

# BOOK TALK

February 2025

## FABULOUS FEBRUARY!



**LOVE READING!**

We love reading here at JS! We have lots of books in our classrooms and our library is fully stocked.

Sharing books is an important part of developing a love of reading. Here are our Top 5 Tips for reading at home:

**1. Read Every Day**

Just 10 minutes a day makes a big difference.

**2. Make It Fun**

Use silly voices, take turns, and enjoy the story together.

**3. Talk About the Book**

Ask questions like, "What do you think will happen next?"

**4. Let Them See You Read**

Show your child that reading is fun for grown-ups too!

**5. Praise Their Effort**

Say "Well done!" when they try hard - even if they get stuck.



## CLASS CORNER

Year 1 love 'The Book With No Pictures'. It really makes them laugh and is requested time and time again!

### The Book With No Pictures

B.J. Novak

## THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The Book Fair is coming! It will be in school and open everyday from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March!



## READING DIARY REMINDERS

- All JS children are to read at home a minimum of 3 times a week to practise their developing reading skills.
- Children can read a couple of pages, a chapter or the whole book. As long as they are reading regularly, there is no expectation on how much they read.
- Adults should write a written comment in the diary to reflect on their child's reading - there are prompts in the reading diaries to support you with this.
- Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book twice a week if they have finished their book or are not enjoying it.
- Re-reading books is good! It helps children read more fluently and develop their understanding more.

## FIVE BENEFITS OF READING BOOK



Exercise your brain



Develops creativity



Improves writing skills



Increases concentration and focus



Increases ability to empathize with others

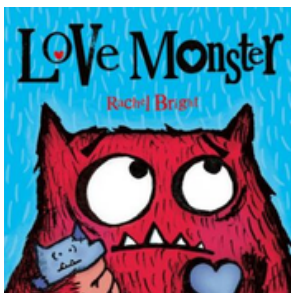


## READING RECOMMENDATIONS

This month, we are recommending picture books about LOVE...



The irresistible story of one slug's search for love from picture book bestsellers Rachel Bright and Nadia Shireen. Doug the slug needs a hug. But who wants to hug a slug called Doug? Snuggle up with lonesome Doug on his search for love in this completely charming picture book which shows that you just never know when love might come flying by... (And which introduces an unsuspecting world to snail superstar, Gail!).



A warm and witty story featuring Love Monster, who now appears in his own animated television show on CBeebies! It can be tough being the only funny-looking Monster in Cutesville, but this Monster is not one to hang around and feel sorry for himself, so he's off - out into the big wide world to look for someone to love him. He looks high, he looks low and he looks everywhere in-between, but it's only when he's just about to give up that he finally finds what he is looking for... Featuring an instantly charming main character who will appeal to children and adults alike, LOVE MONSTER is a warm and witty tale about the power of taking action.