



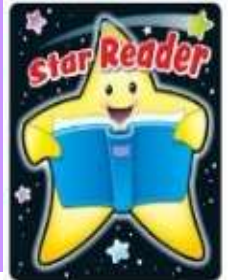
THE CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



Superstar Readers

A Superstar Reader is nominated in every class at the end of each half term. They receive a surprise parcel on their doorstep. Who will it be next?

Check your doorstep on Friday 16th December!



Waterstones Children's Book Prize

If you are looking for book recommendations, you might be interested in these books that were winners of the Waterstones Children Book Prize. *Grandad's Camper* won the best picture book category and is for younger readers from aged 4 to 7. *The Last Bear* won the overall prize and is suitable for children aged 8 and above. Here is the synopsis: *There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life...*



Book Fair

Everyone enjoyed having the Book Fair in school. It was wonderful to see so many families visiting and hear conversations between parents and children about the books they like to read. Thank you so much for your support. With Scholastic offering a very generous reward system, we raised over a £1,000 in rewards to start developing our stock of library books.



The children had fun and worked hard to design their book front cover for the competition. A winner from each year group was selected which was such a difficult task due to the amazing entries.



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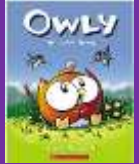
LET'S CELEBRATE!



COMICS

&

GRAPHIC NOVELS!



There are many benefits to reading comics and graphic novels:

1. **They turn reluctant readers into ravenous readers.** Comic books might be more appealing to some children who do not enjoy reading traditional books.
2. **They give struggling readers confidence.** Children who may find it frustrating to finish a page in a traditional book, often feel a sense of accomplishment when they complete a page in a comic book. This plays a key role in building confident and fluent readers.
3. **They increase your child's inference.** Comic books can increase inference in young children by encouraging them to "read between the lines" and infer meaning from the images. Comic books also help children become familiar with sequencing.
4. **They expand your child's bank of words.** When many people think of comic books, they probably don't take into account the opportunity they offer to strengthen vocabulary skills. Comic books give children a unique opportunity to acquire new vocabulary.
5. **They can support other areas of learning.** Comic books that explore historical events, classic tales, wildlife, nature, positive relationships and more can be valuable to other areas of learning. E.g. if your child is learning about the ancient Egyptians, a comic book story set in ancient Egypt may use pictures to explain important details. By taking in a combination of words and illustrations, many children obtain the big picture more easily and with more enthusiasm than they would from using textbooks alone.
6. **There are many different comic book genres to suit all tastes.** Comic books aren't just about superheroes and villains. Comics and graphic novels are spread across many different genres, including comedy, drama, sci fi and fantasy. There's bound to be something to suit all tastes, ages and reading levels. There may even be something that you might like to get into yourself, or enjoy together with your child, snuggled up before bedtime!

COOL!

POW!

BOOM!