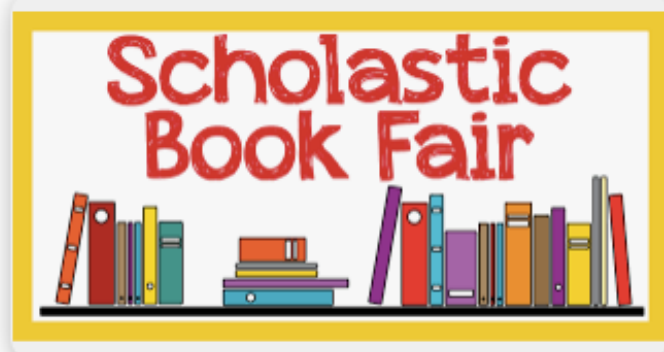
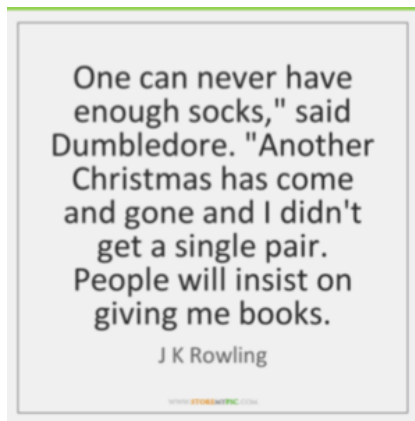


SVP BIG READ

December 2022



A huge thank you to all those children and adults that purchased books during our recent book fair. It was lovely to see so many enthusiastic readers recommending books. As a result of our book sales, we are now also to purchase some books for our school library.



Did you know...?

In Iceland, books are exchanged on Christmas Eve and families spend the rest of the night reading. People generally take their books to bed along with some hot chocolate. Books are typically published around the Christmas season, leading to this surge in reading known as Jolabokaflod, which translates roughly to "Christmas book flood" in English.

Jolabokaflod started during World War II, when paper was one of the few things not rationed in Iceland. Because of this, Icelanders gave books as gifts while other commodities were in short supply.

Why not start a Jolabokaflod tradition in your home this Christmas? Enjoy some festive stories together!



With Christmas in mind, here are some recommended reads.



The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher.

Tom Fletcher has become a very popular author and this book shows us why! This is a magical Christmas tale of the adventures had between a boy called William Trundle and a dinosaur called the Christmasaurus. They strike up a friendship, one Christmas Eve, which will last a lifetime.

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.



Horrible Christmas—Terry Deary

From the author of the Horrible Histories books comes this seasonal addition. Full of the usual tales to turn your stomach and make your hair stand on end. Every page will entertain and amaze all who read it with fun and festive facts.



A trilogy of Christmas books from Matt Haig. A Boy Called Christmas, The Girl who saved Christmas and Father Christmas and Me. These fabulous books are destined to become Christmas Classics. The true story of Father Christmas can be revealed!