



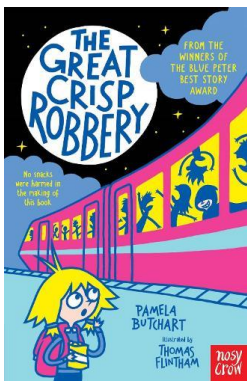
The Big Rivendell Reader

Issue 1: October 2024

Welcome to the first issue of *The Big Rivendell Reader*; named by our competition winners Grace and Hattie from Year 2. Well done Grace and Hattie! They each won a copy of our book of the month to take home with them. Don't worry if you missed out: **we'll be giving away a free book every month** and you can find out more about next month's competition at the end of this newsletter.

October's book of the month:

The Great Crisp Robbery by Pamela Butchart

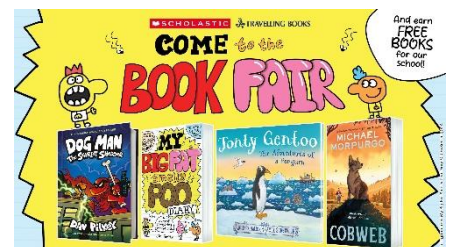


This is the latest book in the 'Baby Aliens' series. Izzy and her friends all GASP when they find out they're going on a sleeper train for their school trip. Gary (not Mr Brown!) has saved up all his pocket money for a month and bought every flavour of Tesco finest crisps but when they go missing, Maisie faints and Izzy and her friends all have to find out what's going on and who the mysterious hooded figure is!

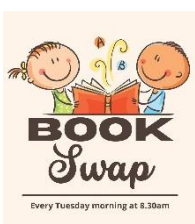
These books are great for all ages and if you read them out loud, you'll instantly feel like an excited child. We have a copy in the school library and also copies of the rest of the series for all our children to borrow. You can also buy a set of the first 12 books in the series (this is book 14) from Books4People for only £38. We are trying to negotiate a Rivendell specific discount code; we'll keep you posted.

School Book Fair:

This year's book fair will take place on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October on parent's evening. There will be an opportunity for you to browse a wide range of popular and engaging books and any purchase made earns books for our school, so please do come along to see if there's anything you would like to buy and bring some money with you on the day!



The Rivendell Book Swap:



After the half-term we will be hosting a book swap outside of school every Tuesday morning at 8:30. Bring along books that you no longer want to read and help yourself to something new! We will be trialling this with books for children but hope to also include a book swap for adults soon too.

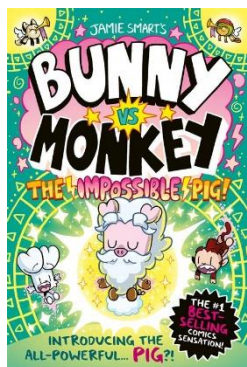
Local Libraries:

Are you a member of a library? We're very lucky to have a wonderful, well-stocked library in school but there are also many local libraries in Nottingham and there's likely to be one close to your home or near somewhere that you visit regularly. It's free to join and children can borrow up to 24 books at a time at no cost. Children can order books online to borrow and collect them from any library branch for free (there's a charge of 20p per book for adults) and there are no late fees for children either so there's no need to panic if you miss a due date. There are also activities taking place in libraries all the time; for example, in the October half-term there's a comic-art masterclass taking place at Beeston library. Visit www.inspireculture.org.uk to find out more.

For the grown-ups: Research by Dr Margaret Mackey shows that 'successful' readers need to have availability of choice. Libraries are low-stakes and allow children to learn what kinds of books they like because they can just return them without impact if they don't like them. If you're interested in watching a lecture about the things that are important for supporting children's reading, you can watch a great one here: [Seminar 2 - Access, Choice, and Time to Read: a Reader-Driven Perspective on Social Justice | Faculty of Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies \(open.ac.uk\)](#)



Next Month's Prize Book:



We want to see your submissions for The Big Rivendell Reader and one lucky winner will receive a copy of Bunny vs Monkey: The Impossible Pig! Send us your book related pictures, jokes, reviews (one word or one sentence reviews are fine!), poems, stories and anything else book related. and we will pick one person at random to win a copy of our book.

We would also love to start a 'Get caught reading' section with photos of you reading your books in your favourite or unusual place. Maybe this would be on the beach if you're going away for some sun over the half-term or take a sneaky picture of a grown-up reading one of your comics. We'd love to see where you read, what you read and how you read so please do send in your photos.

The closing date for entries is **Tuesday 5th November** so you have the half term to think about what you would like to submit. Send your electronic entries to: thebigrivendellreader@outlook.com and any paper copies to your teacher.

Our YouTube Channel:

We know that some people don't like to read newsletters and of course some people, especially our younger children, aren't able to yet, so we're setting up a YouTube channel to provide a video version that might be more accessible.



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