

# 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 every day.** Reading at home provides children with the practice they need to become great readers. Make it part of your daily routine.
2. **Follow your child's interests.** Let your child choose the book you read. By doing this they are more likely to be engaged with reading.
3. **Be enthusiastic!** Positive attitudes are important to a child's reading development. Showing genuine excitement will encourage them to read more.

## Celebrating reading at Uplands:

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

**January** - We launched the National Year of Reading in an assembly. Use this link to find a great selection of activities you could do at home:

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/>

**February** - In classes, we took part in National Storytelling Week. Children explored how music can tell stories through lyrics.

**March** - For World Book Day each year group focused on a different book took part in some wonderful activities and created brilliant displays around school. Staff and children also came to school dressed up as characters from books - they looked fantastic!

Almost 200 pupils received a reading reward this term for reading 3x a week, every week. We are extremely proud of their achievements. Well done!

Lots of children have also visited our local library, Thimblemill Library. We would like to thank the library for being so welcoming and organising wonderful activities for the children to take part in. Each child also had the opportunity to bring a book back to school. Head down to your local library this Easter and take part in their free, fun activities.

Finally, we held our Bedtime Stories events for Years 3 and 4 and Reception. Lots of families shared juice and biscuits together and enjoyed listening to their teachers read lovely stories. Thank you to all who joined us.

## Uplands 3-word book reviews:

Year 1: We're going on a bear hunt

Scary, fun, exciting

Year 2: Hansel and Gretel

Amazing, naughty, shocking

Year 3: Egyptian Cinderella

Colourful, amazing, fantastic

Year 4: Viking Voyagers

Interesting, factual, informative

Year 5: Boy in the Tower

Mysterious, worrying, sad

Year 6: Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find them

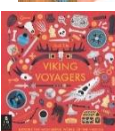
Magical, informative, fantasy

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Bunting



THE EGYPTIAN CINDERELLA



## Our book recommendations

### Nursery & Reception

The Colour Monster -  
Anna Llenas

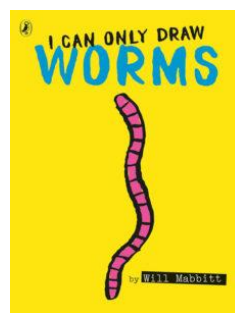
A popular book that encourages children to understand and sort their emotions.



### Year 1

I Can Only Draw  
Worms - Will Mabbitt

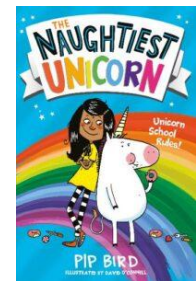
A funny counting book that is sure to make you laugh out loud.



### Year 2

The Naughtiest Unicorn  
- David O'Connell & Pip Bird

The first in a series of hilarious, adventure books. Dive into Unicorn School and see where the story takes you.



### Year 3

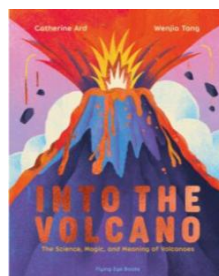
Dog Man - Dav Pilkey  
The half-dog, half-human police officer fights crime and saves the day in the most wacky, wonderful ways.



### Year 4

Into the Volcano -  
Catherine Ard & Wenjia Tang

An engaging and informative text full of interesting facts about volcanoes.



### Year 5

Jaz Santos vs The World - Priscilla Mante  
This is the first in a series of books about a girl who gathers an unlikely group of girls together to create a girls' football team.



### Year 6

Storyland - Amy Jeffs

A rich collection of myths and legends from Britain - including stories of giants, dragons and wizards.

