

BOOK TALK #theJSway

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SUMMER HAS ARRIVED!

SUMMER READS



With the hot weather, ice-cream van outside school and paddling pools on the shop's shelves, the summer holidays are fast approaching!

Books for Topics have published lists of brand new summer reads to keep your children occupied over these summer months:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/summer-reads/>

CLASS CORNER

Year 4 have been reading 'A River' which tells the story of a journey from the city to the sea. This beautiful picture book is written in a poetic style and is supporting the children with their own writing.



THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Look for next months edition with information about The Summer Reading Challenge.



Books for Topics Summer 2025 Recommended Reads!
Ages 3-7

Books for Topics Summer 2025 Recommended Reads!
Ages 7-11


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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.

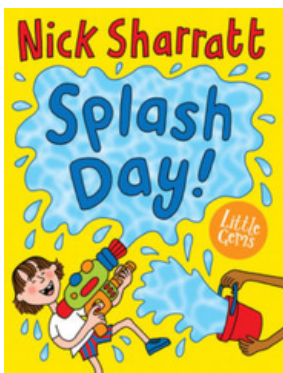


Why is Reading Important?

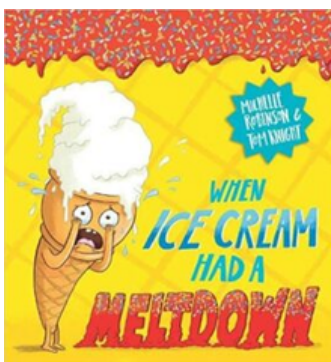
- You gain important knowledge
- You learn new words
- It improves your writing skills
- you can escape to a world of imagination & Fantasy
- It helps you relax and feel happy

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Let's read some books that will COOL us down!



The simple rhyming story, about a class that has been awarded a day of water fights and paddling pools as a reward for working so hard, was inspired by a real visit to a school that holds a 'splash day' treat annually. The children in the class are equipped with goggles, wellies and inflatables, ready for a day of watery fun and even the teachers are ready to join in. There is plenty of rhyme and alliteration in the text, and a funny twist waiting at the end. Coupled with Nick Sharratt's signature-style bold and colourful illustrations, the book is a joy to read.



When Ice Cream Had a Meltdown is a super story book about an ice cream (Mr Whippy style, complete with cone and flake) who feels saddened that none of the customers ever chooses his plain flavour over the more exciting, commercialised lollies on offer from the ice cream van. Young readers love the emotive expressions and the different ice cream characters, and will surely relate to the ice cream's struggle to control his emotions as the tension builds towards a full on meltdown.