



# Welcome

To Your library. Built for Joy & Wonder

## FOSTERING A LOVE OF READING FOR PLEASURE

- Read with your child as much as possible – bedtime is a great time to wind down with a story and bond with each other.
- Ask older siblings to read with the younger ones whilst you're cooking dinner. The older ones will love to be teacher, & you can remind them to be really encouraging and say how proud they are when the younger one does well.
- Let them choose the books – even if it's a fact book, read out some of the information and then discuss it with them. They'll enjoy discussing their interests with you, & if they like the topic they're more likely to want to read the book!
- Kids like funny. Try reading a funny book to get their interest. The younger ones are loving 'This Book Has No Pictures' which forces their adult to read out silly words and phrases (the more you ham up hating it the funnier it is!).
- Don't force it. It's not fun for anyone if you're having to battle every night to make them sit down and read out loud to you. On the hard days, ask them what they'd like you to read to them instead. Follow the words with your finger as you read so that they can be absorbing as they listen. Occasionally say that you are stuck on a word & ask them to help you sound it out, but mostly make it just about enjoying reading.





## Bewildered by the choice?

Neil Gaiman once said 'A book is a dream that you hold in your hands'. I like to think of books as a window to another world, through books we can travel to magical lands and far away places, that we might never get to visit in real life. A good story allows us to experience and learn whilst we journey through it. But what to choose? It's easy to get stuck in a reading rut. Child read what their peers are reading, and follow the crowd with the popular fiction of Tom Gates, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and David Walliams. These are all great books (and let's face it, we are happy that they are reading at all sometimes!), but when children get stuck on an author they can find it hard to break into a new direction. So, here is a little inspiration for your reading, books that I've read and loved this year, and constantly recommend to young readers who have, in turn, loved them too. The age range is there for a guide only—you will know your child's reading ability & sensitivity best!

Tris Bondsfield, Potters Gate Primary School Librarian.

### Wonderful Picture Books to read with your children :



### Great Reads for 6-7 year olds:



### What to look out for & get excited about in 2020:



I hope you enjoy your travels through the wonderful worlds within these stories. Open a book and discover Magic, Friendship, Adventure and Wonder. Some will make you laugh, some might make you shed a tear, or hide under the covers! All of them will leave you reaching for another story to continue your journey, and perhaps inspire you to write your own one day too.

So what are you waiting for?

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### Great Reads for 7-9 year olds:



### For the 7+ Reader who needs a heavily illustrated lighter read:



### Books for Inclusivity—Promoting Kindness, Acceptance & Understanding of difference.



There is such an amazing selection of stories available for your 9-12 year old. Imagine travelling to a magical land that controls the weather on earth in Rumblestar, or making



### Great Poetry for Children



### Books to Inspire



### Fantasy & Magic books for 9-12 yr olds (or confident Byo readers).



### Sciency Fiction books for 8-12 yr olds



Do you love books where kindness wins the day, or there's real life situations, struggles and emotions? You will love this selection, these books have ALL the feels....

### Books with a Moral or Empathy theme for 9-12 yr olds



### Books with Adventure for 9-12 yr olds.



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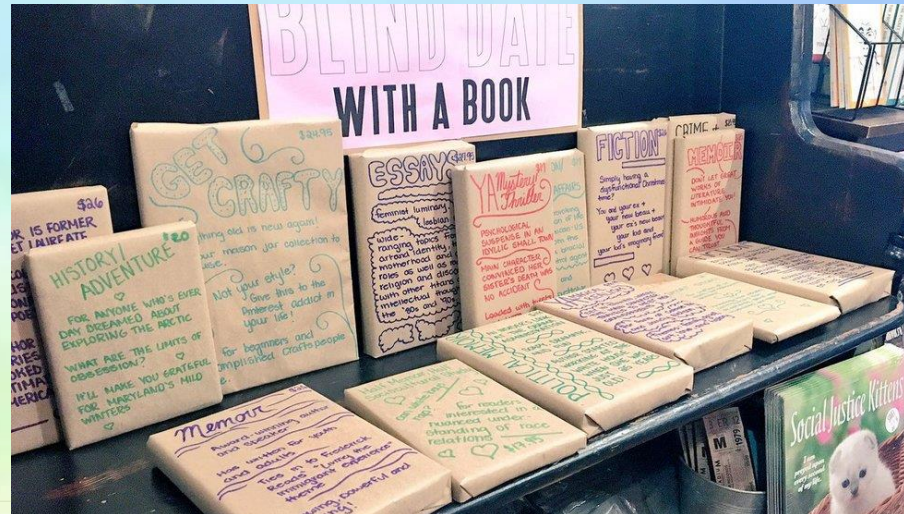
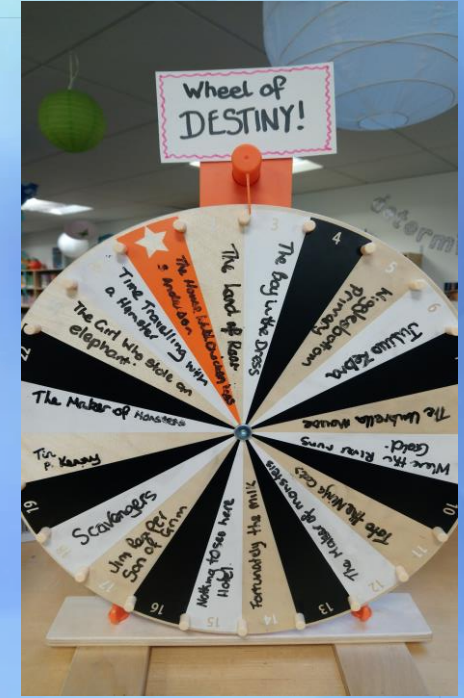
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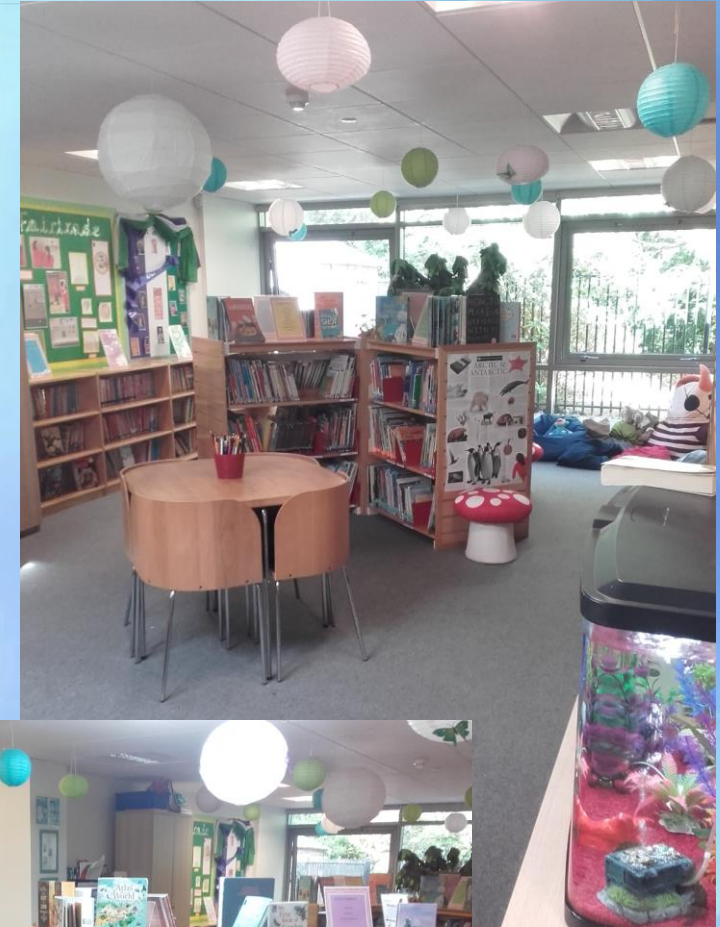
# THE LIBRARY DISPLAYS ARE CONSTANTLY CHANGING TO CREATE INTEREST.













## **SCHOOL LIBRARIES DO NOT RECEIVE ANY GOVERNMENT FUNDING!**

One of the saddest facts that I've learned since I took over the library is that the Government does not provide funding for school libraries or library books. In fact School Libraries are not seen as a necessity by a succession of governments.

Prisons however MUST have a library by law – which IS funded by the government.

Therefore – in order to be able to buy the books we need for the library, not only to replace the very aged stock and keep up to date with new releases, but also to replace the books that are returned damaged or simply lost – I have had to fundraise.

Fundraising events have had the support of so many of our wonderful parents and families, and have raised thousands of pounds over the years, resulting in lots of lovely new books to educate and inspire.

On the final slides there are a selection of photos from just a few of our events. Thank you to everyone who has ever donated or bought a book, or participated in a fundraising event. Your support has created the amazing library that we see today!

Love, Tris – Librarian. 😊



# HARRY POTTER EVENT







## SPECTACULAR STEM! APRIL 28TH 12-3PM



**Come to the Potters Gate School STEM event to experience all the fun and excitement of Science. Meet and chat with Men and Women who work in STEM careers and get inspired!**

**Use a powerful microscope, go to the Dome for the Space Show, meet live Birds of Prey up close, learn about robots, make your own asteroid, help humpty to have a safe landing, try some VERY cool experiments or see if you could be an engineer!**

**Tickets only £5 per child, Adults go free, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Event held at Potters Gate School.**

**<https://www.facebook.com/events/1663728700387093/>  
This is a fundraising event made possible by Aviva Community Fund.**





# WBD 2019 EVENT



## *We're Going on a Bear Hunt!*

*Come and join the fun  
15th feb – 4th March  
Farnham Town Centre.  
Will you find every bear?*

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