



Seaford Primary school Reading Newsletter

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Welcome back to a new year of reading!

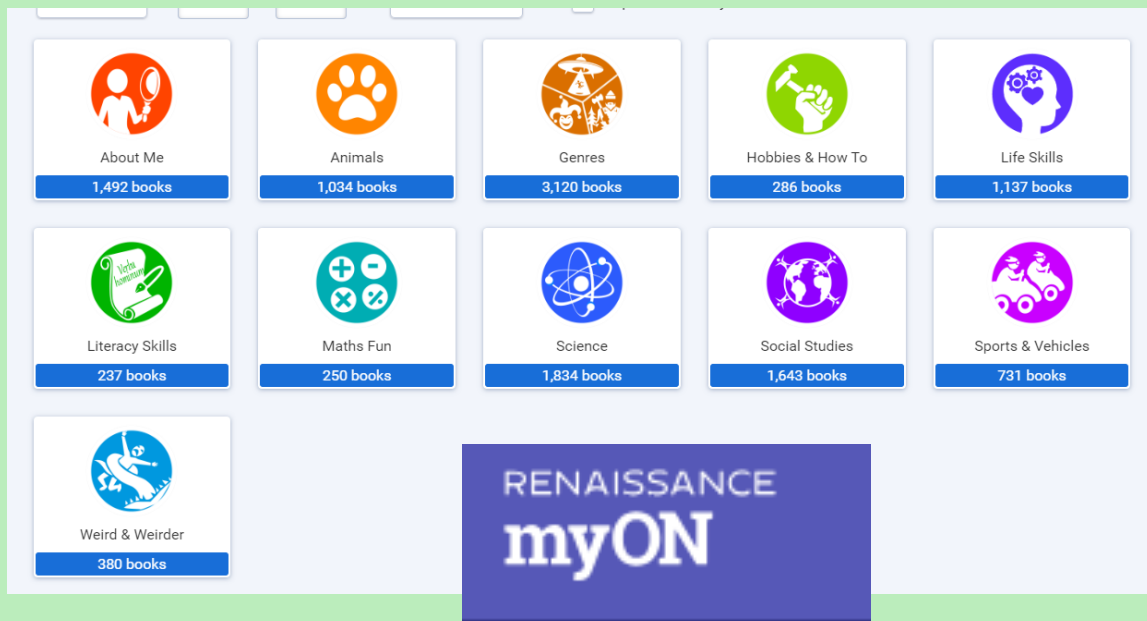
*We were very lucky to secure a grant in May that allows us to buy new books for each class every term this year. The first books have just arrived and will be delivered shortly to all classes. This time we've purchased the books from **LoveReading4Kids**, an online shop that gives us an extra 25% of every purchase to spend on books.*

If you buy books for children online, please use this website and nominate Seaford Primary School as your chosen school. This way, we'll get 25% of your purchases to spend on books for the school.



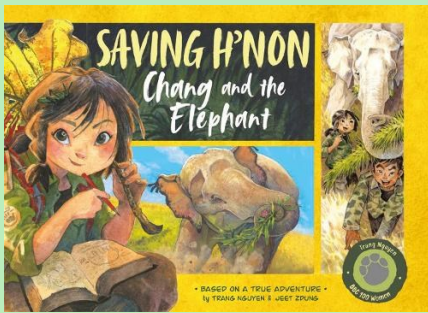
"A child who reads will be an adult who thinks." - Unknown

All children in KS2 use the reading comprehension programme Accelerated Reader. As a customer of Renaissance Learning, that Accelerated Reader is part of, we now have access to an online library called MyON. All children at our school have access to this and if they are in KS1, they will be given a login and password and an introduction to the website by their teacher shortly. The children in KS2 use their Accelerated Reader login and password and can read e-books at home and quiz on them at school. All you need to do is input MyON in a search engine.



On Wednesday 11th October, years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to attend a zoom meeting with author Thomas Taylor. It was a very enjoyable occasion and an insight into Thomas' author life. We have the first book in his Eerie-on-Sea mystery series in the library and the fifth one has just been published. Thomas, who lives in Hastings, has found inspiration for his books in Eastbourne as well as on the beach near his home.





Saving H'Non—Chang and the Elephant by Jeet Zdung and Trang Nguyen

This book is very inspirational and aspiring. At the start it is very sad, showing H'Non the elephant being forced to give elephant rides to tourists and H'Non's mahout (elephant trainer) will not heal her. She has a broken back, cracked nails and infected legs. It is based on a true story. Further into the book it gets better and better. H'Non is healing well. I would recommend it to anyone who likes adventures and emotional stories.

Ela, year 5

Tom in year 5 has interviewed his brother Laurie, in year 2, about his favourite book—The Tree Beast. Here's what he found out.

This book is about how Mina and Bain try to steal an egg from a tree beast. Laurie likes that the tree beast has an egg and tries to pick the girl up. His favourite character is Bain. The book makes him feel happy and he likes it because the illustrations are good. He would recommend it to someone who likes adventure.



The Lion Above the Door by Onjali Q. Rauf

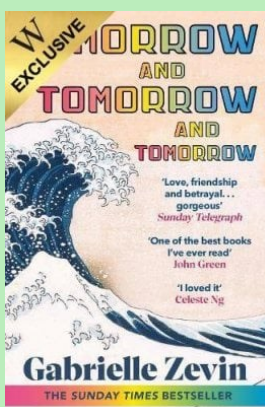
This is a brilliant book based around World War 2. It's set in the present, however the main character Leo must journey back through his family history when he spots his name in a cathedral next to a golden lion and the letters DFC. It's a heart-warming, first person awareness raising book, which talks about some major issues around equality to people who don't have the same colour skin, clothes or food as you might.

Jemima, year 6



Our second hand bookshop will be doing a tour of the classes after half-term Look out for information on Class Dojo for when it's coming to your child's year group.

The bookshop will also be available for you to browse during our upcoming parents evenings next term.



Our book recommendation for our adult readers this term is Tomorrow, and Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin.

Sam and Sadie meet in a hospital and connect through their love of computer games. After several years of not seeing each other, they accidentally meet on the other side of the country where they're both studying. They start playing games again and create a computer game that becomes a success. We follow their path towards becoming global superstars in the gaming industry and all the ups and downs this involves. As a non-gamer myself, I found the gaming parts fascinating and interesting. It's a brilliant book of friendship, success, betrayal and tragedy.

Mrs McMullen & the SPS staff book club