

# Reading at Hunsbury Park

Welcome to the first Hunsbury Park Primary School Reading Newsletter update. In this newsletter you will discover recommended reads for children, support with reading plus information keeping you updated on events, both in and outside of school, relating to all things books!

We hope you find it helpful in supporting your child on their reading journey  
Mrs Burton

## Summer Challenge

A big congratulations to all those children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge 'Wild World Heroes' in their local library. It was lovely to hear that the libraries were so busy and buzzing with 'book talk'.



## Reading Records

Well done to parents and children who have already started using their new reading records! If you want to find out more about them, watch my video on the school's dojo page.



## School Library

Children have been able to start visiting our school library to borrow books. Mrs Sexton has been helping the children to sign out their books. We hope the children enjoy reading their book choices!



### **EYFS & KS1 Recommended Read**

King of the Swamp, by Catherine Emmett  
McDarkly lives quietly all on his own, growing orchids in his dank swamp, until one day his peace is disturbed by an arrogant king who wants to turn the swamp into a roller-skate park. McDarkly has ten days to prove that the swamp isn't damp and dark, but an enchanted world. Can he do it, or will he risk losing his home forever? This is a great picture book to find out more about climate awareness and looking after nature.

### **KS2 Recommended Read**

The Wizard in My Shed, by Simon Farnaby  
Merdyn the Wild is from the Dark Ages. He's the world's greatest Warlock (don't call him a wizard), banished to the 21st century for bad behaviour, and determined to wreak vengeance on his nemesis. Rose is a totally ordinary girl, on a mission to help her family. When Rose bumps into Merdyn and discovers what he is, she quickly realises that he could be just what she needs. Rose agrees to help Merdyn navigate the confusing ways of the modern world (things like: the lidded bowl in the bathroom is NOT a sink, it's a TOILET, so definitely DON'T wash your face in it) if Merdyn gives her a spell to help her family in return. Now they just need to hide him in the shed without Rose's mum noticing, track down Merdyn's magic staff and find a way to send Merdyn back through time to the Dark Ages. What could possibly go wrong...?

### **Help at Home**

Visit the [Booktrust](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/) website in order to watch videos of children being read to for great inspiration

## National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day is coming up on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2021. Children will be exploring poems in school and we are inviting children to enter our school poetry competition.

### **School Competition Rules:**

Poems must be no more than 40 lines.  
Poems can be on any subject.  
Poems must be given to your class teacher no later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Winners will be selected from each phase.

You could also enter your poem to the National Poetry Competition hosted by the Poetry Society.  
Find out more information on their [website](#).

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**POETRY**  
Day 7 October  
2021



## Just For Fun

All of the titles from these books have been hidden. How many can you name?



Answers

The Gruffalo's Child, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, Wind in the Willows, Where the Wild Things Are, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Elmer, The Cat in the Hat, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Charlotte's Web, The Tiger who came to Tea.