



## READING NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2021



Just like Christmas, reading is magical!! I know I am looking forward to wrapping up warm and getting cosy with a story book this Christmas.

I wonder what you will read?



### Poetry Competition

Congratulations to Jessica who was our winner of the National Poetry Competition. She was awarded a new poetry book along with a voucher to spend. Well done also to our brilliant runner up, Sabbeh, who also received a new poetry book.



### READING AT HOME

Well done to children and parents who are regularly completing their reading records. We are adding on house points to those children who are trying really hard with their reading at home.

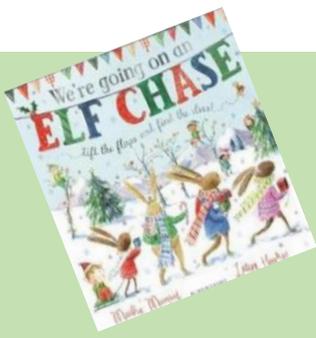
Remember, you can record any books you have been reading – even the books you have at home.



Not sure what to read next? Try using the Book Finder to discover the very best magical mysteries, astonishing adventures and fantastic non-fiction ....

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>





### EYFS & KS1 RECOMMENDED READ

We're going on an Elf Chase by Martha Mumford.

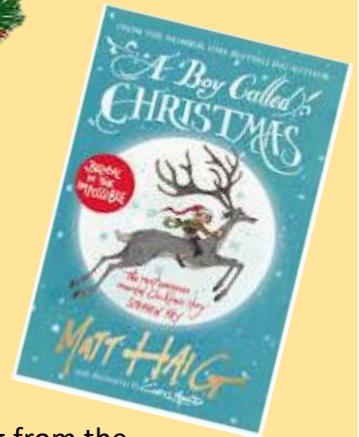
Four bunnies set off on a jolly Christmas life-the-flap adventure to find ten little elves hidden under the flaps. You'll have to run, run, run if you're going to catch them all! And there are lots of obstacles along the way, from clippy-cloppy reindeer to roaring polar bears and flippy-flappy penguins.



### YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 RECOMMENDED READ

A Boy Called Christmas & The Girl Who Saved Christmas by Matt Haig.

Two fantastic adventures from a creative author; The Girl who saved Christmas is about a time when Father Christmas had a lot to deal with. There were troubled elves, reindeers that kept falling from the sky, and more. The reason? There was not enough magic in the world. Amelia embarks on an adventure in order to restore the magic and save Christmas. A Boy Called Christmas is a fond, funny, magical tale of how one little boy from Finland called Nikolas came to become Father Christmas. Join Nikolas on a life-changing adventure, full of fantastic characters and beautiful moments.



### YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 RECOMMENDED READ

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

Is there a better Christmas tale than that of Ebenezer Scrooge? The most wicked and cruel man in all of Victorian London is visited in the night by three ghosts who change him forever and make him realise the true value of Christmas and kindness.





## JUST FOR FUN

Draw with Rob!

Click on the links to follow author and illustrator Rob Biddulph as he takes you through each step of how to draw some of your favourite Christmas characters.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUz0j6sCTNk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpriVlpxSFI>

Can you spot the hidden Christmas words in the Word Search?

present	tinsel
reindeer	stocking
bauble	cracker
Santa	Christmas



### Christmas word ladder puzzle

Here's an example for how to complete the puzzle:

Change one letter on each line to change "Elf" to "Gel"

E	L	F
E	L	K
E	E	K
E	E	L
G	E	L



Change one letter on each line to change "Bell" to "Mail"

B	E	L	L
M	A	I	L

