

Reading & Writing @ Hamble



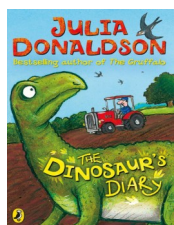
Issue 1 — October 2025

Welcome to Issue 1 of Reading & Writing @ Hamble.

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Mr. Turner and I have the pleasure of leading the English curriculum here at Hamble. In this newsletter you will find our current class reading books, some top tips for supporting reading at home, our book fair and a returning competition to take part in at home—enjoy the issue!

Our Class Readers

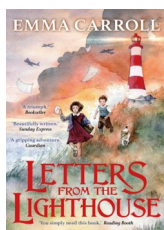
Year 1 & 2



Year 3 and 4



Year 5 and 6



Some brilliant reading this half term!

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to all of our school community for supporting the book fair.

We sold a total of nearly £2400 worth of books which is phenomenal! We receive 60% commission for the amount sold.

This will allow us to support with new books in school and raffle prizes.



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Our Hamble Reading Raffle

This half term, we have been blown away by the amount of raffle tickets the children have been earning.

Remember, for every 10 days of reading recorded on the book mark, children receive a raffle ticket. You can only earn a maximum of 1 per day even if you read multiple times. They pop the ticket into the box and then during our key stage assemblies, winners are picked from the tubs—you have to be in it to win it!

Over the summer break, the books were updated with new releases—all of this is funded by our book fair commission from last year. The money we earn is then spent on providing children with new books in school.



Keep reading!

		
Initial	Date	Pages

Poem Corner!

A book is not just paper and ink,
It's a journey that helps you to
think!

A doorway to worlds, far and near,
Bringing adventure, joy, and cheer.

It's a castle, a ship, or a rocket so
grand,
A pirate, a dragon, held in your
hand.

A secret whispered, a story untold,
More precious than silver, more
valuable than gold.

So open a book, let your imagina-
tion fly,
And discover new wonders right
before your eye.
For in every page, a new adventure
waits,
Unlocking new knowledge and
opening bright gates!

The Bookworm's Delight

National Poetry Day!

National Poetry Day 2025 was centred on the theme of Play and took place on Thursday 2nd October.

We marked the occasion in school by listening to some poems.

During our afternoon Key Stage Two assembly with Mr Turner, classes shared poems by reading aloud and performing.

All those who read aloud were confident and very brave.



The IMPACT of reading

At some of our shared learning events this half term, year teams have shared the impact of reading regularly.

Those Who Read Succeed!

Please talk to your child about the book they are currently reading and foster a love of reading culture at home.

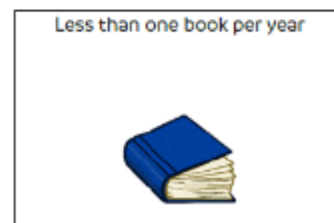
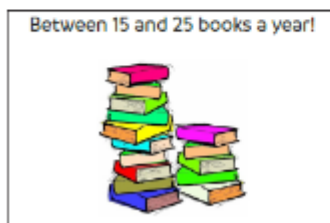
Why read 20 minutes at home?

Child A Reads:
20 minutes per day
3,600 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year

Child B Reads:
5 minutes per day
900 minutes per school year
282,000 words per year

Child C Reads:
1 minute per day
180 minutes per school year
8,000 words per year

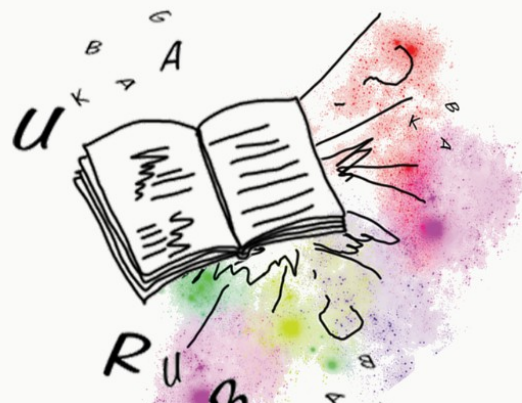
The average word count for a typical novel is anywhere from 70,000 to 120,000 words



Want to be a better reader? Simply read!

We are asking everyone across the school to read for 20 minutes at least 4 times a week—will you join us?

**LET'S
READ
TOGETHER!**



BOOKS FOR THE WEEKS TO COME!

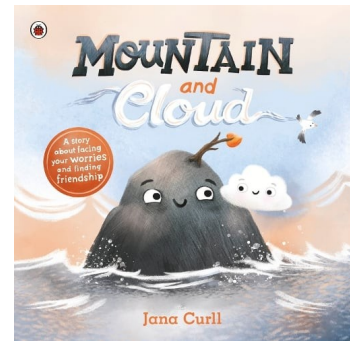
EYFS RECOMMENDATION!

'Mountain and Cloud' by Jana Curll

When a storm blows cloud far away from mountain, the two friends strive to find a way back to each other in this heartwarming picture book tale about companionship and togetherness.

When an enormous storm blows Cloud far, far away, they're lost without each other.

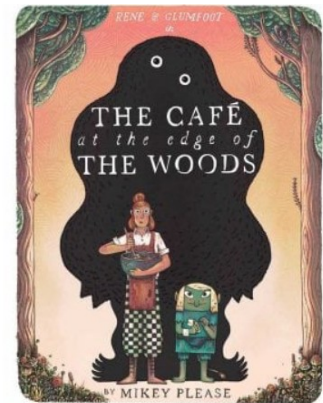
Can the two friends face their fears and find their way back to one another?



Year 1/2 RECOMMENDATION!

'The Café at the Edge of the Woods' by Mikey Please

Welcome to the Café at the Edge of the Woods, the utterly charming and mesmerising new picture book from BAFTA award-winning writer Mikey Please. Rene's dreams have finally come true! She's opened a café beside an enchanted wood, and with the help of a newfound waiter, Glumfoot, she is ready to serve the finest cuisine! But the locals seem to favour a most peculiar palette, requesting all sorts of disgusting things. Can Glumfoot's quick-thinking save the day?



Recent overall winner of Waterstones Children's Book Prize

Year 3/4 RECOMMENDATION!

'Black Hole Cinema Club' by Christopher Edge

Another edge-of-your-seat adventure from the award-winning author of Escape Room, Christopher Edge. A trip to the cinema will never be the same... When Lucas meets his friends at the local cinema - nicknamed 'The Black Hole' - they're excited about the movie marathon ahead. Nonstop action, blockbuster special effects and all the snacks they can eat. But as the lights go down, Lucas, Ash, Maya, Caitlin and Finn watch in disbelief as a jet-black tidal wave comes crashing out of the cinema screen and the five friends find themselves swept into an epic adventure. Can they save the day before the end credits roll? The fate of the world might just depend on it...



Available in our library and highly recommended

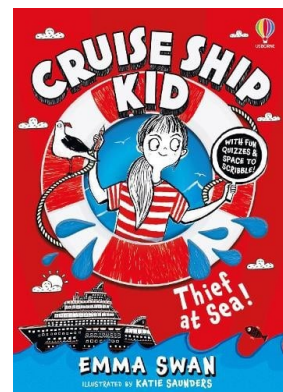
Year 5/6 RECOMMENDATION!

'Cruise Ship Kid' by Emma Swan

Tom Gates meets Cluedle, the first rip-roaring entry in Swan's mystery series teams young readers up with junior sleuth Silver, who lives on a cruise ship and solves crimes at sea.

THIS BOOK IS:

- 50% crime-solving + 50% friendship = 100% FUN!
- Written in diary form
- Inspired by the author's childhood growing up on an actual cruise ship!
- Filled with doodles, activities and lots of space to scribble!
- Pamela Butchart meets Tom Gates, set at sea.



Perfect for anyone who has been on a cruise!

Extra activities to do at home

Why not enter the national writing competition?
500 words which is now open for entries.



Visit—www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words for more information.

or

What about a Halloween reading challenge?

