

HARLINGTON STORY STATION



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What is the Story Station?

Welcome to our second reading newsletter called the 'Harlington Story Station' where we will continue to share exciting book related news, reviews, recommendations, challenges and top tips for both children and grown ups. We hope you enjoy it!

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Children and staff will dress up as a book character and enjoy a day of genre-inspired activities to boost a love of reading within our school. We can't wait to enjoy this special day! If you have any questions, please ask your class teacher.



Author Spotlight

RECEPTION AND KS1

Nathan Bryon

Nathan writes joyful, funny picture books that celebrate confidence, kindness, and being yourself. His stories are full of warmth and humour and are perfect for reading aloud and encouraging positive conversations. He also created the much-loved character Rocket, a curious young girl who loves space and asking big questions.



KS2

Onjali Q. Raúf

Onjali writes powerful, engaging stories that explore friendship, courage, and standing up for what is right. Her books encourage empathy and discussion while remaining accessible and gripping for younger KS2 readers. She is passionate about giving children a voice and helping them understand the world around them.



GROWN UPS

Mike Gayle

He writes warm, relatable novels that explore relationships, family, and the ups and downs of everyday life. His stories balance humour with heartfelt moments, tackling serious themes with honesty and compassion. Thoughtful and engaging, his books are perfect for readers who enjoy character-driven fiction with emotional depth.



Reminders

We are always looking for parents/carers who would like to volunteer to come in and hear our children read. If you are interested, please contact the school office or Miss Hines.



Upcoming

- World Book Day - 5th March
- Book Fair - 5th March @ 3:30pm & 6th March @ 8:15am



STORY SPOTLIGHT - CHILDREN

CROOKHAVEN - THE ISLAND HEIST

BY JJ ARCANJO

Review by Alice (Y4)

I liked this book because it is really interesting and it has lots of action in it. My favourite character is Penelope Crook because she is very strong and independent when she needs to be.

PABLO AND SPLASH - ROMAN HOLIDAY

BY SHEENA DEMPSEY

Review by Vincent (Y4)

It is set in Antarctica and two penguins time travel to Roman times and have to fight in the colosseum. You should read this because it is really funny and the other books in the series are good too.

STORY SPOTLIGHT - GROWN UPS

BROKEN COUNTRY - CLARE LESLIE HALL

Review by Miss Hines

Broken Country is set in a rural community where a long-buried secret begins to resurface. Moving between past and present, the novel explores love, loyalty, and the lasting impact of life-changing choices. Atmospheric and emotionally engaging, it's a story that stays with you. I couldn't put this one down and I would definitely recommend.



THE MIDNIGHT BOOKSHOP - AMANDA JAMES

Review by Mrs Keeble

I absolutely loved this book. The characters are so relatable and human, and the theme of second chances really stayed with me long after I'd finished it. It's such a gentle, comforting read that reminds you it's never too late to rewrite your own story.



PARENT REVIEWS WANTED!

Have you read anything great lately?
Send in a short review to the school office!



Story Starter Challenge

Can you finish the story? Send in your stories to Miss Hines for a Dojo point!

"No one knew where the tunnel under the climbing frame led, but today someone was brave enough to find out."



Top Tips

MAKE IT COSY

Create a special reading adventure spot at home — a den, a cosy corner, or even under a table! Add cushions or a favourite toy and let your child choose the book. Reading feels extra exciting when it's done in a place made just for stories.



Teacher Top Picks

Mrs Churchill

The Bear Snores On

Miss Hines

The Land of Roar

The Nowhere Emporium

Inkbound - Meticulous Jones & the Skull Tattoo

Miss Mackey

My Brain is a Race Car

Ruby's Worry

Mrs Keeble

The Magic Faraway Tree

Frankie's Magic Football

Mrs Mason

Something Else

The Highland Falcon Thief

Please check recommended reading ages online.

