

Reading at Uplands

At Uplands, we know how important reading is. It is at the heart of everything we do in school because it opens children's imaginations, builds confidence and supports learning in every subject. We work hard to make reading fun and engaging, offering lots of encouragement and the right support for every child.

Top tips for reading at home:

1. **Mix it up!** Reading isn't just for narratives. Explore different text types such as graphic novels, recipes, instructions, comics or different genres e.g. fantasy, sci-fi, sport.
2. **Re-read favourites.** Children love re-reading their favourite texts. It also helps them build fluency, confidence and word recognition.
3. **Use technology together.** Technology can provide an important route into reading for many children. Try telling a story using a picture on your phone, use apps to listen to stories, watch lyric videos.

Celebrating reading at Uplands:

Over the past term, we have celebrated and enjoyed reading in lots of different ways throughout school.

Bethan Woolwin

In June, we were lucky enough to have Bethan Woolwin, an author, come into school and deliver some wonderful workshops with all the children. The children learnt Bethan's writing process, read some of her books and had a tutorial from Bethan all about creating characters. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Uplands 3-word book reviews:

Year 1: A mouse called Julian

Scary, funny, wonderful

Year 2: The Day the Crayons Quit

Colourful, funny, bossy

Year 3: The Wild Robot

Surprising, spectacular, adventurous

Year 4: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

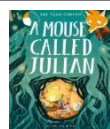
Emotional, adventurous, heart-warming

Year 5: Varjak Paw

Interesting, mysterious, superb

Year 6: Holes

Breathtaking, spectacular, adventurous.



Reading Rewards

Over the Summer Term we have been so impressed with how many children have been reading at home 3x a week. Over 150 children achieved the Summer 1 reading reward, a reading badge. This week, we are extremely excited to be giving out over 100 books to children across school who have read 3x a week for the whole year! A huge well done to those children.

Thimblemill Library Summer Reading Challenge

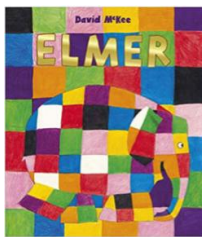
This year's Summer Reading Challenge is all about reading to the beat! The challenge starts on Saturday 11th July and runs until Saturday 12th Sept. Anyone can register and take part between those dates. Take a look at the poster and timetable of activities to see all the exciting things that are happening over the summer.

Our book recommendations

Nursery & Reception

Elmer – David McKee

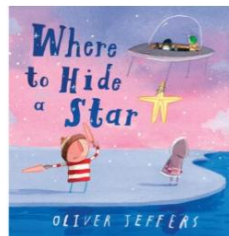
This book is a classic. Elmer features a bright and multicoloured main character who inspires readers to embrace inclusivity, connect with friends and find joy in celebrating difference.



Year 1

Where to Hide a Star – Oliver Jeffers

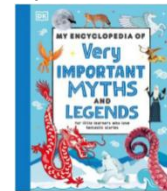
This is a beautiful story based on a familiar scenario to any children who have got too much into a game of hide and seek before.



Year 2

My Encyclopaedia of Very Important Myths and Legends – DK

Take a global journey, exploring a rich array of mythical stories, from familiar heroic quests to lesser-known magical creatures and legendary battles.



Year 3

Storm Bird Magic – Gill Lewis & Irina Augustinovich

A beautiful novel about conservation which includes long-lost fairies and pirate chickens, adventure and mystery. A must read!



Year 4

The Accidental Vikings – Anneli Bray & Karen McCombie

The Accidental Viking is an easy-to-follow and entertaining adventure story, with a few twists and turns along the way.



Year 5

The Greatest Stuff on Earth – John Devolle & Steve Tomecek

An engaging non-fiction book written by a geologist and a scientist. These fun facts are sure to blow your mind!



Year 6

Shadow Thieves – Peter Burns

Perfect for lovers of books such as Percy Jackson, Harry Potter and Skandar, this new fantasy adventure is full of twists and turns that will have you hanging off your seat.

