

Monday 11th May

Phonics/ Reading Weekly Newsletter

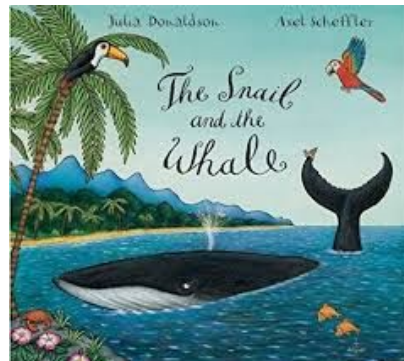
Phonics can give children a head start with reading English. To read English successfully, children must learn to turn the words they see in a text into sounds, and make sense of these sounds. This is why it is important for children to learn letter-sound relationships because English uses letters in the alphabet to represent sounds.

Research suggests that children who have learned strong phonological awareness acquire reading with greater ease and success than children who haven't. However phonics instruction must be integrated with vocabulary meaning so children understand the words they are sounding out. This is why the Read Write Inc phonics books are important as they can help children develop both these skills.

Parents are key in helping reinforce their children's knowledge of letter-sound relationships and can help children by asking questions such as:

- What is the beginning letter in this word?
- What sound does it make?
- What is the last letter in the word?
- What sound does it make?

This week's story is...



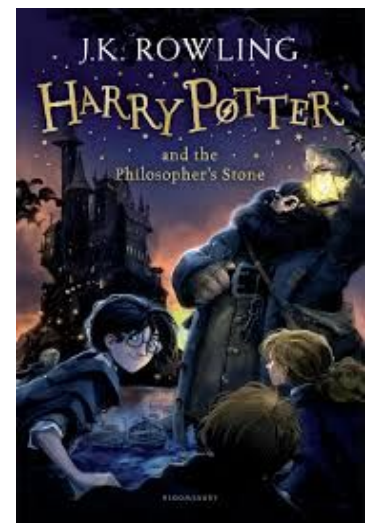
Watch an animated version of the story here on the BBC iplayer:

[BBC iPlayer - The Snail and the Whale](#)

Daniel Radcliffe is reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone from his sofa! Follow the link to watch Chapter One 'The Boy Who Lived' as part of Harry Potter At Home.

Look out for more special video readings in the upcoming weeks. Daniel will be the first of many exciting contributors to help us read through the first Harry Potter book!

[Chapter One: 'The Boy Who Lived'](#)



Teacher videos:

Miss Alleman has read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' for Rainbow class:

<https://vimeo.com/414435172>

Password: nursery

If you have any questions about your child's reading/ phonics lessons please use the phonics e-mail and we will get back to you promptly with the information you need to help your child learn to read at home.

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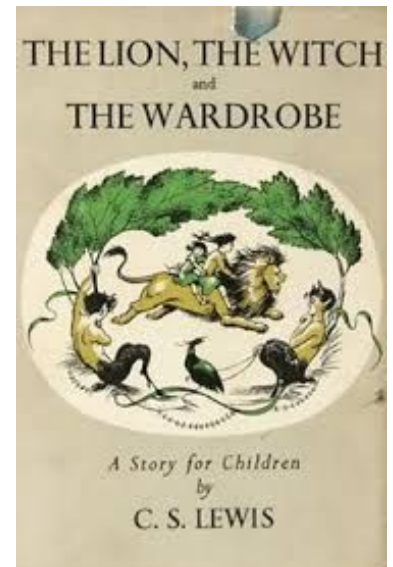
Reading Quote of the week:

"Now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the great Story no one on earth has ever read, which goes on forever: in which every chapter is better than the one before."

C.S.Lewis

Warmest wishes,

EYFS/ KS1 Phonics Team



Additional reading/ phonics websites and games:

[Ruth Miskin Training](#)

[Letters and Sounds for home and school](#)

Miss Ward has read 'Hansel and Gretel':

<https://vimeo.com/413665235> (password: year2)

Miss Bell has narrated a poem:

<https://vimeo.com/408906680> (password: year1)

Miss Ward has read 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne:

<https://vimeo.com/410623674> (password: year2)

<https://www.oliverjeffers.com/books#/abookaday/>

www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/

[CBeebies Bedtime Stories](#)

[Blue Peter Book Awards](#)

[Cambugs](#) is a series of three FREE apps for supporting phonics learning at home. Compatible with iPads and iPhones.

[Barefoot Books: Award-winning children's books, CDs and gifts](#)

[Kids' Poems and Stories With Michael Rosen](#)

[Free Audiobooks for Kids | Audible.com](#)

YouTube Reading books aloud (has lots of our favourite stories!):

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=reading+books+aloud

[Oxford Owl for School and Home](#)

[PhonicsPlay - Phonics games, planning, assessments and printables](#)

[Phonics Bloom: Phonics Games for the Classroom and Home](#)

[Letters and Sounds](#)

[Alphablocks - CBeebies](#)

[Teach Your Monster to Read: Free Phonics & Reading Game](#)