



Issue 2: December 2021



## BCPS Reading newsletter



Welcome to the second issue of the BCPS reading newsletter. In this Christmas special issue, you will find an Accelerated Reader update, our new KS1 S.M.I.L.E.S bookmark, a fun new game (answers will be revealed in the next issue!) and a Christmas Book Gift Giving Guide! If you would like to recommend any books for the next reading newsletter, let Miss Shaw, Mrs Dhillon or your class teacher know. Until then, make sure you READ, READ READ and from all of us at BCPS, have a Merry Christmas!



### S.M.I.L.E.S



KS1 have been doing amazingly with their Sammy S.M.I.L.E.S at school recently. The children have been busy using their bookmark (see attached at the end of this newsletter!) every day when reading at school, as well as completing some awesome homework tasks. Sammy S.M.I.L.E.S is a great way to talk with your children about what Sounds, Movement, Imagination, Looking, Emotions and Smells are happening in their reading - keep up the great work KS1!

Saying  
*(Sounds)*

Moving

Imagining

Looking

Emotions  
*(Feeling)*

Smelling



### Accelerated Reader Reader of the week



This half term, our KS2 children have been reading SO much and they are really building their reading miles on Accelerated Reader. Since the October break, the following children have currently read the most words...

3CE—Setayesh R

3RL—Adele R

4CJ— Jacob I

4SW—Denis K

5BM—Tony L

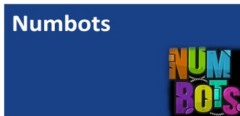
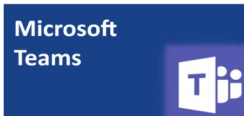
5HD—Alan A

6DS—Amayah F

6MS—Nicole F

6RAR—Ethan L

All of these children will have a raffle ticket with their name on, that goes into our Reader of The Week Box. At the end of term, Mr T will choose one raffle ticket from 'The Box' and that child will win a special, author—signed reading book to take home! Parents, ask your children which Accelerated Reader book they're reading and how they're getting on with quizzes: Children, keep on reading and earning those golden tickets!

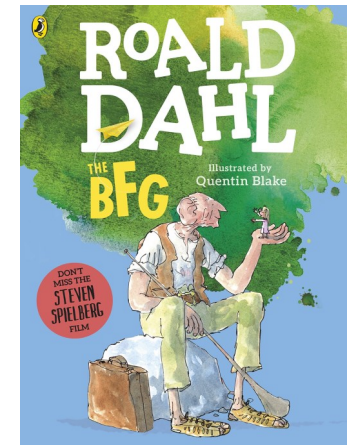
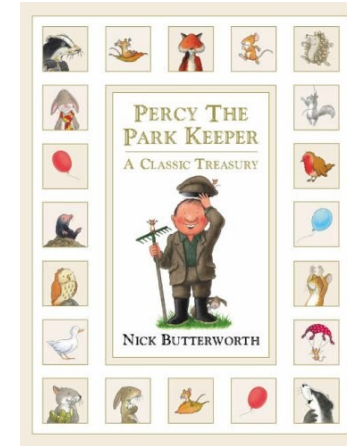
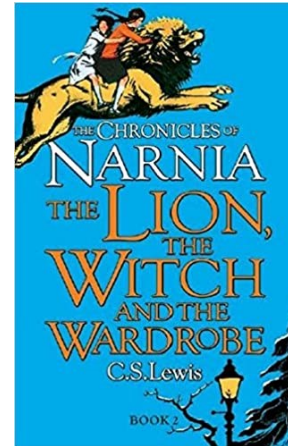
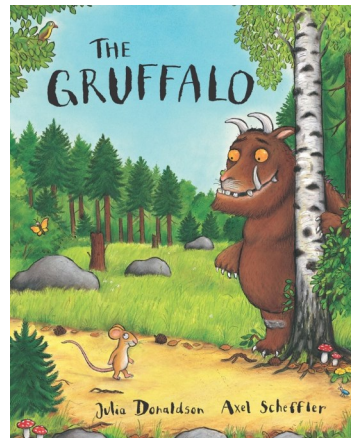
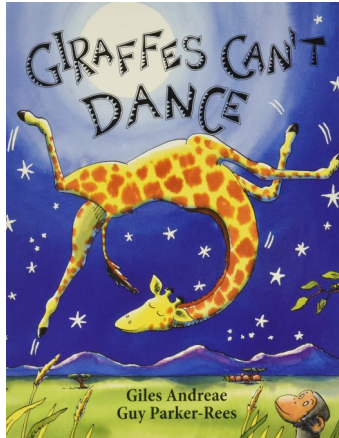
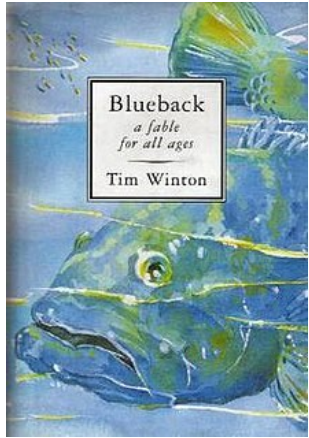


Don't forget to visit our virtual school library from home! You'll find it on the <https://braunstone.leicester.sch.uk/> homepage.





# can you match the teacher to their favourite book?





www.TheReaderTeacher.com/christmas/gift-giving-guides/3-plus

# The Reader Teacher Book Gift Giving Guide

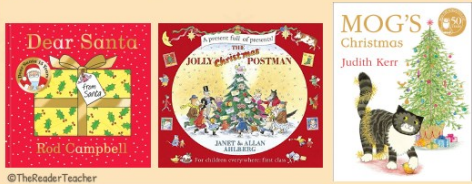
Reads, Reviews & Recommendations!

Christmas 2021



## Recommended books for children aged 3+!

### ★ Christmas Classics ★



©TheReaderTeacher

### ★ Festive Fiction ★



©TheReaderTeacher

### ❄️ Winter Warmers ❄️



©TheReaderTeacher

### 🦌 Factual Books for All the Family 🦌



©TheReaderTeacher

### 🧦 Super Funny Stocking Fillers! 🧦



©TheReaderTeacher

### 🎁 Poetry Presents 🎁



©TheReaderTeacher

### 🎄 New Out This Christmas 🎄



©TheReaderTeacher

### 🎅 Picture Book Party 🎅



©TheReaderTeacher

## Give the gift of reading this Christmas!

For more Christmas gift giving guides & recommended reads, visit [TheReaderTeacher.com](http://TheReaderTeacher.com)



www.TheReaderTeacher.com/christmas/gift-giving-guides/5-plus

# The Reader Teacher Book Gift Giving Guide

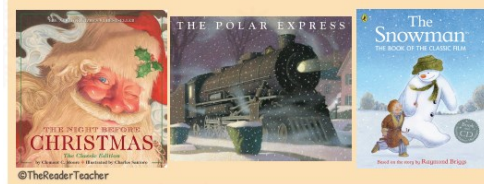
Reads, Reviews & Recommendations!

Christmas 2021



## Recommended books for children aged 5+!

### ★ Christmas Classics ★



©TheReaderTeacher

### ★ Festive Fiction ★



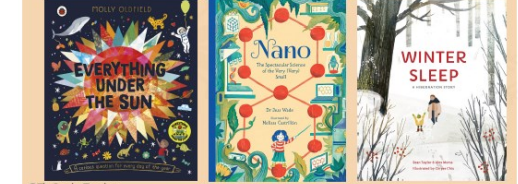
©TheReaderTeacher

### ❄️ Winter Warmers ❄️



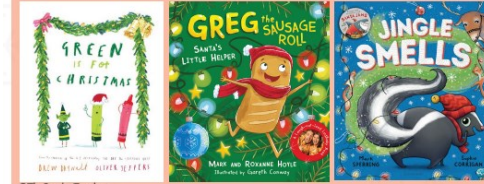
©TheReaderTeacher

### 🦌 Factual Books for All the Family 🦌



©TheReaderTeacher

### 🧦 Super Funny Stocking Fillers! 🧦



©TheReaderTeacher

### 🎁 Poetry Presents 🎁



©TheReaderTeacher

### 🎄 New Out This Christmas 🎄



©TheReaderTeacher

### 🎅 Picture Book Party 🎅



©TheReaderTeacher

## Give the gift of reading this Christmas!

For more Christmas gift giving guides & recommended reads, visit [TheReaderTeacher.com](http://TheReaderTeacher.com)

Recommended books for children aged 7+!

Recommended books for children aged 9+!

★ Christmas Classics ★



★ Festive Fiction ★



★ Christmas Classics ★



★ Festive Fiction ★



❄️ Winter Warmers ❄️



🦌 Factual Books for All the Family 🦌



❄️ Winter Warmers ❄️



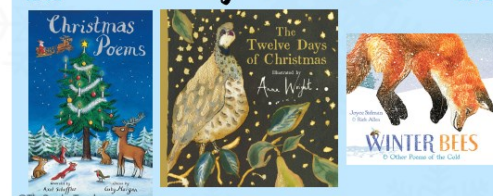
🦌 Factual Books for All the Family 🦌



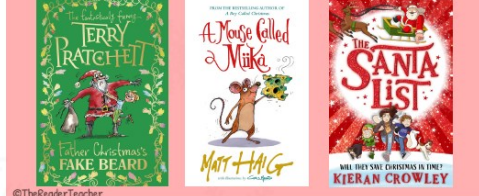
🧦 Super Funny Stocking Fillers! 🧦



🎁 Poetry Presents 🎁



🧦 Super Funny Stocking Fillers! 🧦



🎁 Presents of Poetry & Prose 🎁



🎁 New Out This Christmas 🎁



🎁 Picture Book Party 🎁



🎁 New Out This Christmas 🎁



🎁 Picture Book Party 🎁





# Have you seen our reading questions?



You'll find our KS2 reading questions stuck in the children's reading records. We use these questions to develop the children's reading skills when giving answers. It would be great if you could use them when reading with the children at home!

## S.M.I.L.E.S.

### Saying (sounds):

- What do you think the character might be saying?
- How do you think the character is saying their words?
- What sounds might you hear in this picture?
- Are there any loud sounds or quiet sounds? Funny sounds or scary sounds?

### Moving:

- What actions do you think the character is doing?
- What things might be happening in this picture?
- Are things moving fast or slow?
- Where are things moving?
- What do the character's actions show us?

### Imagining:

- What do you think is happening?
- What do you think the character might be doing?
- Where do you think they are?
- What do you think might happen next? (What do you think happened)

### Looking:

- What can you see?
- Where do you think this is taking place? Why?
- What time of day (or year) do you think this is taking place? Why?

### Emotions (feelings):

- How do you think the character might be feeling?
- Why do you think they might be feeling this way?

### Smelling:

- What smells do you think you might smell here?
- Are these nice or nasty smells?
- Do you think the smells help us to understand what is going on?

## Year 3/4 home reading questions

### Before Reading New Book

- Look at the front cover of the book, what do you think about? Why?
  - What might happen in the story?
- ### Book you're already reading
- What has happened so far in the story?
  - What do you think might happen next?

### During reading

- Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?
- What do you think the word ..... means?
- What other word could the author have used instead of .....
- How does the character feel in the .....
- What sort of character is .....

### After reading

- Who were the characters in the story?
- Who were your favourite characters? Why?
- What happened in this part of the story?
- How did the story make you feel? Why?
- What might happen next?

## Year 5/6 home reading questions

### Before Reading New Book

- Look at the front cover of the book, what do you think the story will be about? Why?
- How does the blurb create excitement and interest?
- What might happen in the story?

### Book you're already reading

- What has happened so far in the story?
- What do you think might happen next?

### During reading

- Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?
- What do you think the word ..... means?
- What other word could the author have used instead of .....
- Why did the character behave the way they did?
- What sort of character is .....
- How is the main character like someone you know?
- Is this part of the story the same as any other books you've read? How?

### After reading

- Who were the characters in the story?
- Who were your favourite characters? Why?
- What happened in this part of the story?
- How did the story make you feel? Why?
- What might happen next?