



Knowleswood Primary School

READING NEWSLETTER

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Some useful tips for helping your child read a word...

- Which sounds do you recognise in this word? Can you blend them together?
- Does the word make sense? Let's read the sentence again to check.
- Can you use the picture to look for clues for what the word might be?
- Miss out the word, say 'mmm', finish the sentence. Now let's go back and work out what the word might be.
- Now let's go back and read the sentence again to check the word makes sense!



In Reception and KS1, your child will be bringing home the 'book bag' version of the text they have read in their phonics session. Spending time together reading this familiar book will really support your child apply all their phonics knowledge and learning whilst developing their fluency.

Local Library Links

At Holme Wood Library, children have an extensive range of engaging stories and non-fiction texts to choose from. Children (and adults!) can join the library for free and enjoy taking home their favourite reads.

The library also hosts a wide range of activities throughout the year for all ages, including weekly 'story time' sessions.

Our Reading Superhero Characters

Introducing.... Robin Retrieval!



Robin Retrieval goes into a text and simply retrieves the facts and key details.

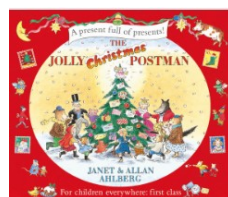
Questions **Robin Retrieval** likes to ask:

- ★ Where does the story take place?
- ★ Who are the characters in this book?
- ★ What do we know about them?
- ★ What is the most interesting fact you have learnt?

Recommended Reads

Early Years and KS1: The Jolly Christmas Postman by Janet & Allan Ahlberg

The Jolly Postman has a busy day ahead of him delivering letters around fairy-tale land on Christmas Eve! Children will love opening the envelopes to read a letter from Goldilocks, a postcard addressed to a giant up a beanstalk... and even a note for the Big Bad Wolf! But can he get all the letters delivered in time?!



KS2: The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher

The Christmasaurus is the story of William Trundle – a dinosaur enthusiast, and his father – a Christmas enthusiast. When a series of events forces William to grapple with a season of loneliness, he sends a clever letter to Santa, initiating a magical Christmas journey. This is a lovely, heart-warming tale where the impossible might just be possible.

