

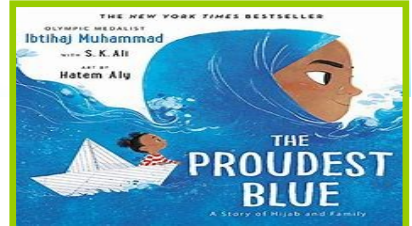


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# The Springfield Reader

## Spring into a good book!

Welcome to our first edition of the **Springfield Reader**. Each half term, we look forward to keeping you up-to-date with all things reading related in school.



Have you tried 'The Proudest Blue'? Available in school and at your local library.

## What's new?

This half term, we have been up to lots of exciting things...

- \* We held parent workshops for Y2 and Y6, Look at future reading events to find out when our next workshops are being held.
- \* Y6 had a great time visiting Sparkhill Library. We walked up to the library (which only took 15 minutes from school—its that close!) where we explored the collection and were able to borrow books. Some children received their first library cards while we were there. Thank you to the parents who accompanied us. In the Spring term, the rest of the school will get an opportunity to visit.



## Local Libraries

We are so lucky to have two fantastic libraries near by.

### Sparkbrook Library

641 Stratford Road,  
Birmingham, B114EA

### Hall Green Library

1221 Stratford Road,  
Birmingham, B289AD

If you are a member, you can visit, explore the collection and borrow books as often as you like! It is a great indoor activity during the cold winter.



## Springfield Reading Q & A

We asked Mrs Dhani-Ali about her favourite book.

Q. What is your favourite book?

The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe. I chose it when I was in Y3 and have loved it ever since. I also love The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton.

Q. What is The Magic Faraway Tree about?

A. The Far Away tree is about an enchanted tree and every time children go to visit it, something different happens. They can go to different lands to explore. There was a land full of ogres! There was also a land where the children were you tickled all the time! They loved it and it was so funny! They were never scary places, only exciting and full of adventure!



Have you tried 'Frost heart'? Available in the school and at your local library.

## We need you!

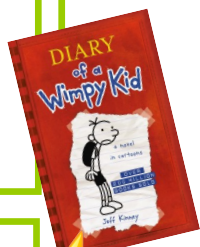
Next term, Miss Gibson will be looking for Y4 children to be reading ambassadors who listen to younger children read. She will also be looking for Y6 children to become librarians and help look after the school library. Let your teacher know if you are interested in these roles.

- Reception have been having lots of fun with phonics. Children have been reading, matching and writing CVC words – well done!
- Y2 have had a very exciting advent! Instead of a tradition advent calendar, in the run up to Christmas, the children in 2 Bloom have unwrapped a Christmas book each day. The story is read in story time.
- All of the children at Springfield Primary Academy have been working really hard in lessons and clubs to practice and improve their reading fluency and comprehension – we are so proud of them!



## Pupil Recommendation

Talha – 4 Morpurgo



"I would recommend any Dairy of a Wimpy Kid books because they are funny but also you learn about the characters hard times which are interesting. The main character is called Greg and the books describe his family and school life."

## Pupil Recommendation

Aziza – 1 Murphy



"I like 'There's an Elf in your Book' because it is about Christmas and the elf is so funny! He watches us. He decides who is on Santa's good list and bad list. He sings as well! I like the pictures!"

## Christmas Reading Challenge

This Christmas holidays, we are challenging you to take part in *Springfield Christmas Bingo!* Every child will receive a bingo card with 18 challenges (1 for each day of the holidays). Each day, choose a challenge and tick it off – can you complete all of them? Return your sheets at the start of the new year and share with your teacher what you have done!



## Future reading events

Spring term: Y5–1 library visits –dates to announced  
 Thursday 12th January: Y1 and Y2 Parent's Reading Workshop  
 Thursday 19th January: Y3, 4 and 5 Parent's Reading Workshop  
 Friday 20th January: Y1 Parent's Phonics Workshop

