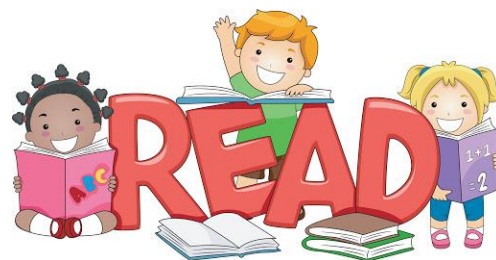


Dear Parents/Carers,

I just want to thank you for all of your support with your child's reading over the past 8 weeks. It is really important that children develop a real love for reading and this can be created in school and at home but when both teams work together, amazing things can happen!



Despite not being able to move around school like I normally would have done to witness the buzz around reading, I can feel it! Our weekly assembly, via Teams, allows each class teacher to hand out the adapted version of the Bed Box; a real treat for one child each week who has been determined to read. Alongside seeing each winner every week, I am forever looking through each class twitter feed to see what they have been up to! If you do the same, you will have seen the brilliant books that each class have been reading to support their curriculum. I have noticed Reception reading **Rainbow Fish**, Year One reading **The Gruffalo**, Year Two reading **Vlad and The Great Fire Of London**, Year Three reading **The Tunnel**, Year 4 reading **Who Let The Gods Out**, Year Five reading **The Surprising Lives Of Animals** and Year 6 reading **When Darwin Sailed The Sea**.

Throughout school, our children are using two main online platforms to support them with their reading; Bug Club and Reading Solutions/Plus. Both of these websites are tailored to suit specific year groups and suited to your child depending on the reading level and book band colour they are working on. I keep a very close eye on both of these online platforms to track progress and celebrate successes! Your child may have already come home with a certificate from myself, acknowledging their dedication towards reading each week.

Please see below for the successes we have had over the past 8 weeks on both Bug Club and Reading Solutions/Plus.

- **Reception** have made a fabulous start with their reading using Bug Club and reading books at home and in school too. They have even read to our Reading Dogs on a Friday in class too!
- **Year 1** – 17 children have completed more than 20 quizzes on Bug Club.
- **Year 2** – 19 children have completed more than 50 quizzes on Bug Club.
- **Year 3** – 12 children have gained one reading level or more!  
Total words read as a class - **553, 530**
- **Year 4** – 12 children have gained one reading level or more!  
Total words read as a class - **484, 227**
- **Year 5** – 22 children have gained one reading level or more!  
Total words read as a class – **1, 268, 981**
- **Year 6** – 22 children have gained one reading level or more!
- Total words read as a class – **1,357, 626**





I appreciate and understand that the joy of reading comes from sitting in a comfy area with a book in your hands and I am really conscious and aware that at Beaumont, despite having amazing online platforms to support reading, we do not want the love of holding a book to stop. It is really important to continue supporting your child with reading an actual book as well as finding time to log onto their online platforms too. Library visits, sharing a story together and making a comfy area for your child to read and enjoy their story are just some ideas to help keep the love of reading alive in your homes.

As a child, I loved nothing more than sharing a story with my parents before I went to bed.

This time was really special and something I still remember now!

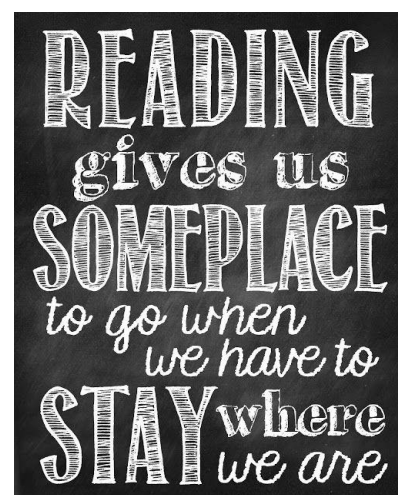
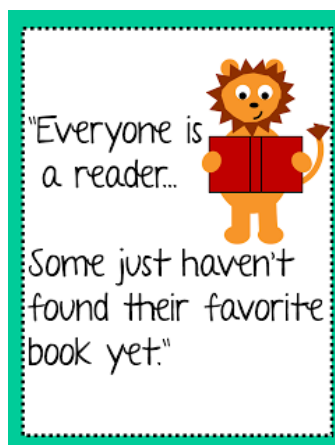
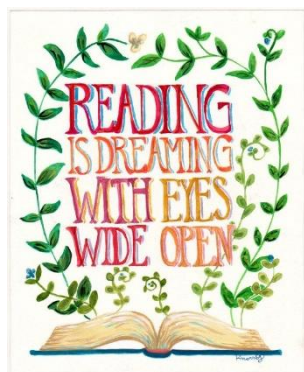
Over the half term, I would really like your child to continue reading. Reading is great for escapism and really good for your well-being. Over the next week, make some time to read as a family and share stories together to build up your child's excitement about wanting to come back to school after half term to share the stories they have been reading.

On the next few pages on this newsletter, I have attached 'Storytime Online' pages. These are recommended reads for targeted year groups. If you are struggling to visit a library over the half term holidays and if you have limited resources at home, this will really help. All you have to do is scan the QR code, with your phone/iPad camera, and it will take you to the YouTube link where that chosen story/extracts of that chosen story will be read aloud to your child. If you are finding it hard to scan the code, there is a link underneath which will take you to the book also.

I would really like to see our school twitter feed full of reading pictures over half term. Where is the most adventurous place your child can read? Where is the comfiest place your child can read? Can your family share a story together at the end of the day? Can you re-enact the bed time box with a hot chocolate and cuddly teddies from home? I look forward to seeing your pictures and book recommendations too!

Stay safe & keep reading! ☺

Miss Marren  
Year 6 Teacher  
English Lead





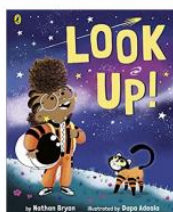
# Books for Topics

## Storytime Online!

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Recommended for **ages 3-5**



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### Look Up!

Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola

Storytime and draw-along

Read by Nathan Bryon



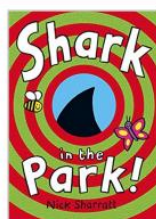
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### Octopants

Suzy Senior & Claire Powell

Storytime

Read by Suzy Senior



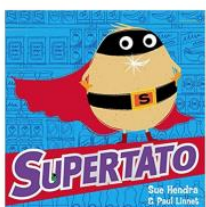
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### Shark in the Park

Nick Sharratt

Storytime & draw-along

Read by Nick Sharratt



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### Supertato

Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet

Storytime

Read by Sue Hendra



For more book lists themed by age group or topic, visit [booksfortopics.com](https://booksfortopics.com)



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Recommended for **ages 3-5**

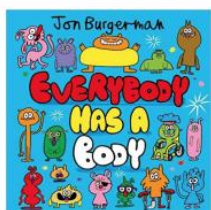


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## When a Dragon Comes to Stay

Caryl Hart & Rosalind Beardshaw

**Storytime**  
Read by Caryl Hart

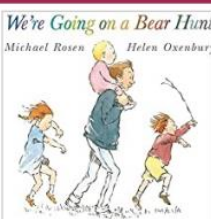


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## Everybody has a body!

Jon Burgerman

**Storytime & draw-along**  
Read by Jon Burgerman



<https://bit.ly/3b7iFSZ>

## We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury

**Story Performance**  
Read by Michael Rosen



<https://bit.ly/3fuJoMI>

## Stick Man

Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

**Storytime**  
Read by Axel Scheffler



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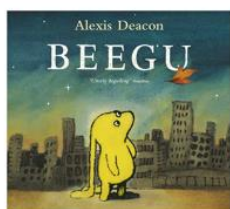


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Recommended for **ages 5-7**



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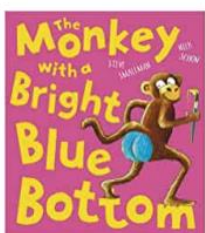
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## Beegu

*Alexis Deacon*

**Storytime & draw-along**

Read by **Alexis Deacon**



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## The Monkey with a Bright Blue Bottom

*Steve Smallman & Nick Schon*

**Storytime**

Read by **Steve Smallman**



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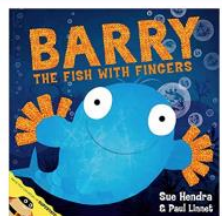
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## Grandad's Island

*Benji Davies*

**Storytime**

Read by **Benji Davies**



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## Barry the Fish with Fingers

*Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet*

**Storytime**

Read by **Sue Hendra**





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Recommended for **ages 5-7**



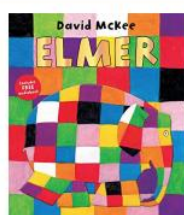
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## The Marvellous Moon Map

by Teresa Heapy & David Litchfield

Storytime & draw-along

Read by Teresa Heapy



<https://bit.ly/2A8dWUs>

## Elmer

David McKee

Storytime

Read by David McKee



<https://bit.ly/3fvatj5>

## The Bumblebear

Nadia Shireen

Storytime

Read by Nadia Shireen



<https://bit.ly/3bdjZDO>

## Once Upon a Wild Wood

Chris Riddell

Storytime (longer story)

Read by Chris Riddell



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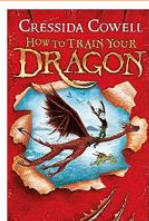


# Storytime Online!

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Recommended for **ages 7-9**



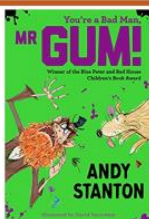
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## How to Train Your Dragon

Cressida Cowell

**Storytime** (extract – full book also available chapter by chapter!)

Read by Cressida Cowell



<https://bit.ly/2SL76dT>

## You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!

Andy Stanton & David Tazzyman

**Storytime** (extract)

Read by Andy Stanton



<https://bit.ly/2L92ryi>

## The Great Chocoplot

Chris Callaghan

**Storytime** (extract)

Read by Chris Callaghan



<https://bit.ly/2WA7Wvb>

## Sam Wu is NOT afraid of the DARK

Katie Tsang, Kevin Tsang, Nathan Reed

**Storytime** (extract)

Read by Katie & Kevin Tsang



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# Storytime Online!

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Recommended for **ages 7-9**



<https://bit.ly/2zuXCfZ>

## The Boy who Grew Dragons

Andy Shepherd

Storytime (extract – full book also available chapter by chapter!)

Read by Andy Shepherd



<https://bit.ly/3cdGQRf>

## Gangsta Granny

David Walliams & Tony Ross

Storytime (extract)

Read by David Walliams



<https://bit.ly/3dnHgoe>

## Amelia Fang and the Memory Thief

Laura Ellen Anderson

Storytime (extract)

Read by Laura Ellen Anderson



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## The Apprentice Witch

James Nicol

Storytime (extract)

Read by James Nicol



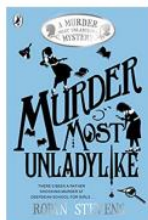


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Recommended for **ages 9-11**



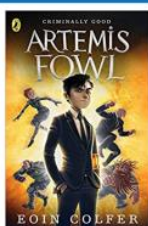
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## Murder Most Unladylike

Robin Stevens

Storytime (extract)

Read by Robin Stevens



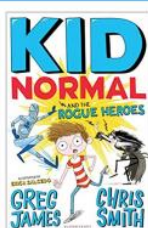
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## Artemis Fowl

Eoin Colfer

Storytime (extract)

Read by Eoin Colfer



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## Kid Normal and the Rogue Heroes

Greg James, Chris Smith & Erica Salcedo

Storytime (extract)

Read by Greg James & Chris Smith



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## A Pocketful of Stars

Aisha Bushby

Storytime (extract)

Read by Aisha Bushby



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Recommended for **ages 9-11**



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## Charlie Changes Into a Chicken

Sam Copeland & Sarah Horne

Storytime (extract – full book also available chapter by chapter!)

Read by Sam Copeland



<https://bit.ly/3b8LwGI>

## Orphans of the Tide

Struan Murray & Manuel Sumbarac

Storytime (extract)

Read by Struan Murray



<https://bit.ly/2LboFzI>

## The Girl of Ink and Stars

Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Storytime (extract)

Read by Kiran Millwood Hargrave



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## Four Children and It

Jacqueline Wilson

Storytime (extract)

Read by Jacqueline Wilson



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