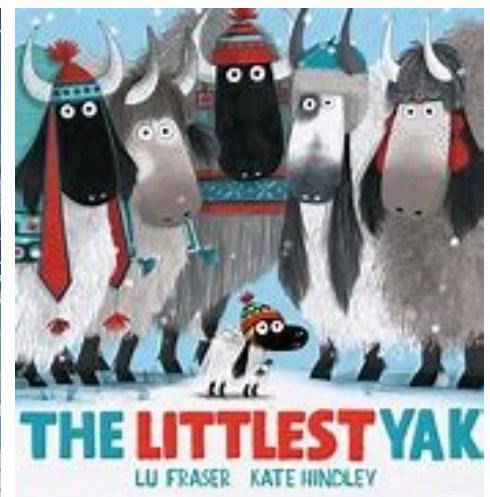
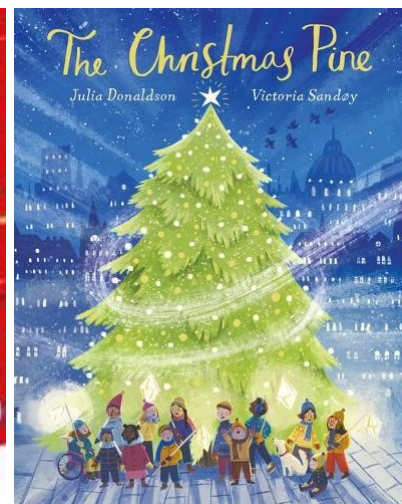
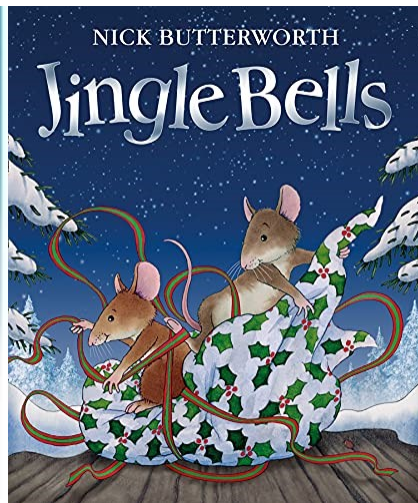
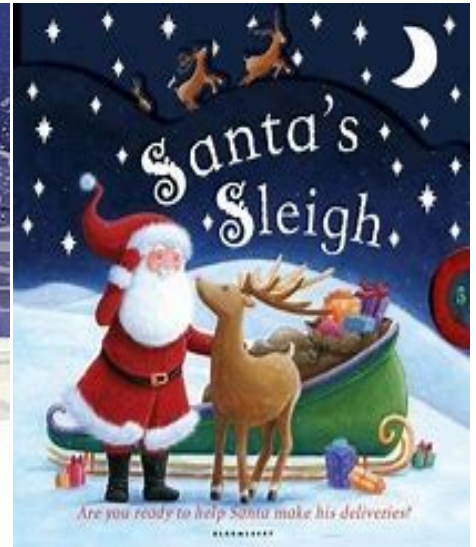
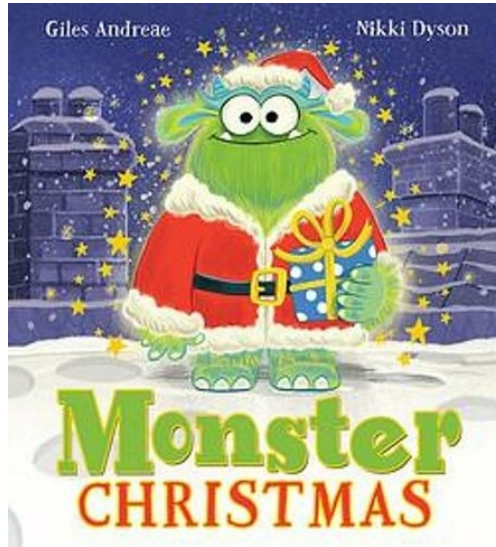


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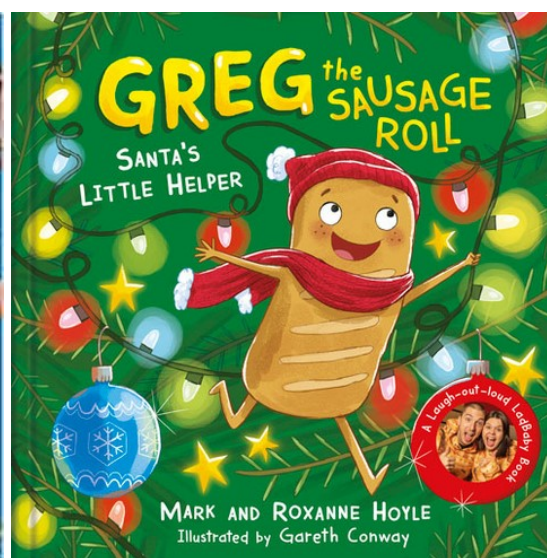
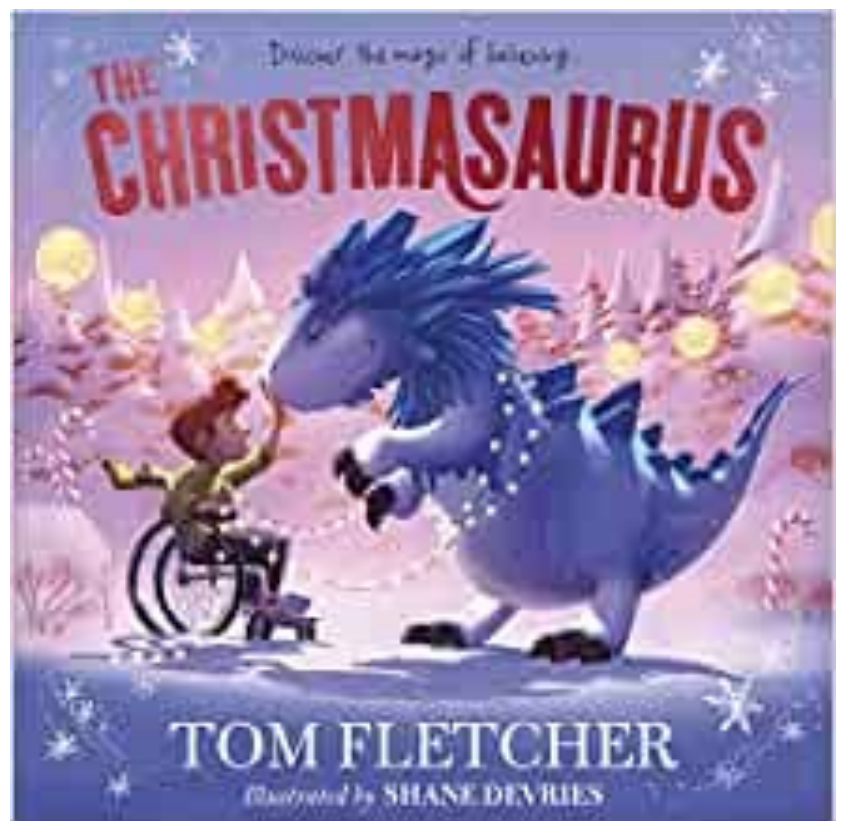
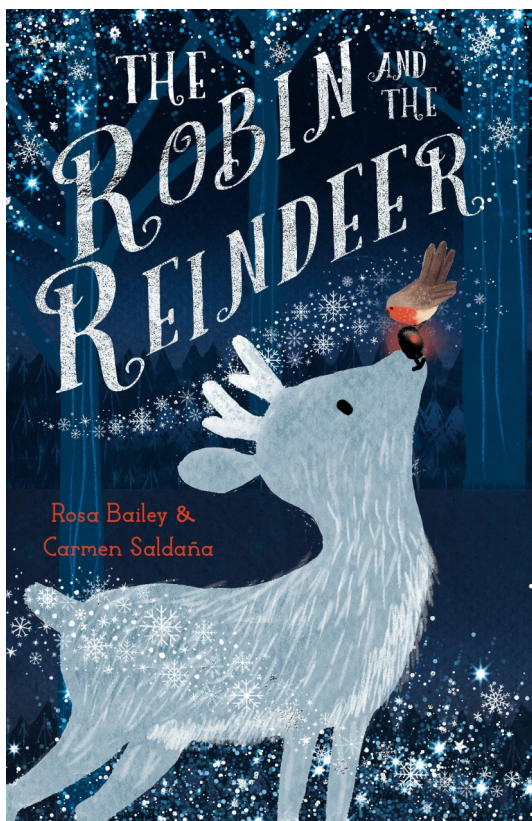
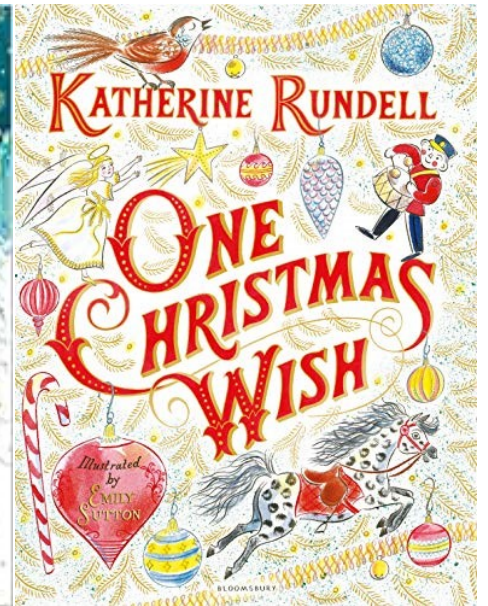
Tis the season to get reading and we are in full swing here at Rucstall Primary School. It has been great to see more children reading and filling in those reading records. We've also had over 140 books borrowed through our new Rucstall Online Library! Please remember to check this out if you have not done so already.

In this edition of our reading newsletter, you will find recommendations for those last minute requests to Santa or a few books to get you through the Christmas Holidays.

What's on Your (Christmas) Bookshelf for Ash Class?



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What's on Your (Christmas) BookshELF for Lime and Maple Class?



Writing a letter to Santa? Read this first. Meet the man beneath the big red hat. You probably know about Father Christmas. At least, you know some things. You might know about the Toy Workshop, and the reindeer, and what happens on Christmas Eve. But - psst! There's much more to the whole story to that. We don't want to give it all away here. But we will tell you that it involves a boy called Nikolas, and a girl called Amelia, and elves, and gingerbread houses, and lots of presents (obviously). But if you want to know the whole story of the special magic of Christmas, read on for a top-secret tale that's never been told - until now!

Matt Haig's brilliant Christmas Trilogy:

- Father Christmas and Me
- The Girl who Saved Christmas
- A Boy Called Christmas

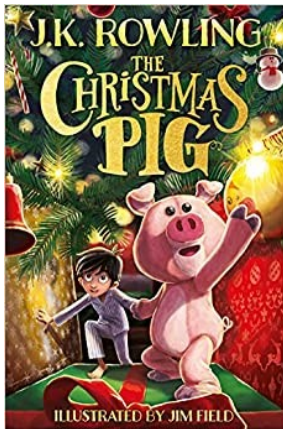
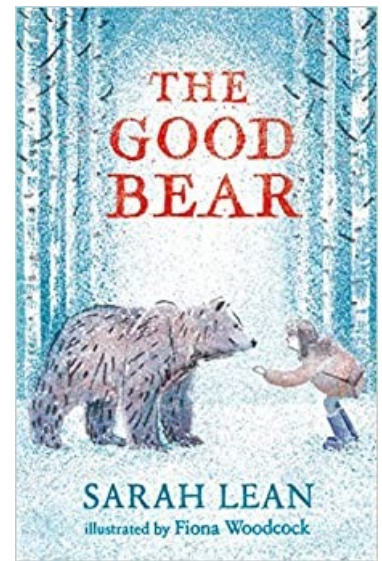
Clarice Bean usually looks forward to Christmas. Except this year it is going to be a quiet-ish Christmas in her house, which doesn't feel right because Christmas is all about noisiness and being full up and FAMILY. And without those things, she is going to have to try extraordinarily hard to stop the Christmas spirit completely floating away... But luckily, there is no one in the world like Clarice Bean - and she is going to THINK LIKE AN ELF, and that means everything will be A-O-KAY. Won't it?



You know about the Naughty List, right? Well, this year, the Christmasaurus is on a mission to track down children who have found themselves on the Naughty List to help them turn naughty to nice! This is a collection of stories about mischievous kids learning the error of their ways, but it's also about sharing the true spirit of Christmas and realising that sometimes things aren't quite as they first appear...

What's on Your (Christmas) BookshELF for Rowan and Willow Ash Class?

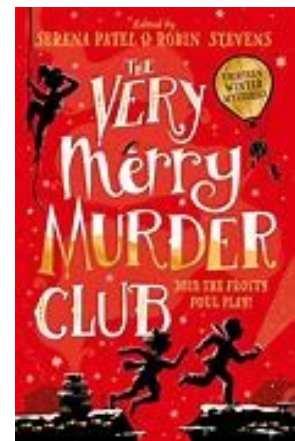
It's the Christmas holidays and Thea is looking forward to spending them with her father. She can tell him all about her plans to become a writer, and maybe he'll buy her the typewriter she's been dreaming of. But when Thea arrives in snowy Norway, everything feels . . . wrong. Her father is as distant as ever and now she has to share him with his new family: his girlfriend Inge and her children. Then Thea makes a surprising discovery. Deep in the snowy woods by the house, is a bear. He's scared and hungry and he desperately needs Thea's help. When the town hears about a bear living in the woods, Bear's life is in even greater danger. Thea needs to show everyone that he's not dangerous - he's a good bear - if she's to save him.



Jack loves his childhood toy, Dur Pig. DP has always been there for him, through good and bad. Until one Christmas Eve, something terrible happens - DP is lost. But Christmas Eve is a night for miracles and lost causes, a night when all things can come to life... even toys. And Jack's newest toy - the Christmas Pig (DP's annoying replacement) - has a daring plan: Together they'll embark on a magical journey to seek something lost, and to save the best friend Jack has ever known..

A collection of Christmas crime and mystery stories by thirteen of the most exciting and diverse authors in children's books today!

Sleuthing through the snow, on a merry mysterious day, in disguise we go, investigating all the way . . . Join them as part of the Very Merry Murder Club as they lead you on a snow-covered wintery journey of Christmassy crimes, festive foul play and murderously magnificent mysteries!



Wish it could be Christmas every day? Well, for nine-year-old Holly Carroll and her family, it is! Living her merriest life in a house with year-round fairy lights and Christmas trees, a carol-singing toilet and a diva donkey who thinks he's a reindeer, home-schooled Holly tries to spread cheer wherever she goes.

But when she goes to a new school with a singing Santa backpack and first day Christmas cards (during a heatwave in September!), she realises not everyone shares her enthusiasm for spreading cheer. In fact, when the neighbours try to remove the Carrolls from the street and Holly discovers a group of children that may not get a Christmas at all, her snowglobe world begins to crack. Is the world's most Christmassy girl about to lose her Christmas spirit?