



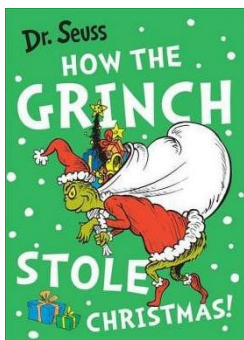
The Big Rivendell Reader

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In this issue of *The Big Rivendell Reader* we will be talking about Dr Seuss and learning to read and we will also be announcing the winner of the book giveaway this month. We will have another book to give away next month so get your submissions in for a chance to win.

December's Book of the Month:

How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr Seuss



First published almost 70 years ago (in 1957) this is still a great classic Christmas story about the Grinch, whose heart is two sizes too small! You might have seen the film by Jim Carrey, which is also great but not as good as the book!

If you would like to watch a video with an audio reading you can go to the official YouTube channel for Dr Seuss which you can find here: [Dr. Seuss - YouTube](#) or alternatively go to our Rivendell YouTube channel and have a look through the December playlist [The Big Rivendell Reader - YouTube](#)

We have a copy of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* in the school library and other books by Dr Seuss such as *There's a Wocket in my Pocket*; *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*; *The Cat in the Hat*; and *Fox in Socks*, so as always, if you missed out in our competition this month, you can borrow these whenever you like as your Reading for Pleasure book.

Author of the month:

Dr Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel)

Dr Seuss was born in the United States of America and wasn't really a doctor so don't let him take your tonsils out! Apparently, the Grinch is based on Dr Seuss and he wrote the book to help him get back his Christmas spirit! He wrote and illustrated over 60 books to help children learn to read and learn to love reading. *The Cat in the Hat* is possibly the most famous book and uses only 236 simple vocabulary words making it accessible for those who are still learning. As a challenge, Dr Seuss wrote *Green Eggs and Ham* using only 50 different words!



Dr Seuss has written stories that appeal to all ages from those just learning the alphabet to readers who understand the power one small rebel can have in the face of fascism in *Yertle the Turtle*. There are loads of great stories available by Dr Seuss. You can sometimes buy sets of books at a discount and Books4People have a few that you might be interested in: [Dr Seuss Book Boxsets](#)

Learning to Read: ‘The more that you read, the more you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.’



In school we use phonics books to learn how to decode for reading but sight reading of common words can really accelerate this. Books like those written by Dr Seuss are great because they’re designed to contain fewer words of simple vocabulary for the repetition but favourite books read again and again are the most enjoyable way to learn words by sight.

You can go word-hunting in your favourite books such as hunting for the word ‘and’ or ‘the’ in a book while listening to someone read the rest of the story or to an audio version of the book. The best way to learn is just to keep doing something and in school we have lots of different books for you to borrow as well as those you can pick up from our book swap. Practice makes progress!

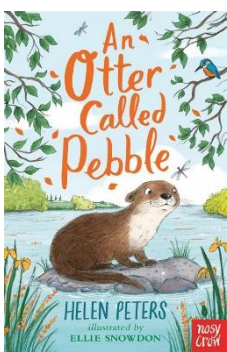
The Rivendell Book Swap:

Don’t forget that every Tuesday morning at 8:30 outside school, we have the Rivendell Book Swap. You don’t have to bring a book to take one, you can just help yourself but if you’re having a clear out ready for Santa or you have some books that you no longer want, bring them along so that others can borrow them!

Who can resist coming along with these three in charge?



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 ***An Otter Called Pebble by Helen Peters***. 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.

There is no closing date for entries as those received after the book has been won will be entered into February’s draw. Send your electronic entries to: bigrivendellreader@rivendellfha.co.uk and any paper copies to your teacher or to the office.

Reader Submissions and winner!

The best bit of the newsletter! We have had some wonderful submissions from our readers and the winner was drawn at random: Congratulations to Layla who wins a copy of How the Grinch Stole Christmas. See all the submissions we received this month below.



The Big Rivendell Reader: Submissions

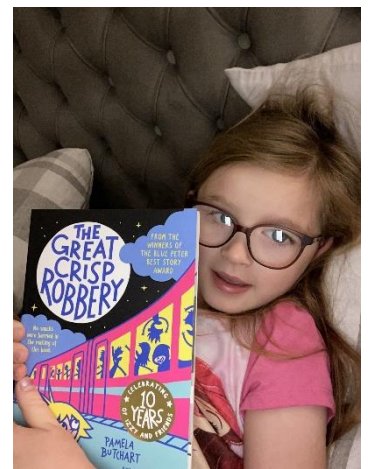


Get Caught Reading!

Layla reading a book in her mum's bed. I suspect it's also Mum's book. Well done Layla but you don't have to know how to 'adult' yet!

Get Caught Reading!

Here's Grace reading her copy of *The Great Crips Robbery* that she won in our first competition to name the newsletter. Hope you enjoyed it Grace. Don't giveaway the ending by telling everyone who the hooded figure is!



Get Caught Reading!

We often spot Mihini reading on the park before school and Mum tells us that she reads while eating her breakfast too! We think this one might be by Enid Blyton which is apparently one of Mihini's favourite authors.

A joke from Bowie: (This one might work better on the YouTube channel! [The Big Rivendell Reader - YouTube](#))

Knock, knock?

Who's there?

Daisy.

Daisy who?

Daisy me rollin'!