



Samuel Lucas Primary School

Reading Newsletter

January 2022

Welcome to the January edition of our reading newsletter. This year, we are making sure **every child is a fantastic reader who loves to read**. Everyone at Samuel Lucas have thought about what can be done to make reading EVEN better than before. Have a look at what we are up to so far this year.

Wider Reading-it's not just for the classroom!

Our latest views

Recently, we took a whole school survey to let people know what we think about reading.

Have a look at these wonderful statistics!



91% of the school enjoy reading!



78% of the school love how our library looks!



70% of the school get to read daily at home!

Please can we remind you the importance of reading daily with your child. Especially if they are in Key Stage 1 to enable them to develop the key skills needed for reading.



66% of Year 1, 2 and 3 find the classroom books engaging!

With our current partnership with Next Page Books, we are looking to raise this percentage by offering a wider variety of books over the next few months. If you have any personal suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Free reliable online resources with Hertfordshire Libraries

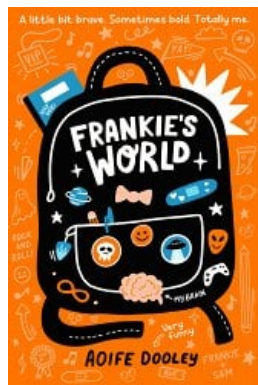


*Perfect for helping with homework, research, study, or just for fun.
All the resources are reliable and from trusted and established
publishers.*

Knowing where to find free and reliable information resources is an important part of education. The library offers a gateway to such resources and Hertfordshire Libraries can help. Our Reference Library Online (www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/orlib) has a range of resources that library members (it's free to join the library) can use for free at home, or anywhere.

Here's a quick introduction to just some of the online resources you may find most useful:

- **Britannica Online** - the online version of the complete Encyclopaedia Britannica., There are three versions available depending on students' level: junior (suitable for Key stage 1 & 2), student (suitable for Key stage 3 & 4) and adult (Key stage 4 & 6th Form)
- **Credo Reference** – this is like having your own reference library, ideal for research projects and homework. Search or browse over 1400 subject-specific titles from reputable publishers. This is more suitable for older students, but it also includes 66 titles from DK Eyewitness collection, suitable for younger students.
- **Oxford English Dictionary and Oxford Dictionaries Pro** – dictionaries from Oxford University Press, to explore the English language with expert guidance on style, usage, grammar and spelling. This also includes French, Spanish, German, Italian, Russian, Chinese, Arabic and Portuguese dual language dictionaries
- **Archive newspapers** – search or browse digital version of newspapers (the Times 1785-2014, the Sunday Times 1822-2006, Illustrated London News 1842-2003). This would be most suitable for older students, particularly to see how past events were reported. This resource could be used, for example, for History, Media Studies, English, Social Studies.



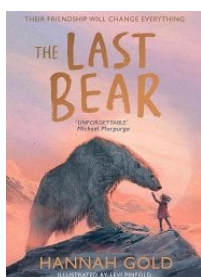
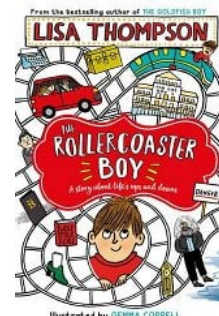
Free Reader books of interest- Next Page Books

Frankie's World Aoife Dooley

How do you fit in and stand out when you feel different to everyone around you? "I loved Frankie's story and could really identify with her character. This is such an amazing graphic novel that represents neurodiversity really realistically." Libby Scott

The Rollercoaster Boy LISA THOMPSON

THE SUNDAY TIMES' CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE WEEK 'A warm-hearted, involving story about a mystery explored by a group of unlikely friends in a run-down seaside hotel. A sensitive, empathetic portrayal of having a parent with bipolar.

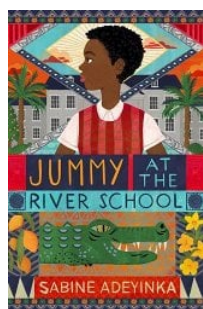


The Last Bear Hannah Gold and Levi Pinfold

Imagine making friends with a polar bear... The Last Bear is perfect for readers of 8+, beautifully illustrated throughout by Levi Pinfold - winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal and illustrator of Harry Potter 20th anniversary edition covers. "This is an important first novel, important for us, for polar bears, for the planet.

Clementine Florentine Tasha Harrison and Mya Mitchell

Meet Clementine Florentine - a talented poet with a strong passion for Custard Creams! Imagine a female Tom Gates with a touch of a young Adrian Mole and the warmth of Jacqueline Wilson, and you've got Clementine Florentine rolled up in one.



Jummy at the River School Sabine Adeginka A glorious boarding school adventure set in Nigeria - a story of friendship, empathy and fighting for what you believe in. 'What a joyful, vibrant story!

Into the Sideways World Ross Welford

The moving, funny, thrilling and adventured-filled new novel for readers of 10 and up from bestselling author Ross Welford. When twelve-year-olds Willa and Manny hear of a mysterious animal prowling their town, they are determined to prove it is real. Following the creature into a cave one full moon, they are swept into an alternate, ideal, world - one where pollution and conflict have been conquered decades ago and even their own families seem happier.

