

We read lots of amazing books with the children in KS1. Our 'recommended reading list' consists of books that we read in **every** class in KS1. If you are looking for books to read at home with your children, this list is a great place to start.



## Key Stage 1's RECOMMENDED READING



TITLE	AUTHOR
Mermaid	Cerri Burnell
The Boy Who Could Do What He Liked	David Baddiel
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson
The Highway Rat	Julia Donaldson
Ellie and the Cat	Malorie Blackman
Giraffes Can't Dance	Giles Andeae
Odd Dog Out	Rob Biddolph
Pink Is For Boys	Robb Pearlman
It's a No Money Day	Kate Milner
Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Ghosts	Kevin & Kate Tsang
Gerald the Giraffe and Friends	Mike Callaghan

## KS1 Book fair

This year the school bookfair will be open at pick up and drop off times on **Thursday 14th, Friday 15th, Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November**– specific times will be sent out nearer the time.

## PE days

Y1F	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Y1TL	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Y1/2D	Mondays and Thursdays
Y2HA	Mondays and Thursdays
Y2MB	Mondays and Fridays

## Instagram

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## Key Dates

Date	Event
Friday 15th November	Children in Need 
Wednesday 4th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
Thursday 12th December	9:30am Y1 Christmas singing concert
Friday 13th December	2pm Y1 Christmas singing concert
Monday 16th December	9:30am Y2 Christmas Show
Tuesday 17th December	2pm Y2 Christmas Show
Wednesday 18th December	Christingle at St Polycarp (sadly no parents/carers).
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Party Day Last Day of the Autumn Term
Friday 20th December	Inset Day



# KSI Newsletter



## New Topic

We are excited to introduce this half term's new topic - **Mythical Creatures**. We are going to immerse ourselves in the wonderful world of dragons. In DT lessons, we will be using mechanisms to create our own dragon models out of card and other craft materials. This will rely on our cutting, sticking and design skills which we will be practising in the coming weeks. In English, we will be writing reports about an exciting event that will happen on the first day back (it's a surprise, so check out our Instagram feeds during the first week back to find out what happens). We are also going to write some snow dragon descriptions which we will share with the older children in school to see if they can draw the dragons based on our adjectives. In Maths, the year 1s will be learning all about shapes and place value - get ready for some seriously catchy shape songs. The year 2s will be exploring multiplication and money - they will even get to try their hand at being shop keepers at Christmas.



## Christmas

As well as all the exciting learning we will be doing, we will be doing a wide range of Christmas activities such as Christingle, the Christmas play and our class Christmas Parties- we can't wait to share our Christmas performances with you. It is such a magical time of year and we hope it will be a Christmas to remember.

We wonder if those cheeky elves will pay us a visit?



## Home Learning

In KSI we encourage the children to read at home as much as possible - ideally, **3 to 5 times a week**. This is to support the reading we do with the children in school.

We also encourage them to **practise key maths skills** through weekly homework sheets. These will be sent home on a Monday and should be returned to class teachers by the Friday of that week so that they can be exchanged for Dojos.

All children in school still have access to the EdShed, which is a great way of practising phonics, spelling and maths skills. Their login details are available from your child's class teacher upon request. **Please see the attached log in guide for further guidance on how to use this.**

*We understand that it is not always possible to achieve this every week, so we always advise people to fit this in with whatever works best in their personal circumstances.*