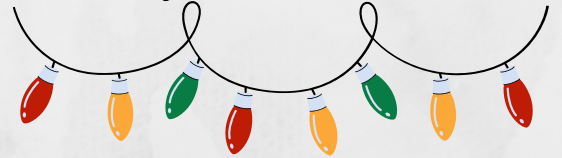




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Merry Christmas!

Welcome to a festive edition of **Book Box Bites!**

In this issue there's the usual updates as well as some ideas for some festive bookish fun and as requested by many of you, a focus on reading ambassadors so you can get off to a flying start in the new year.

I apologise for its late arrival - as you will all understand, school is crazy busy at this time of year and I have got a bit behind schedule!!!

From me, a personal 'thank you' for supporting my newsletter and for all the positive feedback and pointers that you've kindly given. Please do drop me an email if there's things you'd like to see moving forward.

Have a WONDERFUL and RELAXING Christmas break and I hope you can make time to read a book or two!

Esther x

Useful Dates for your reading calendar coming up

January 18th - Winnie the Pooh Day
January 28th - National Storytelling week



CHRISTMAS READING IDEAS

- Christmas picture book bingo! Read picture books and the first to fill their festive grid with words found in the stories is the 'winner!' (There's a handy grid attached!)
- Draw in the style of the artist - spend time copying an image from a festive book, reimagining a character or you could complete a draw along (Rob Biddulph has some festive specials!)
- Book Talk - share your favourite Christmas books from when you were a child and talk to children about theirs. What makes a good Christmas story?
- 'Gift a story' to another class - have older children read a Christmassy picture book to those in younger classes.



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SOME RECOMMENDED CHRISTMAS READS



PICTURE BOOKS WITH BEAUTIFUL DESCRIPTION

MIDDLE GRADE

GREAT VERSIONS OF CLASSICS



Seasonal Reads

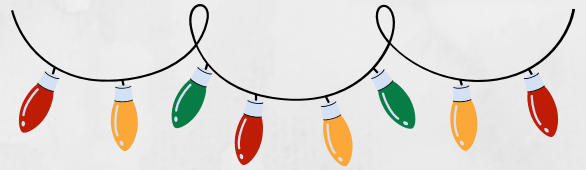
I also want to highlight these two incredible books. Little Glow which celebrates festivals of light and Eight Nights Eight Lights, which is brilliant for learning about Chanukah.





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READING AMBASSADORS FAQs



What are reading ambassadors?

- Reading ambassadors are essentially a group of students who promote reading around school - a bit like a school council for reading.

How do you select them?

- I ask mine to apply using a simple form with two questions - one why they would make a good RA and the other suggesting an idea to promote reading - but you could do it whatever way you want. I like volunteers rather than 'chosen' students as they are more likely to be enthusiastic however, I always encourage my more reluctant readers to apply to give them confidence and help them to see themselves as a reading role model.

What do they do?

Promote Reading around school and help run the school library.

Here's a starting point:

- Make posters to encourage children to read/use the library/try a new book
- Ask other children what type of books they want and create a wish list
- Peer reading with younger children
- Make a video for parents about the importance of reading for pleasure and reading at home.
- Organise reading competitions or help organise a reading event each term e.g World Poetry day, A reading picnic, World Book Day celebrations
- Create a reading newsletter or add a section to the current newsletter
- Make a library suggestion box
- Organise the books
- Label the library shelves
- Fundraise for new books
- Curate class bookshelves
- Make reading recommendations





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CHRISTMAS BOOK BINGO



CAN YOU FIND THESE WORDS IN THE CHRISTMAS BOOKS?

Christmas

Festive

Star

Love

Reindeer

Father
Christmas

Joy

Lights

Tree

