

# 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. **Read together.** Choose a time that suits your family and enjoy that time spent together.
2. **Create a comfortable environment.** Make a calm, comfortable place for you to relax and enjoy reading together.
3. **Talk about books.** Discuss what you've read, why you've chosen to read that, what you thought about it.

## Celebrating reading at Uplands:

Over the past term, we have celebrated and enjoyed reading throughout school.

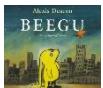
In the first half-term, we enjoyed our termly Beyond the Book Day. Every year group explored a traditional fairytale and had a go at twisting an aspect of the story. The children had lots of fun coming up with new creative ideas to twist the traditional fairytales we know and love.

Last half-term, over 150 pupils received a reading reward for reading 3x a week, every week. We are extremely proud of their achievements. Well done!



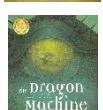
## Uplands 3-word book reviews:

Year 1: Beegu



Sad, good, fun

Year 2: The Dragon Machine



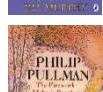
Cheeky, brave, beautiful

Year 3: The Worst Witch



Fun, cheeky, magical

Year 4: The Firework Maker's Daughter



Interesting, different, full of suspense

Year 5: Percy Jackson and the



Lightning Thief

Adventurous, fascinating, powerful

Year 6: The Lion, the Witch and



the Wardrobe

Captivating, expressive, imaginative

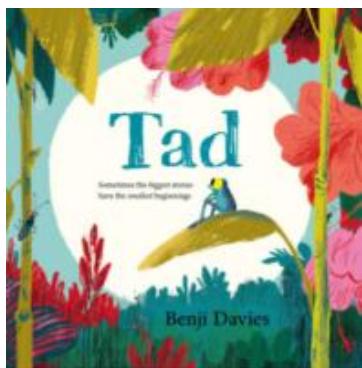
Different year groups have also had the opportunity to enjoy after school clubs based on reading and storytelling.

Finally, Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 have been invited into school to take part in our much-loved Bedtime Stories events. Children enjoyed a drink, biscuits and wonderful stories told by our amazing staff. We're looking forward to inviting Years 3, 4 and Reception to their events in the new year.

### Nursery & Reception

Tad - Benji Davies

A beautiful story about life cycles, growth and facing new challenges.



### Year 1

The Dinosaur Next Door

- David Litchfield

Enjoy this story which encourages children to think about accepting others.



### Year 2

Inside the Villains -

Clotilde Perrin

This interactive book is sure to make children think differently about our favourite villains.



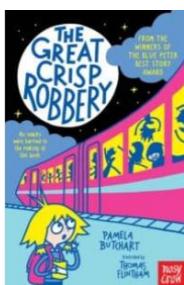
### Year 3

The Great Crisp Robbery

- Pamela Butchart &

Thomas Flintham

A book that is guaranteed to make the reader laugh as they go on a hilarious adventure.

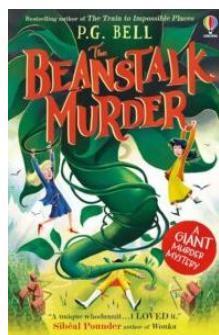


### Year 4

The Beanstalk Murder -

P.G. Bell

This murder mystery will have the reader hanging on to every word.

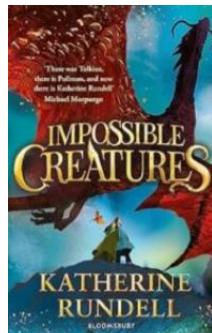


### Year 5

Impossible Creatures -

Katherine Rundell

A wonderful adventure story full of magical islands and mythical creatures.



### Year 6

The Ice Children - M.G. Leonard

This book is like a modern-day fairytale; it's full of fast paced action, beautiful settings and loveable characters.

