

Three Bridges Primary School

Reading Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025



Welcome to our reading newsletter.

This term, the children will be celebrating Michael Rosen day which will be held on the 13th November. We will be exploring the work of **Michael Rosen**, one of the UK's best-loved children's authors and poets. Michael Rosen has written many well-known books, including *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, and has a wonderful way of using humour, rhythm and rhyme to bring stories and poems to life.

His writing encourages children to play with language, enjoy the sounds of words, and develop a love of reading. Michael Rosen also performs his poems in a lively and engaging way, showing children how fun reading aloud can be.

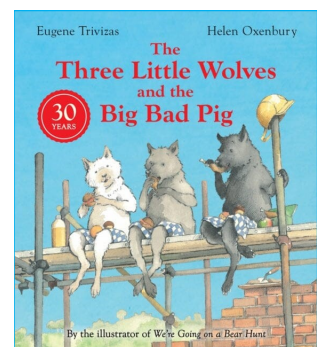
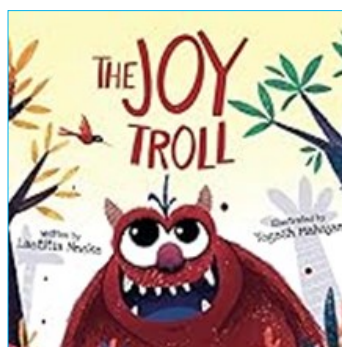
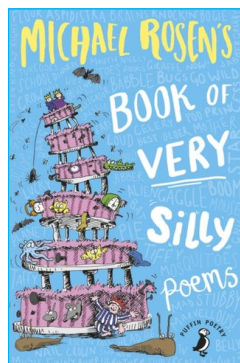
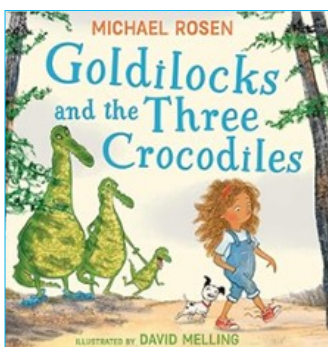
We encourage you to share some of Michael Rosen's stories and poems at home. Many of his books are available in local libraries, and his performances can be found online, where he brings his poems to life through expression and performance.

Reading Michael Rosen's work together at home is a great way to inspire your child, spark their imagination, and support their learning in school.



About the Author

Michael Rosen is an English poet, scriptwriter, broadcaster, and performer, has been writing for children since 1970. He lives in London with his wife and five children.



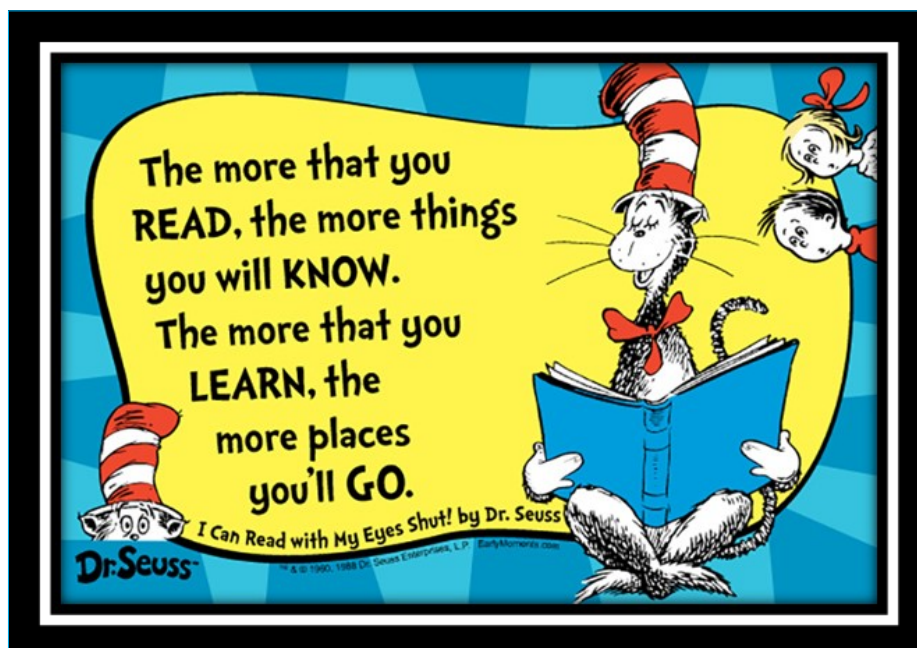
At Three Bridges, we place a high value on reading as it is the foundation for learning across all subjects. Developing a love of reading not only helps children to become confident readers but also supports their imagination, vocabulary, and understanding of the world around them.

One of the most effective ways to support your child's progress is by reading with them at home. Just ten minutes of shared reading each day can make a huge difference. Listening to your child read aloud helps them to practise fluency and expression, while reading to them introduces them to new words and ideas they may not yet encounter on their own.

Here are a few simple ways you can help at home:

- **Listen regularly** to your child read their school book.
- **Read aloud to them** – children enjoy listening to stories even when they can read independently.
- **Talk about what you've read** together – asking questions and discussing characters or events develops deeper understanding.
- **Make reading enjoyable** – choose a cosy time, praise their efforts, and celebrate progress.

Your support makes a lasting impact. By working together, we can help your child to develop not only strong reading skills but also a lifelong love of books.



We are looking for mystery readers

We are excited to launch our new **Mystery Reader** sessions! As part of our ongoing commitment to foster a love of reading, we would love for parents, carers, or family members to come into school to surprise the children by reading a story aloud.

Here's how it works:

- You volunteer to be a **Mystery Reader**.
- We will arrange a date and time with you in advance.
- You come into the classroom for around **15 minutes** at the beginning or end of the day.
- The children won't know who the Mystery Reader is until you arrive – it's always a big surprise!

You can bring a favourite story from home or choose one from our school collection. Sharing stories in this way not only shows children how much fun reading can be, but also helps them see that adults value books too. If you would like to take part, please let your child's class teacher know. We can then add you to our Mystery Reader calendar.



Join your local library!



You can join our local library by scanning the QR code above or going to this address: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/join-the-library/>

Oxford Owl


If your child is in Year 1, they will have been assigned RWI phonics reading books. Parents who are new to the school will find a log in to the Oxford Owl – online reading resource. Here you will find a range of free eBooks. Please check your child's book bag for this!

Accessing the Oxford Owl for Home free eBook library

The Oxford Owl for Home eBook library is free to use, but parents and carers need to register to access our free eBooks. To do so, go to www.oxfordowl.co.uk and click 'join us' at the top right of the page and follow the instructions on the following pages.

Once registered you will be able to log in to Oxford Owl for Home and access the free eBook library [here](#).

Note: Ensure you have selected the **Parent** tab before entering your log in details.



Oxford Owl for Home

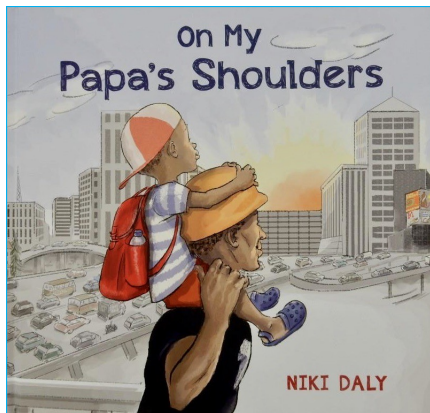
Free resources to support learning at home

- Advice and support for parents
- Educational activities and games
- Free eBook library for 3- to 11-year-olds

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If you need any tips on reading, please do not hesitate to ask.

Reading recommendations



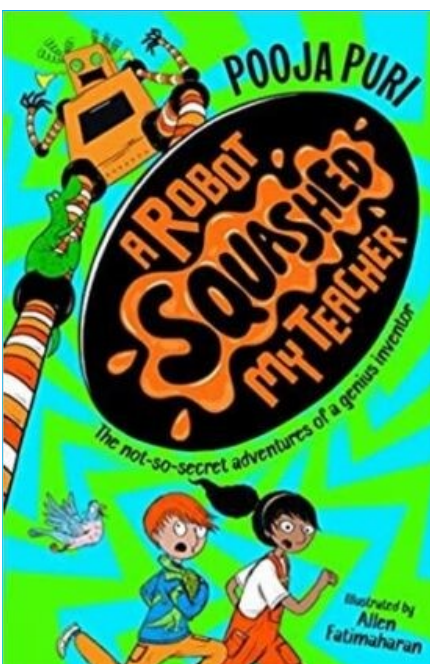
Age 4 – 6 Years

This is an endearing and heartfelt picture book which celebrates the connection between father and sons, but also the unique bonds that can exist with different family members.



Age 6 – 9 Years

Jackson is bored. He's already built an enormous tower with his blocks, had a delicious snack, and practised somersaulting on his bed. What he really wants to do is play with Mama, but she's working in her office and can't play just yet.



Age 9 - 11Years

A Robot Squashed My Teacher is the laugh-out-loud, wacky adventure by Pooja Puri brilliantly illustrated by Allen Fatimaharan, the sequel to the Marcus Rashford Bookclub Selected book A Dinosaur Ate My Sister.