



The Bellbird Primary School

'Soaring to Success'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Library Helpers and Reading Volunteers

We have a team of adult helpers who come in on a regular basis to support the children with the changing of library books. Thank you to all of the adults who have volunteered to do this. Supporting children with reading in school is always greatly appreciated by the teachers.

If any adults or carers can spare an hour a week to listen to a few children read, then please do contact your child's class teacher.

The Sun Books For Schools

The Sun have teamed up with Collins Big Cat to offer schools a free pack of books worth more than £600. Tokens will be available to collect from Saturday 23rd November 2019. The tokens can be handed into the school office or to class teachers.



Spellathon

As mentioned in previous newsletters, just over £2000 was raised as a result of parents and carers supporting the school Spellathon in the spring term 2019. Part of the money was donated to the school charity Wateraid and the rest was used to purchase part of the trim trail which has been installed alongside the main playgrounds. It is lovely to watch the children in all key stages accessing and enjoying this equipment during their break times. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Heffers Children's Bookshop

Heffers children's bookshop will be visiting The Bellbird School on Thursday 28th November. There will be a broad range of fiction and non-fiction books available to purchase. The bookshop will be open until 4.00 pm. Children who attend FLASH or another after school club will be able to visit the shop before the end of the school day. If your child will be purchasing a book before the end of the day, then please send the money into school in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class written on the front of the envelope. Card payments can sometimes be made but to avoid disappointment we recommend that payments be made in cash. The average price of fiction books is £6.99.





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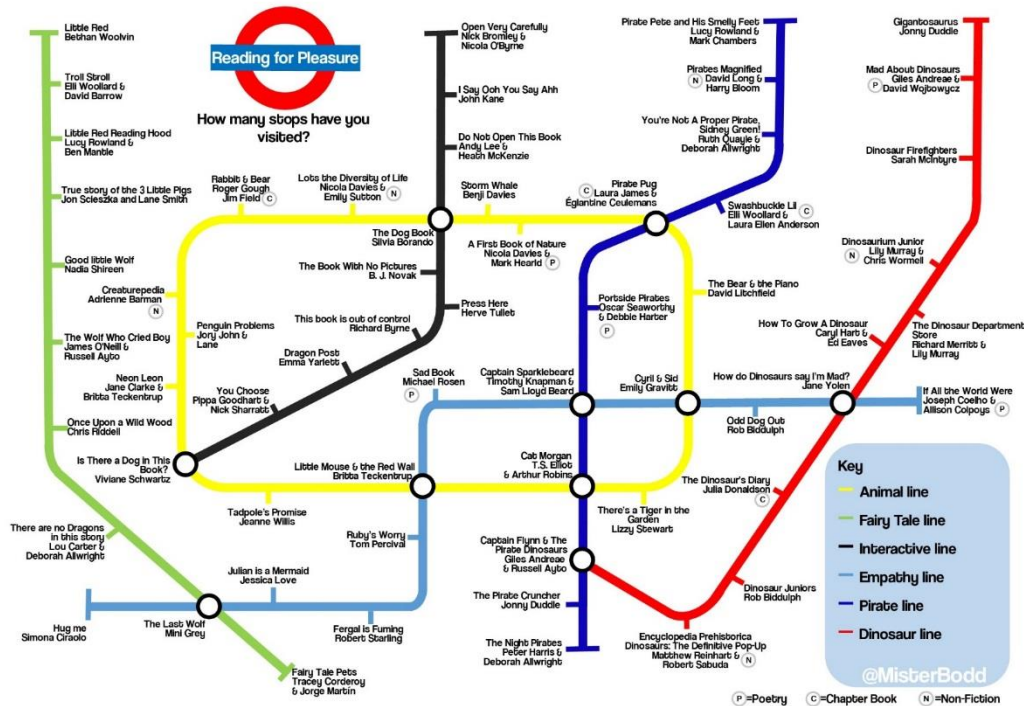
Heffers – Special Book Event



On Saturday the 30th November, Tracey Corderoy will be reading her new book, 'Mouse's Night Before Christmas' and there will be a range of festive craft activities for the children to take part in. The event is aimed at children in key stage 1 and in year 3. The sessions are one hour long and start at 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm. The cost of the sessions is £3 but this is redeemable if you purchase a copy of the book. To book a session contact Heffers Bookshop on 01223 463200. Heffers bookshop is located on Trinity Street in Cambridge.

Recommended Reads

Is your child struggling to find the next good read? Have they read the entire 'How to train your Dragon' or 'Tom Gates' series and are struggling to know where to look for their next good book. Reading for pleasure tube maps for key stages 1 and 2 can be purchased from Swagnumous for £10 each. An example of the key stage 1 map is shown below. They have been designed by teachers to guide students towards various authors. We shall be purchasing some of the maps for our school library.



Thank you for all of your support with the various English events which run throughout the year.

Geraldine Hines and Emma Davies
English Subject Leads