



# Winter Library Newsletter

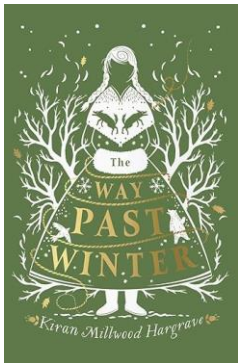
## What makes good winter reading?

Some go for escapes into sun-baked stories, others choose to go for plenty of snow and roaring fires. How about you?

Have you got a favourite winter read- a certain book that you go back to year after year?

**Jacqueline Wilson** picks “Jane Eyre” as her winter comfort reading whereas the **Rev. Richard Coles** choice is “War and Peace”!

Winter reading is very special and is the perfect time to help establish a lifelong love of certain books. The dark nights encourage us to shut out the world and immerse ourselves in the pages of a book. For me the moment Lucy enters that wardrobe I am transported back to my childhood and I am back in that winter wonderland. Sometimes we need a different type of book at this time of year and here are a few suggestions that may tempt your child and you to switch everything off and read.



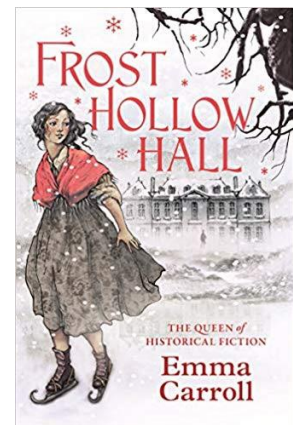
*“Stories are just another way of telling the truth”* says Kiran Millwood Hargrave in this beautifully written tale of winter, family love, loyalty and adventure

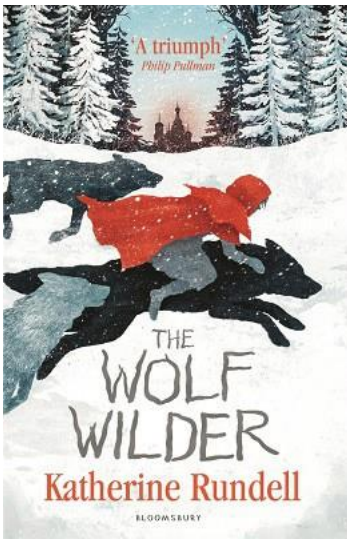
A perfect winter read that is full of warmth and tenderness underlying the gripping adventure.

Emma Carroll – always a favourite author in our library.

Alongside the mystery this book also deals with the important themes of grief, loss and forgiveness giving young readers something to think about.

This is an excellent read to curl up with on a winter’s evening.





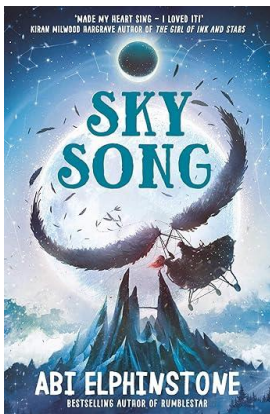
Katherine Rundell is definitely one of our favourite authors and this particular book is perfect for a winter read.

This contains all the ingredients that contribute to a wonderful fireside read, a Russian winter, deep snow, wolves, ballet, and a traditional adventure.

A group of us are reading this book and we are loving it and learning a lot about wolves!

Winter Magic is a treat, a collection of stories by some of the best children's authors. This is a book which is perfect to curl up with on a dark evening.

Difficult to choose a favourite from this collection but the final story The Snow Dragon by Abi Elphinstone is very special- as are all her stories.



I read this book by Abi Elphinstone a few years ago and it really made an impression on me. It has all the elements of a wonderful wintery read. A story filled with adventure and excitement including an evil ice queen and a battle between tribes. Highly recommend this book.

These books are all in the library and will be on display. Our last display promoting the tradition of "Jolabokaflod" was very popular and over thirty children entered the "Identify the Mystery Book" quiz.



# “Words *for* Life”

The National Literacy Trust is an independent charity that empowers children, young people and adults with the literacy skills they need to succeed.

Their latest research report included shocking statistics about the reading for pleasure crisis.

In 2024 1 in 10 children aged 5 to 18 reported that they did not have a book of their own. Studies suggest that book ownership can have a positive impact on outcomes ranging from reading attainment and academic achievement to lifetime earnings.

The Literacy Trust also produce many resources to help parents and carers with ideas for helping children to enjoy reading. Please visit this site for suggestions for all ages including babies.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk>

In the library we always have books that we have removed from the shelves available for children to take home and own. Please do let us know if you would be interested in looking at our selection of books.

For those of you who have read the book “**Resist**” by Tom Palmer – on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December there was a programme called “History’s Heroes” featuring young heroes in history. This episode is all about Audrey Hepburn and the part she played in the Resistance in Holland. I know a lot of you in year six enjoyed this book and this broadcast which is available on BBC Sounds is well worth listening to.

Wishing everyone a year full of reading!



