



BUCKLESHAM BOOKWORMS

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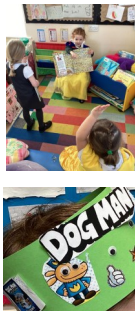
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Dear Reader

Welcome to our first reading for pleasure newsletter. I will be celebrating our development work from last year and sharing our plans for the year ahead. I am lucky to work closely with the amazing Open University team and to be hosting the Teachers' Reading Group for Suffolk. Our aim is to inspire all our children and adults to read for pleasure and we are working hard to make the library a thriving place for all. Watch this space, we have so much planned for the year! **Mrs Greatrex—Reading for Pleasure Lead**

Last year we developed three areas of reading for pleasure: our EYFS culture, reading identities and we began our library development. If you would like to read more and see the joyful images of reading for pleasure in action at Bucklesham, please click on the below links where you can download our published documents:

- [EYFS](#)
- [Reading Identities—Book Crowns](#)
- [Little Library, Big Dreams](#)



A huge thank you to the BSA for funding our new library furniture, it will make the space social and inviting. Our aim is to have every child visit the library once a week. We hold a thriving book club every Tuesday lunchtime and I am constantly entering competitions—winning a lot of amazing new texts. Donations are also welcome. We also have 3 fantastic adult librarians—Francesca, Jenny and Ian. Thank you for your efforts, it is much appreciated!

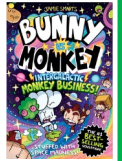


In Iceland, books are exchanged as Christmas Eve presents, then you spend the rest of the night in bed reading them and eating chocolate. The tradition is part of a season called Jolabokaflokkur, or 'The Christmas book Flood', because Iceland, which publishes more books per capita than any other country, sells most of its books between September and November due to people preparing for the upcoming holiday.



Book Trust's Top Text Guide is out, [click here](#) to see the recommended reads.

The Top Text's in school this term are: Bunny v's Monkey, The Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Dork Diaries, Isadora Moon, Dogs Don't Do Ballet and The Gruffalo.



I was lucky enough to introduce Rob Bidulph at the OU Reading Conference in October. Rob spoke about the importance of his drawings being valued as a child, the joy he gets from being published and his

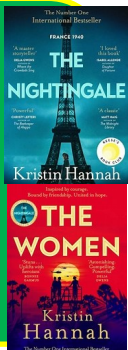


book 'I Follow The Fox', perfect for fans of 'The Velveteen Rabbit'. Rob's [YouTube Kids channel](#) is a great way to encourage drawing.



Ms Batten is an avid reader and recommends the author Kristin Hannah.

'The Women' and 'The Nightingale' are both sweeping sagas that follow women during the Vietnam War and WW2.



In January we will be launching our [Poetry by Heart](#) competition. Children will be invited to learn a poem by heart and perform it in our showcase, KS2 children can choose to be recorded for the national competition where winners perform at The Globe. More information will be shared in January.



Take your child to a local library, sign up on the spot and they can borrow over 20 books at a time, plus they have reading and craft sessions.

[Click here](#) to find your local library.



And finally, the best way we can support our children to be readers, is by being readers ourselves. I find reading challenging at times but going to the library or bookshop is always inspiring! Enjoy.



READING FOR PLEASURE

