

Vernon Park Reading Bingo Challenge 2024

Dear Families,

As you know, at Vernon Park we are big fans of reading and all things book related. To promote a love of reading, it is important that we share a range of high-quality books with our children. Therefore, we are very pleased to announce the Reading Bingo Challenge.

Every key phase has created their own challenge list with 10 top titles suitable for children of that age range to: read alone, share with families, or have read to them. Some of the titles are even books that we read together in school.

Please help us to encourage ambitious reading and make every child a confident, fluent, expressive reader, setting them up for learning their whole lives. Over the year, encourage and support your child to read all 10 of the books listed in their bingo challenge: the lists are attached to this letter and the bingo cards are kept in school for every child. When a child has finished a book, they can inform their class teacher, who will then tick off their individual bingo card. At the end of the year, the class with the most completed cards will win a prize to celebrate.

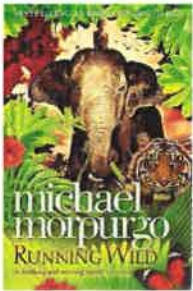
Please don't go out to buy any books: we have all the titles in school and children can borrow a copy of each book - either from school, or from their local library. Please follow this link to sign up to Stockport Library Service if you're not already a member [Join your local library - Stockport Council](#).

We can't wait to hear how the children get on with the challenge!

Kind regards

Vernon Park Staff

Vernon Park Primary School – Reading Bingo list: UKS2 (2023-2024 – Odd Year A)



1. *Running Wild* by Michael Morpurgo

For Will and his mother, going to Indonesia isn't just a holiday. It's an escape, a new start, a chance to put things behind them – things like the death of Will's father. And to begin with, it seems to be just what they both needed. But then Oona, the elephant Will is riding on the beach, begins acting strangely, shying away from the sea. And that's when the tsunami comes crashing in, and Oona begins to run. Except that when the tsunami is gone, Oona just keeps on running..



2. *Five Children and It* by E Nesbitt

Digging in the gravel pit on a hot summer's day, five children discover 'it': a strange, bad-tempered creature with eyes like a snail's, ears like a bat's, and a tubby body covered in fur. 'It' is an ancient sand-fairy who has the power to grant the children's wishes! They had often talked about what they might wish for, but when they are faced with a grumpy magical creature that actually does grant wishes, they find it difficult to make up their minds. That is just the beginning of their dilemmas. As they discover, there is nothing quite like a wish for getting you into terrible trouble!



3. *Happy Here* – Collection of short stories

With an introduction from bestselling author Sharna Jackson, Happy Here features stories and poems by 10 Black British authors, illustrated by Black British artists. It Explores themes of joy, home and family through a wide range of genres and styles.



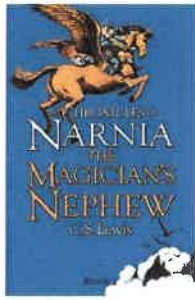
4. *Anne of Green Gables* by L M Montgomery

When the Cuthberts send to an orphanage for a boy to help them at Green Gables, their farm in Canada, they are astonished when a talkative little girl steps off the train. Anne is red-headed, pugnacious and incurably romantic: she immediately causes chaos at Green Gables and in the village, and Marilla Cuthbert is determined that she cannot stay. But her wit and good nature might just cause the Cuthberts to fall in love with her after all..



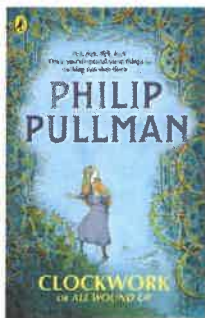
5. *The Figure in the Shadows* by John Bellairs

Settled into his new life, Lewis seems content living with his magical Uncle Jonathan and neighbour Mrs Zimmermann. He even has a new best friend, Rose Rita. But, after discovering Grandpa Barnavel's 1859 lucky coin, Lewis is certain that it is magical, so he puts it to the test – reciting a spell to awaken its magic. Only Lewis hasn't awakened a good sort of magic. As he wears the coin around his neck, sinister things start to happen. Strange letters addressed to Lewis arrive at midnight, a dark shadowy figure begins to follow him...



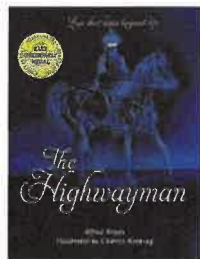
6. *The Magician's Nephew* by C. S. Lewis

To start with, Diggory hates London. It's dirty, and noisy and not at all what he is used to. And to make things worse, he is only there because of a family tragedy. But when he meets Polly, things begin to change. On a daring quest to save a life, the two friends are hurled into another world, where an evil sorceress seeks to enslave them. But then the lion Aslan's song weaves itself into the fabric of a new land, a land that will be known as Narnia. And in Narnia – land of magic – all things are possible!



7. *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman

It is a cold winter's night when Karl enters the White Horse Tavern looking like he's swallowed a thundercloud. His final task as a clockmaker apprentice is to make a new figure for the great clock of Glockenheim. He has not made the figure - or got any idea of what it could be - and the unveiling is tomorrow! Fritz is also in the tavern; there to read aloud his new spooky story. Like Karl, he hasn't finished. He knows how the story starts and he knows it's called Clockwork - so, with the snow swirling down outside, he sets his story going and hopes for the best! Suddenly, Fritz's story takes on a life of its own - and just like clockwork it can't be stopped . . .



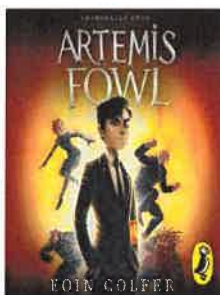
8. *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes

This thrilling narrative poem is a classic romance that will grip everyone with the tale of daring and true love. Ride with the Highwayman across the ghostly moors... but will you be in time to save the beautiful Bess?



9. *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* – J K Rowling

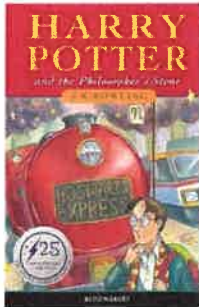
Famed Magi-zoologist Newt Scamander's years of adventure and exploration have yielded a work of unparalleled importance, admired by scholars, devoured by young witches and wizards, and even made available to Muggles in the early years of this century. With this dazzling illustrated edition, readers can explore the magical fauna of five continents from the comfort of their own armchairs. *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* is essential reading at Hogwarts.



10. *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer

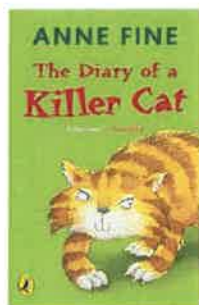
Twelve-year-old villain Artemis Fowl is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. His bold and daring plan is to hold a leprechaun to ransom. But he's taking on more than he bargained for when he kidnaps Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon (Lower Elements Police Reconnaissance Unit). For a start, leprechaun technology is more advanced than our own. Add to that the fact that Holly is a true heroine and her senior officer Commander Root will stop at nothing to get her back...

Vernon Park Primary School – Reading Bingo list: LKS2 (2023-2024 Odd)



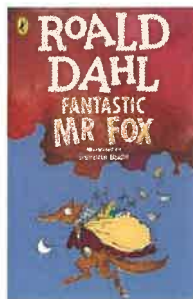
1. *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J K Rowling

Harry Potter lives in the cupboard under the stairs at his uncle and aunt's house at number four, Privet Drive - until the day when a mysterious letter arrives from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and a giant on a flying motorcycle arrives to change his life with four simple words: 'Harry - yer a wizard.'



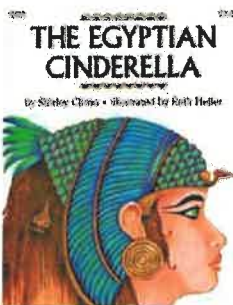
2. *Diary of a Killer Cat* by Anne Fine

Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird into the house. Then a mouse. But Tuffy can't understand what all the fuss is about. Who on earth will be the next victim to arrive through the cat-flap? Can soft-hearted Ellie manage to get her beloved pet to change his wild, wild ways before he ends up in even deeper trouble?



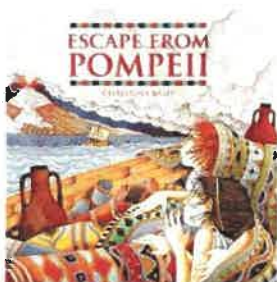
3. *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl

Mr Fox is a very clever fox - every evening he creeps down into the valley and helps himself to food from the nearby farms. Chickens from Farmer Boggis, ducks and geese from Farmer Bunce, and turkeys from Farmer Bean. But now the farmers have had enough, and together they hatch a plan to get rid of Mr Fox for good! But what they don't know is Mr Fox has some help, and a fantastic escape plan of his own...



4. *Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo

Poor Rhodopis! She has nothing—no mother or father, and no friends. She is a slave, from the far-off country of Greece. Only the beautiful rose-red slippers her master gives her can make Rhodopis smile. So when a falcon swoops down and snatches one of the slippers away, Rhodopis is heartbroken. For how is she to know that the slipper will land in the lap of the great Pharaoh himself; who would ever guess that the Pharaoh has promised to find the slipper's owner and make her queen of all Egypt



5. *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit

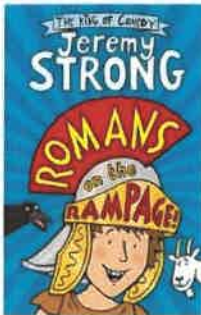
Tranio, like most Roman boys, likes to watch whatever is going on: tradesmen selling their goods, ships unloading their exotic cargoes, politicians making speeches in the forum. But one hot August day a very different scene unfolds. The ground begins to shake, the sky to darken. People run gasping for air. Heading for the harbor, Tranio and his friend Livia hide on a boat and witness one of the most terrifying moments in recorded history—the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of their

beloved city, Pompeii.



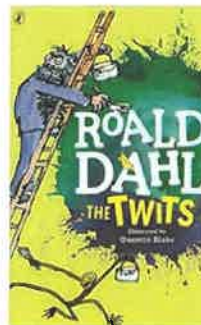
6. *The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog* by Jeremy Strong

Streaker is no ordinary dog. She's a rocket on four legs with a woof attached, and Trevor has got until the end of the holidays to train her. If he fails, he'll lose his bet with horrible Charlie Smugg, and something very, very yucky involving frogspawn will happen...



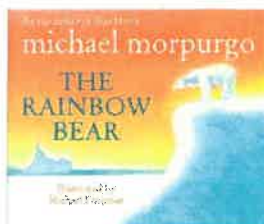
7. *Romans on the Rampage* by Jeremy Strong

Perilus is a Roman boy who is crazy about chariot racing. He loves to practise in his own homemade chariot (pulled by the family goat) and dreams of riding in the Circus Maximus himself one day. But when Perilus's hero, the brilliant charioteer Scorcha, goes missing on the day of the big race, Perilus finds his wish coming true sooner than he'd imagined!



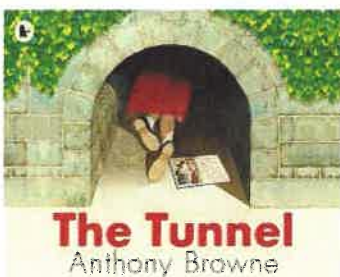
8. *The Twits* by Roald Dahl

Mr Twit is a foul and smelly man with bits of cornflake and sardine in his beard. Mrs Twit is a horrible old hag with a glass eye. Together they make the nastiest couple you could ever hope not to meet. Down in their garden, the ghastly, evil Twits keep Muggle-Wump the monkey and his family locked in a cage. But not for much longer! Because the monkeys are planning to trick the terrible Twits and make their escape, once and for all....



9. *The Rainbow Bear* by Michael Morpurgo

The polar bear is bored of his white environment and his hard life. He dreams of soaking himself in all the luminous colours of the rainbow. But when his wish is granted, he realises to his cost that his arctic camouflage no longer works and he needs the advice of others to escape his prism...



10. *The Tunnel* – Anthony Browne

Once upon a time there lived a brother and sister who were complete opposites and constantly fought and argued. One day they discovered the tunnel. The boy goes through it at once, dismissing his sister's fears. When he doesn't return his sister has to pluck up the courage to go through the tunnel too...

Vernon Park Primary School – Reading Bingo list: KS1 (2023 – 2024 Odd)



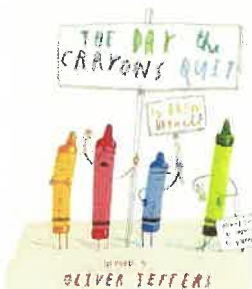
1. Little Red Riding Hood is a well-known fairy-tale character, loved by all and instantly recognisable. But, it's time to meet a new version of her... and she's obsessed with books and libraries!



2. Many years have passed since Goldilocks caused chaos at the Bears' house in the woods, but what happens when Little Bear wanders out of his fairy-tale and into the big city where Goldilocks now lives?



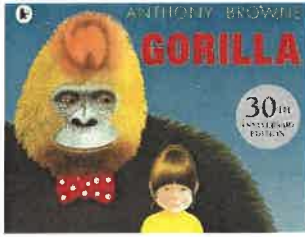
3. It's a busy year for the Queen - she has lots of important events to attend. Meanwhile, a little girl is wondering what knickers Her Majesty will choose to wear on a school visit! Will they be her 'at home' knickers - adorned with corgis - or her 'garden party' knickers, or perhaps her woolly Balmoral ones...?



4. Poor Duncan just wants to colour. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They quit! Blue crayon needs a break from colouring all those bodies of water. Black crayon wants to be used for more than just outlining. And Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking—each believes he is the true colour of the sun. What can Duncan possibly do to appease all of the crayons and get them back to doing what they do best?



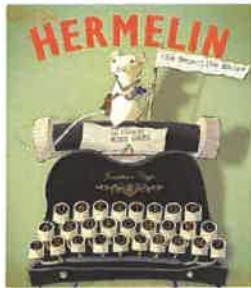
5. You will delight in following the black cat's progress through the dark wood, into the dark house, and eventually to the surprise discovery at the back of the toy cupboard, in this mysterious, beautifully illustrated picture book.



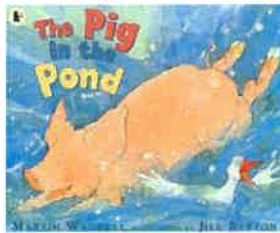
6. Hannah loves gorillas but has never seen one. Her father's too busy to take her to the zoo – or for anything else come to that. For her birthday, Hannah asks her father for a gorilla – but is disappointed when she discovers that the gorilla she's got is just a toy one. But then something extraordinary happens ...



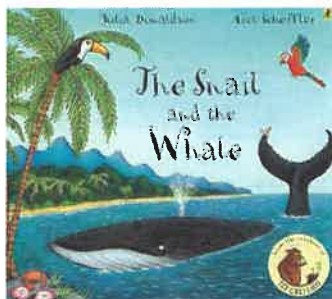
7. *Stick Man lives in the family tree, With his Stick Lady Love and their stick children three!* But it's dangerous being a Stick Man. A dog wants to play with him, a swan builds her nest with him. He even ends up on a fire! Will he ever get back to the family tree?



8. Hermelin is a noticer. He is also a finder. The occupants of Offley Street are delighted when their missing items are found, but not so happy to learn that their brilliant detective is a mouse! What will happen to Hermelin? Will his talents go unrewarded?

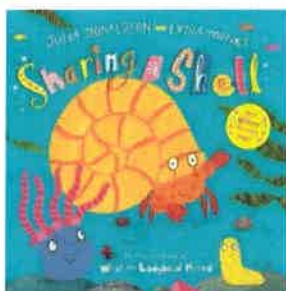


9. Neligan's pig is feeling very hot and bothered! It's one of the most sizzling days of the summer, and the pig sits by the pond watching the ducks and geese playing on the cool water. The pig gets warmer and warmer, the ducks and the geese get louder and louder. Neligan's pig knows that pigs don't swim – but she just has to take a dive! And she's not the only one on the farm who's sweltering...



10. When a tiny snail meets a humpback whale, the two travel together to far-off lands. It's a dream come true for the snail, who has never left home before. But when the whale swims too close to shore, will the snail be able to save her new friend?

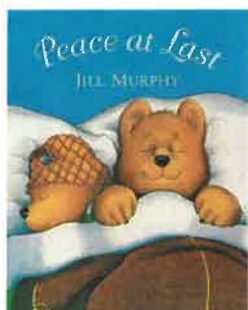
Vernon Park Primary School – Reading Bingo list: Reception (2023-2024 Odd)



1. *Sharing a Shell* by Julia Donaldson

The tiny hermit crab loves his new shell. He doesn't want to share it – not with a blobby purple anemone and a tickly bristleworm. But life in the rock pool proves tougher than Crab thinks, and soon he finds he needs his new housemates in this rollicking story of sea, shells and friendship.

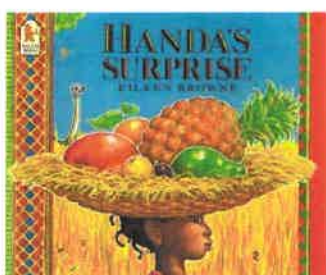
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2. *Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy

With a snoring Mrs Bear, an excitable Baby Bear and a house full of tapping and dripping and ticking, peace is hard to come by – will Mr Bear ever get a decent night's sleep?

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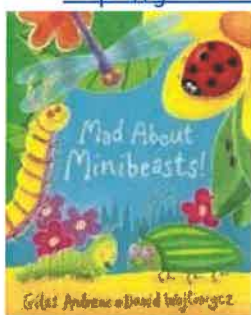


3. *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne

A modern classic named one of the best culturally diverse picture books in the UK, this is the story of Handa, who's part of the Luo tribe in south-west Kenya. Handa decides to take seven pieces of delicious fruit to her friend, Akeyo, who lives in the neighbouring village. But as Handa wonders, *I wonder what fruit Akeyo will like best?*, a series of sneaky animals steal something from Handa's basket, which she's carrying on her head... When Handa reaches

Akeyo, will she have anything left to offer her friend?

<https://youtu.be/ocnRQi89nK8?si=SogOF0sYxr-Hc81q>



4. *Mad About Minibeasts* by Giles Andreae

Little ones will love joining in with all the noisy sound words and looking at the colourful pictures, as they discover all sorts of minibeasts. From *slithery* snails and *buzzing* bees, to *wriggly* worms and *munching* caterpillars!

Each page introduces a different animal, with a short read-aloud rhyme.

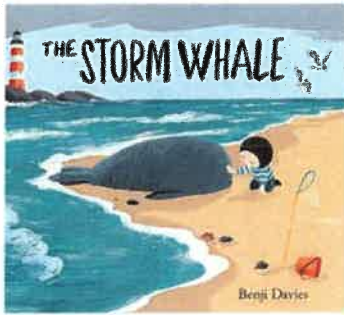
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5. *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers

There once was a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole.

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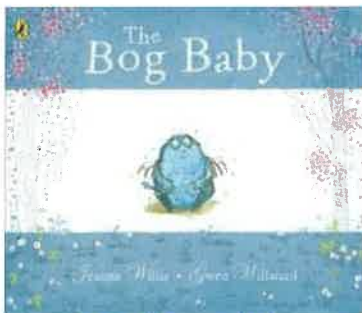


6. *The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies

Noi and his father live in a house by the sea, his father works hard as a fisherman and Noi often has only their six cats for company. So when, one day, he finds a baby whale washed up on the beach after a storm, Noi is excited and takes it home to care for it. He tries to keep his new friend a secret, but there's only so long you can keep a whale in the bath

without your dad finding out. Noi is eventually persuaded that the whale has to go back to the sea where it belongs. For Noi, even though he can't keep it, the arrival of the whale changes his life for the better - the perfect gift from one friend to another.

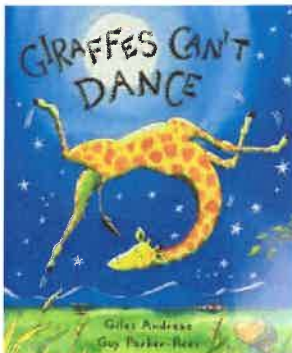
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7. *The Bog Baby* by Jeanne Willis

When two small sisters go fishing to the magic pond, they find something much better than a frog or a newt. They find a bog baby. Small and blue with wings like a dragon, the girls decide to make him their secret. I won't tell if you won't. But the bog baby is a wild thing, and when he becomes poorly, the girls decide they must tell their mum. And she tells them the greatest lesson: if you really love something, you have to let it go.

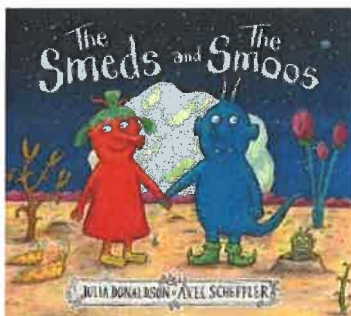
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8. *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees

Gerald the tall giraffe would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance . . . or can they?

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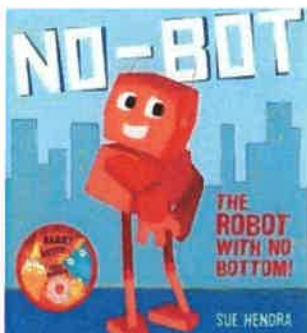
9. *The Smeds and The Smoos* by Julia Donaldson

The Smeds (who are red) never mix with the Smoos (who are blue).

So when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love, their families strongly disapprove.

But peace is restored and love conquers all in this happiest of love stories. There's even a gorgeous purple baby to celebrate!

<https://youtu.be/yRpTgV-k9j8?si=taCcaYZxTyJulfVy>



10. *No-Bot - The Robot with no Bottom* by Sue Hendra

Bernard the Robot loses his bottom on the park swing, and sets off to find it. Every time he gets close, it disappears again! Bird was using it as a nest, but it was too heavy; Bear used it in his drum kit, but it was too tinny; the Squirrels built sandcastles with it...and now it looks as if they're sailing away in it. Will Bernard EVER get his bottom back?

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