

Message from the Headteacher

Firstly I would like to say thank you to everyone for their hard work and continued support. For some, lockdown is getting harder and we want to recognise the efforts of everyone during this tricky time. We know some families have found this week particularly tough, please give yourself the license to prioritise your well being and that of your child. Allow yourself some time out if that's what is needed; read a book, watch a funny film or immerse yourself in our anthology of happiness created by Year 5... online learning will still be there tomorrow.

Thank you to those of you who completed our remote learning feedback form. This will be available until Sunday evening so if you haven't already please take a look and let us know your thoughts. We understand that everyone's personal circumstances are different and we will do everything we can to support you and your child.

Some of the feedback so far has suggested that parents and children are finding the weekly calls quite a lot so we will be moving to fortnightly calls for all children that attend google classrooms. However we will be continuing with weekly calls for those who are completing the printed packs and for any other families who are finding them particularly supportive on a weekly basis. Please do talk to the member of staff making your call who will be happy to discuss this.

Although many of you are not physically in school you are all still very much part of the St John's family so please do get in touch if you need our support remotely.

Have a lovely weekend!

Somerset Cricket Board 'Pro Challenge'

Each week cricket pros from Somerset CCC and Western Storm will answer questions and set challenges. There will be a skill based challenge and a creative challenge for children to do at home. Week 1 is already up on their YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/mz0AUTo8rI4>



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health week. Teachers will be including wellbeing activities in Google Classroom lessons throughout the week. On **Monday 1st February** we would encourage all pupils to wear bright colours to celebrate the theme 'express yourself'.



Google Technical Toolkit for Families

Google has put together some guidance that may help parents to use Google Classroom. The document includes links to a series of videos that help explain the various aspects of learning that could happen within Google, a Glossary of terms, ideas and suggestions for family engagement and a FAQ section.

https://services.google.com/fh/files/misc/techtoolkit_familiesandguardians.pdf

Using Xbox or PlayStation to Access Google Classroom

Xbox

1. Plug a keyboard into the Xbox USB slot
2. Go into my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in your web address so that you can access the school website
5. Find the RM Unify link and select it
6. Login to RM Unify as you would on any other computer
7. You should now be able to access all of your Google related work including Google Classroom
8. To move around you will need to use the Xbox control or plug in a mouse.



PlayStation

1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon (it is WWW with lots of dots around it)
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go into applications and you will find the Internet browser
5. Type in your web address so that you can access the school website
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NSPCC Numbers Day

For the past two years, we have celebrated NSPCC Number Day as a school to raise money for children who need additional support in their lives. This year, Number Day is on **Friday 5th February**.

Historically on Number Day, children and staff are encouraged to celebrate by coming in dressed as something mathematical or number-themed to raise money for the NSPCC. Given that we can't all be together this year, we felt we'd still like to celebrate this day virtually with the children. Therefore, we'd like to welcome children to attend their Google Meet sessions dressed as something number-themed; this could be from a numbered football shirt to coming in as a dice or calculator. Their teacher will also be planning an exploratory Maths lesson, such as measuring capacities with different liquids, linking their Geography map skills with coordinates, or problem solving/code breakers.

As we can't all be together to see the creative ideas in person, we'd love for you to send any photos of costumes or Maths home learning activities to the office so that these can be shared in the following week's Purple Pages and ask that you please spare some money to donate to this important cause:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/>



Book Reviews from Year 3 and 4

Thank you for all of your wonderful book reviews. Here is a selection of reviews, the remainder will be posted on the school Facebook Page.

Freddie Maule 3B

Book Review

Title: The Twits Author: Roald Dahl
 Date started: Oct 2020 Date finished: 1 week later

What was the book about?
The book was about two very mean characters called Mr Snit and Mrs Snit. They were very mean to everyone including each other.

What did you like about the book?
I liked the fact that they were mean but very silly and stupid.

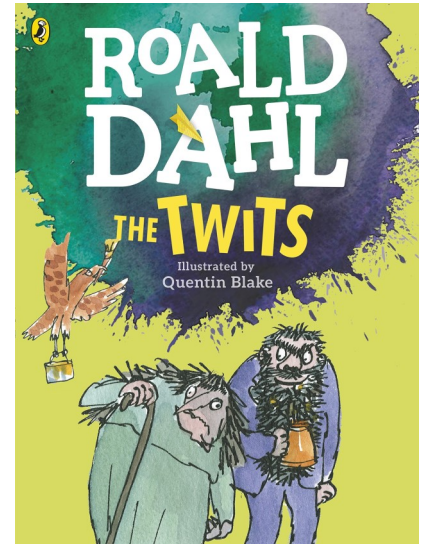
Were there any parts you didn't like? Discuss.
I didn't like it when they went to the beach and the weather was bad but super.

What was your favourite part of the book?
My favourite part was when the Huckle-wuss monkeys and the Roly Poly bird put the twits in their hands and got revenge.

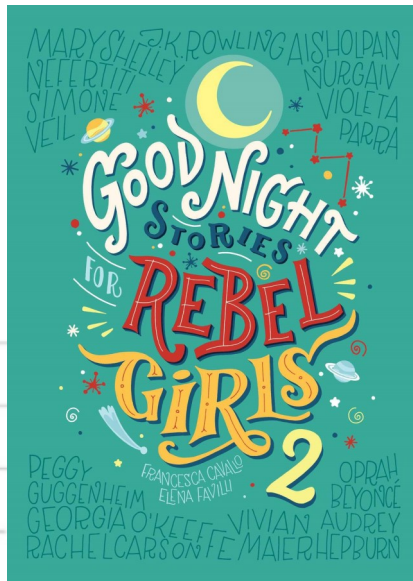
Would you recommend this book to a friend?
 YES NO

How many stars would you give this book? Colour the stars.
 (5 - Excellent, 1 - Poor)
 ★★★★★

Draw a picture to show your favourite part of the book.



Freddie M 3B



Hannah E 3A

Book Review by Hannah Evans (3A)

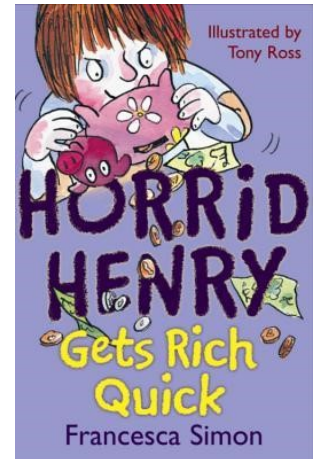
Title: Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls 2
 Written by: Francesca Cavallo and Elena Favilli
 Genre: Non-fiction
 Star Rating: ★★★★★

What it's about:
Stories about extraordinary women who have changed the world.

Review
This is the second 'Rebel Girls' book and I love it. It is about the lives and abilities of women who are all equally talented and who bust down gender stereotypes. There are painters, singers, activists, footballers and even one woman who is a quantum physicist and a ballerina at the same time (she is called Merit Moore).

Each story is one page long, but some of the words might be a little bit tricky for children under the age of 7. The pictures are all drawn in different styles and are bright and interesting.

Nikita Fi 3A

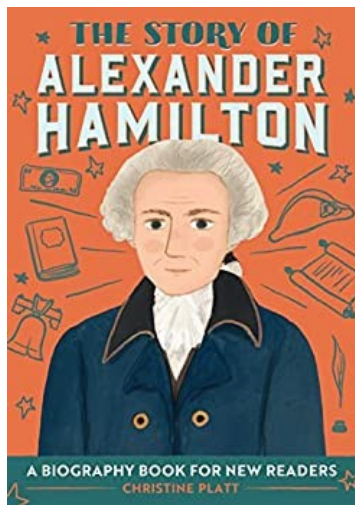
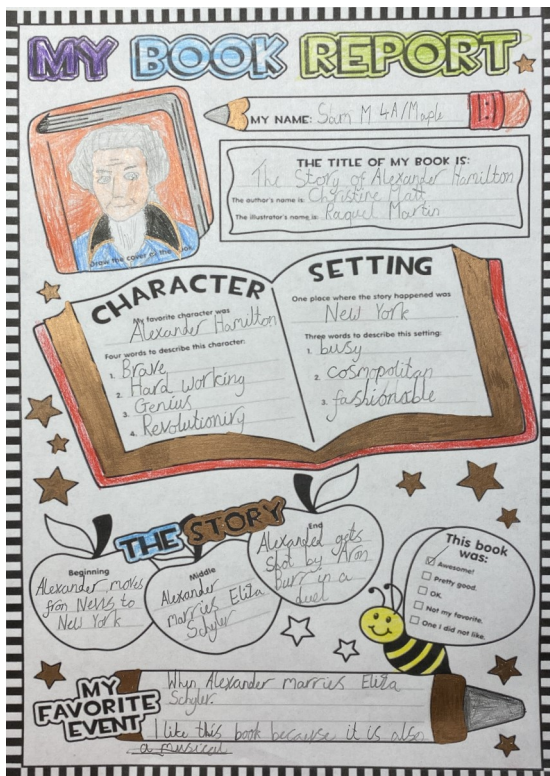


William Golding's 'The Catcher in the Rye' is a book about a boy named Holden who is very rich and his brother called perfect Peter. Then Margaret came and saw she like her and sold a concert for her and sold it. I have perfect Peter so she did. And then when she sees Peter and Henry sold I sold him for money. Mum was angry at me so I got Peter back.

I loved it because it is funny and interesting.



Sam M 4A



Esme V 4A

Book Report: Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the world

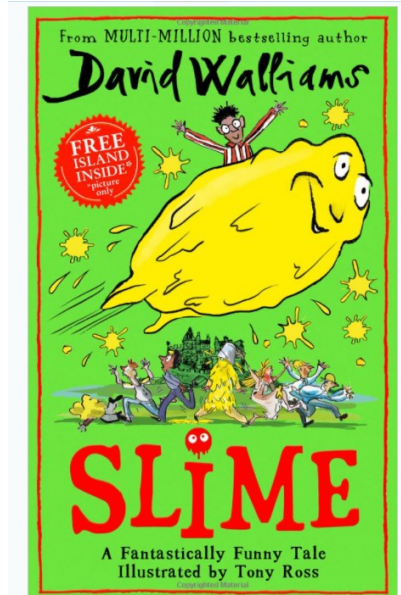
By Esmae Vu

I have enjoyed this stunning children's non-fiction book countless times and have been captured by the acts of bravery and courage of the bold women who stood up for who they were and shaped the future for women today. It features colourful illustrations and beautifully written stories of the women that changed the world!

This book shows you that anything *is* possible so follow your dreams no matter who you are or what other people think! I recommend this to children and parents because it is super easy to read but still factual and superbly written by the author, Kate Pankhurst.

Anyone who loves history and with some adventure on the way will love these captivating books.

You can discover more in the next 2 books of the series.



Thomas A 4B

Slime

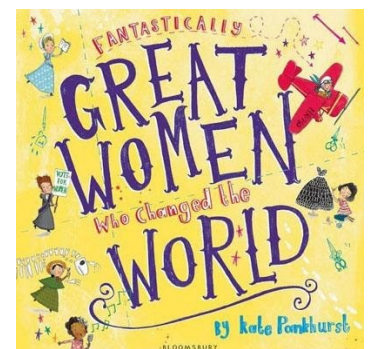
By David Walliams

This is my favourite book because it is extremely funny and I love the way the author has put a lot of imagination into the story.

Slime tells the story of a boy called Ned. Ned lives on a small island with his parents and his maniacal older sister. All of the parents are nice but all of the other grown-ups on the island are horrible. The queen, Ned's aunt, brought other cruel people to the island. The ice-cream bandits steal money from children and don't give them their ice cream. The Envy twins own the only toy shop on the island, but it isn't really a toy shop, it's just another place where they steal money from children.

One day Ned found out his sister's evil plan. She was going to fill a bathtub with gunk, the sort of stuff you find at the bottom of old swimming pools and ponds, but Ned got there first and played it back on her. When Ned poured the jars into the bath, something incredible happened. Something suddenly came out of the water. It was Slime. A few minutes later, Ned and Slime were already friends, and they set off on a journey to get revenge on all of the horrible grown-ups.

I think year 3's and year 4's would love this book. Why don't you read it to find out what happened, and whether Ned and Slime were successful in their mission.





ROBLOX
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play.' For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

What parents need to know about **ROBLOX**



ROBLOX STUDIO

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.



ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux,' which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux.' Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents

ALERT!
Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or popup. There a lot of phishing scams that advertise free roblox etc. with the intent of stealing your child's personal information.

UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.



CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2-STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing something in the game to spoil their gameplay. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

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