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READING NEWSLETTER

Recommended Reads: Books About Emotions

EYFS

Milo loves spending time with his best friend, Jay. But when a new girl called Suzi moves in next door, Milo starts to feel left out. The jealous feeling gets stronger and stronger until suddenly, a GREEN-EYED MONSTER pops up!

Year 3 and 4

Rowan loves the river; it's just like he is. On some days, it's quiet and calm, on others it's light and playful, and then there are the days when it roars. But when Rowan goes through a particularly difficult winter, the river freezes – just like Rowan.



Year 1 and 2

It's picture day and Faizah can't wait. But when it's time for sibling pictures, Faizah realizes that she and her older sister don't match like her classmates do. With help from her classmates, Faizah finds surprising acts of kindness.



Year 5 and 6

This is a bottle. You will have seen bottles before.

What are you bottling up? Maybe now's the time to explore...



February Spotlight: Retrieval

What?

Children are explicitly taught the skill of retrieval in their daily CUSP reading lessons. We say that when we retrieve we 'go and get from the text'. It is about finding the answers given to us by the author.

What happens in school?

During lessons, children are taught how to retrieve from the text using two key strategies:

- Identifying the type of question words(eg: when, where) used in the questions to give us a clue about what we are looking for
- 2. Scanning the text for key words, phrases or subheadings.

How can I help at home? When you are reading aloud with your child, ask questions which require them to 'go and get' from the text. It could be finding locations, characters or times but it could also require children to find specific adjectives or adverbs. eg: can you find the adjective describing how Tom feels?

Join us!

What?

Join us in class for our end of term exhibition! This is your chance to talk to your child about their learning and have a look through their books.

When?

Wednesday 8th February 2023, 2.45pm -3.15pm. Please arrive via the main gate.



