for it—each newsletter I will share a quote which encourages a love of reading!

Quote #11:

“It is a great thing to start life with a small number of really good books which are your very own.” – Arthur Conan Doyle (author and creator of the Sherlock Holmes stories)



Flarnia!

In the week commencing 14th February, Florendine will be transformed into the magical world of Narnia! Children will spend the week fully immersed in the classic children's novels created by C.S. Lewis. The children will explore and learn about a range of themes from mythical creatures, war time evacuation, snowy landscapes, sea voyages, knights, archery. These themed week's really help bring the stories to life for children, and everyone in school is very excited! Children (and staff!) have also been invited to dress up for the week, so look out for a white witch or a lion or two!

Reading Events this Month

World Read Aloud Day—2nd February

A perfect excuse to share a story! Why not have siblings read to each other, or call a relative so your child can read them a story over the phone or zoom?

Time to Talk Day—3rd February—and Children's Mental Health Week—7th-14th February

There is a wealth of children's literature out there to help children learn how to talk about their mental health—a particular favourite being 'The Colour Monster'. Now more than ever it is important to talk... find out more here

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Harry Potter Book Night—3rd February

Would you believe it is 25 years since Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone was first published? It still is a firm favourite amongst many of the children.

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/discover/harry-potter/harry-potter-book-night-2022/>

Charles Dickens' Birthday—7th February

Bah Humbug! Time for a Dickensian birthday! The novels themselves may be a little too tricky for our KS2 children, but the stories themselves still make for interesting discussion—particularly around life in the Victorian era! Dicken's was a master at creating atmosphere and can be a great example for our KS2 children's writing.

Random Act's of Kindness Week—14th-20th February

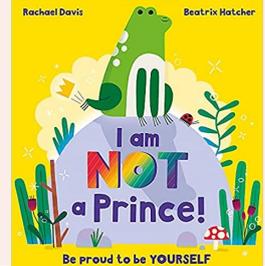


Reception: Monster! Hungry! Phone! By Sean Taylor and Fred Benaglia

Monster really wants a pizza, and he has a phone... but he doesn't know who to call! Monster calls lots of different numbers but not one of them seems to be the right one... This book will have children and adults laughing along!

Year 1&2: I am NOT a prince! By Rachel Davis and Beatrix Hatcher

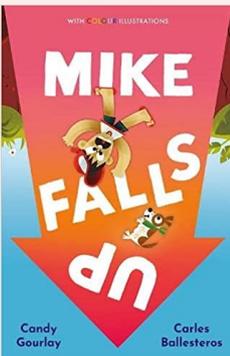
Hopp is a little frog who definitely does NOT want to be a prince! He has a different dream all together! This a beautiful picture book about not fitting in and finding your own way, a book that challenges stereotypes and encourages children to be want they want to be.



Year 3&4: Mike Falls Up by Candy Gourlay and Carles Ballesteros

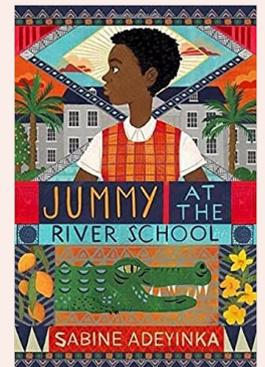
A range of simple stories that will keep even the most reluctant readers engaged. Mike and his dog Bowow are relaxing in the Chocolate Hills when the ground starts to tremble and the next moment a gaping hole appears. Before Mike can stop him, Bowow jumps into the hole. Then a note floats up...Party. Come now. Just fall up.

There's no time to wonder what it means - Mike jumps in and falls into the most topsy-turvy of adventures.



Year 5 & 6: Jummy at the River School by Sabine Adeyinka

Jummy has won a place at the River School, the finest girls' boarding school in Nigeria. Nothing can dampen her spirits, not even when she learns that her best friend Caro won't be joining her. By the Shine-Shine River, school is everything Jummy dreamt of, with friendly new girls, midnight feasts and sporting prizes. But when Caro suddenly arrives at the school to work, not to learn, Jummy must bring all her friends together to help ... Based on the authors own experience of boarding school in Nigeria.



Competition Time!

To celebrate Harry Potter Night, can you guess the character I am describing?

1. He who must not be named...
2. If you give him a sock, he will be free!
3. An exceptional witch with muggle parents...
4. She can transfigures into a cat and is the head of Gryffindor!
5. He teaches Potions but would much rather teach Defence Against the Dark Arts!
6. A professor you wouldn't like to meet on a full moon...