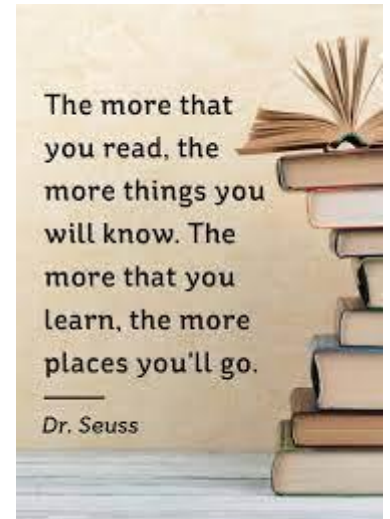




## Cold Aston's Reading Newsletter

Hello and Welcome to Cold Aston's very first Reading Newsletter!

We will be sending out a reading newsletter 3 times over the academic year. The purpose of this newsletter is to strengthen the links between home and school with our love of reading and hopefully bring you on our journey to embrace reading more in our lives. The newsletter will include recommended reads appropriate to children, as well as adults! It will also feature book recommendations and reviews from staff members as well as children in our school. I hope you find the information below informative and useful. Mrs Hibell

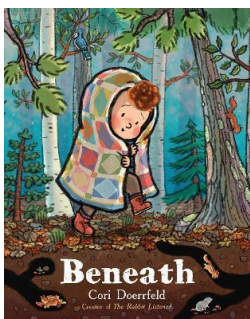


### Reading at CA

As well as the levelled readers that our pupils come home with we also have our wonderful library where children can choose two reading for pleasure books! These books are selected by the children and are complete choice. We hope you enjoy reading them with your children! Each classroom also has a 'book nook' where our love for reading is evident. Our reading tree going up our staircase also shows off all our reading books that we have worked with in our writing units! We love watching it grow over the year!

LoveReading4Kids, <https://www.lovereadinq4kids.co.uk>

This is an excellent website that recommends books that you can read. Below are a selection of current recommended books.



#### For 5+ Readers

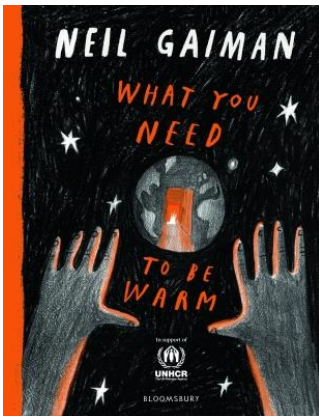
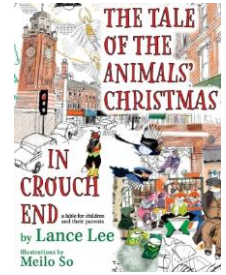
#### **Beneath by Cori Doerrfeld**

Finn is in a horrible mood and doesn't want to talk about it, but after some persuading, agrees to go for a hike with Grandpa. Throughout their forest walk, they see many different things: big, strong trees with networks of roots growing underneath, still water with schools of fish swimming below, and an expectant bird with eggs nestled under her. Grandpa explains that people also have hidden feelings beneath the surface, and despite appearances, may be feeling the say way you do.

## For 7+ Readers

### That Tale of The Animals' Christmas In Crouch End by Lance Lee

A year of unusually heavy rains spark a series of events that lead the Animals of Crouch End in North London to decide to celebrate Christmas for the first time. These begin when Rufus Fox hires Marvin Mole & Sons to repair his flooded home. As he wanders Crouch End and sees Christmas decorations appear soon Belinda, a wood pigeon, Hilda Hedgehog, The Magpies, Silas Squirrel and family, Franklin Frog and his family, and the large, fierce, tiger-striped tabby, Goya, who overhear Rufus' bewilderment over Christmas, decide to suspend their usual activities and, led by Rufus, to collaborate on putting together their own Christmas and Christmas Feast in order to understand Christmas. Magic is involved, too, as Rufus has second sight, and is helped by the Fairy, Tinya, who first explains what Christmas is about, and then helps make Rufus' home Marvin Mole & Sons repair large enough for everyone to fit in—even though it isn't. But Tinya challenges Rufus to discover on his own the real secret of Christmas. Rufus is still puzzled even after all goes off splendidly Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but at the very end with Tinya he realizes the secret is not getting, but giving; not having a truce among unlikely animals, but a family relationship, all motivated by love for one another. He decides to become a vegetarian to keep his new 'family' together.



## For 9+ Readers

### What you need to Be Warm

Award winning author and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Neil Gaiman saw winter coming and wanted to draw attention to the struggle of many displaced families to keep warm. Asking for memories of being warm, Gaiman received thousands of replies: A baked potato; a blanket; iron radiators; thick gloves; a smile; a kind word and many many more.

He turned them into a beautiful poem and invited some of the best illustrators in the world to create images to match the words. The result is a powerful and beautiful



Have you ever considered turning on the subtitles on your TV at home? There is a national campaign backed my scientific evidence that shows that turning on subtitles improves your child's reading!



Stephen Fry

“Top scientists have proven that turning on subtitles of TV programmes can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading.”

## Our Current Reading!

I am currently reading ***Wonder* by R J Palacio** with my daughter, Ivy, who is in Year 6. Sharing a book with her each evening is a really special time and I hope that it will continue on into secondary school!! We are really enjoying this book, it's made us laugh and cry! It's beautifully thought provoking and teaches us that kindness really is in us all. The book has also been made into a film which we are looking forward to watching...but not until we've finished the book! **Mrs Lewis**

I have just read ***Twitch* by M G Leonard**.

Twitch is a 12 year old boy who LOVES birds. He keeps chickens, has birds nesting in his bedroom and looks after injured birds. He lives near a nature reserve where he has built his own secret hide for birdwatching. In this story an escaped convict is seen in his town and Twitch gets involved, making some friends along the way. I thought this book was funny, captivating and I learnt lots of things about nature from Twitch. I couldn't put it down and read it over 2 days! **Mrs Hicks**

A book I am reading is: **'The Power of Now' by Eckhart Tolle**.

It is a guide to spiritual awakening. Working on your mind, silencing negative thoughts to create a liberated life. Tolle discusses being in the present, the now and understanding that we are already complete. It is a book all about opening ourselves up to transformation. **Miss Gibbons**

A book that I have I have just finished is **The Women of Troy by Pat Barker**. This is the second book I have read by Pat Barker and as I loved the first one so much I was very excited to start reading this! It did not disappoint as I finished it within the week of half term! It retells the story of Troy falling to the Greeks but from the perspective of the women living in Troy at the time. Its is a nice take on a historical event that is so often spoken about. **Mrs Hibell**

## Words for Life

The National Literacy Trust is a fantastic resource for not only educationalist but parents as well. They have partnered with 'Words for Life'. Use this link to find out information about where your child should be in terms of reading and milestones. There are games and stories on the site to encourage reading. There is also information on the site to help aid a love of reading and support those that find reading a challenge.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/>



## Learn and play

How old is your child?

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6-12 months  
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A book is  
a dream  
that you  
hold in  
your hands  
- Neil Gaiman