

At Bruche, we practise what we preach: we love reading and we want others to do so as well – below you will find out all about the books which have inspired our staff to continue to develop a love of reading in our children.



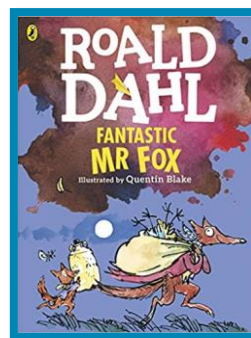
We shouldn't teach great books; we should teach a love of reading.

— B. F. Skinner —

A book is a gift you can open again and again.

HEADTEACHER:

Mr Jones



Which book is your favourite and why?

My favourite all time book is Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox - I love how mischievous Mr Fox is. I also love the fact it is a book about relying on your friends and family when things go wrong.

Which genre is your favourite and why?

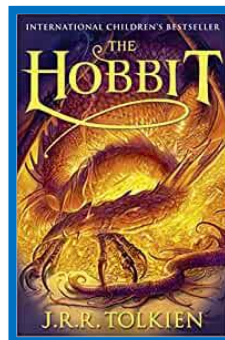
I really like fiction books especially those by Lee Child. I also like non-fiction books like autobiographies about sports people. I also like reading historical books about my favourite football team Everton!

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

Currently I'm reading the new Lee Child book The Sentinel. I'm reading this book because I like the Jack Reacher series of stories and I can't wait to read what happens to the main character next!

OUR ENGLISH CONSULTANT

Mrs Owens



Which book is your favourite and why?

This is such a hard question! I'm going to include two examples. As a young teenager, I loved Enid Blyton's Famous Five. I would collect and read as many of the titles as possible, often reading each book more than once! I loved the characters and the mysteries. As an older teenager, The Hobbit by Tolkien, became a firm favourite, because it brings back memories of my time in Y7 with a fantastic English teacher. She read the story in parts on a regular basis. Her story telling voice was amazing. It drew me into the story and created rich imagined scenes and characters in my head...before film imagery! As soon as I could afford it, I bought my very own hardback copy...it remains a very special book to me. And guess what...I went on to read 'The Lord of the Rings'.

Which genre is your favourite and why?

My favourite genre is no surprise to you after revealing my favourite books! I love detective stories, fantasy and the supernatural...essentially anything that is a mystery...with a welcome twist at any time!

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

I'm currently reading 'Once Upon a River' by Diane Setterfield. Absolutely love it because the story includes both supernatural and mystery elements. As a reader, it encourages you to be the detective...trying to understand and link clues together while reading.

EARLY YEARS

Nursery

Mrs Callaghan



Which book is your favourite and why?

As a child, I loved reading stories by Enid Blyton. My favourite has to be the Magic Faraway Tree or The Wishing Chair; these stories allowed my imagination to go on exciting adventures in a world full of magical creatures. I now have the pleasure of reading these stories to my own children.

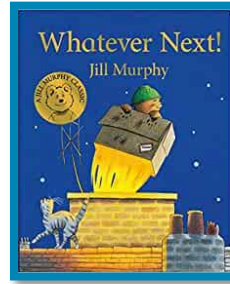
Which genre is your favourite and why?

I enjoy reading a mix of genres. I enjoy books based on romance and particularly enjoyed reading 'The Things we cannot say' by Kelly Rimmer. This book was written based on a love story during WW2 and has a great balance between modern day and historical facts. I also enjoy reading memoirs written by Cathy Glass. Cathy talks first-hand about her experiences as a foster carer and I find her reads inspirational, as I follow her one goal of protecting and helping children to succeed.

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

I am currently reading 'Maid' written by Stephanie Land. 'Hard work, Low Pay and a Mothers Will to survive'. Her writing focusses on social and economic justice.

Mrs McHugh



Which book is your favourite and why?

My favourite thing about reading is how a love of literature can be shared with others especially with children. Through sharing stories, you can transport children to another world and foster their imaginations. That is why my favourite story is Whatever Next by Jill Murphy.

Which genre is your favourite and why?

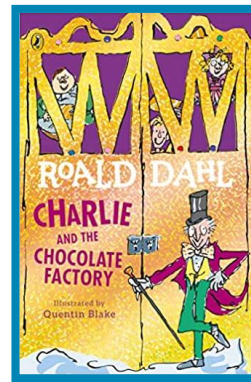
I enjoy reading autobiographies; this allows me to find out more about a person and their life story.

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

I am currently reading the autobiography of Lewis Hamilton, as I want to know this inspirational sportsman became so successful.

Reception

Miss Yeardsley



Which book is your favourite and why?

As a child my favourite book to read was Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. I love this book because it teaches us not to be so materialistic and get caught up in our own lives. It allows for imagination and creativity to flow through in the form of its wacky and fun adventures. It is also beautifully written and shares many morals you can learn.

Which genre is your favourite and why?

I enjoy reading autobiographies and biographies. I like reading about how other people deal with life and everyday tasks; it is inspirational to see others perspective in life.

I enjoy reading mystery books where I challenge myself to solve the mystery as I read the book. One of my favourites is The Girl Next Door because it has more twists and turns than a rollercoaster and keeps you guessing throughout the book.

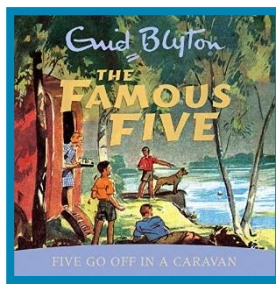
I enjoy reading fantasy romance books because I like the escape they offer in other worlds. One of my favourite is the Twilight Saga, which is a series of books based upon on the vampire myth.

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

I am currently reading Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. Eleanor is such a brilliant character and I so wanted to read her story. It is sad, but I am rooting for her rather than pitying her. It is turning out to be one of those perfectly-balanced sad/funny books.

RECEPTION

Mrs Badley



Which book is your favourite and why?

As a child, it has to be the Famous Five by Enid Blyton - I was bought all 25 books by my parents (and still have them!) I loved the adventures they went on and how strong they were as a friendship group and I always wanted to spend my summer holidays on Kirrin Island! Enid Blyton was also way ahead of her time in challenging stereotypes. George hated being called Georgina. 'She cut her hair short and dressed like a boy.' Blyton also said George was based on her.

Which genre is your favourite and why?

I LOVE Jane Austen. I love her witty, satirical take on the restrictive era she lived in - another writer ahead of her time! Her strong heroines, who, despite their position in society, are still opinionated and headstrong and will not settle for the mediocre. And yet, I still love the escapism of the beautiful locations and dresses and manners of the early 19th Century, and of course - the fact that our heroines always get their happy ever afters!

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

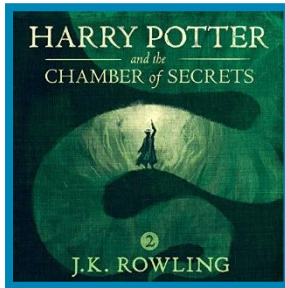
The 'My Family and Other Animals' trilogy. Currently reading 'Garden of the Gods' by Gerald Durrell.

Durrell is a fantastic writer who talks about his family's time in Corfu with such wit and detail, while also teaching you a thing or two about the natural world. It makes me want to pack up and move to Greece immediately!

KEY STAGE 1

YEAR 1

Miss Lewis



Which book is your favourite and why?

As a child, I loved reading the Jacqueline Wilson collection, as I felt this helped me relate to real life scenarios I experienced myself as a child. I also enjoyed reading the Harry Potter collection, as the magic allowed me to use my imagination.

Which genre is your favourite and why?

I really like crime-fiction books, which are based on true stories. I love how in these books, I am allowed to use my problem-solving skills to detect what has happened!

As I have a real passion for psychology and sociology and why behaviour patterns occur in people, I enjoy reading autobiographies to understand people's perspectives and how they have dealt with different situations within their lives.

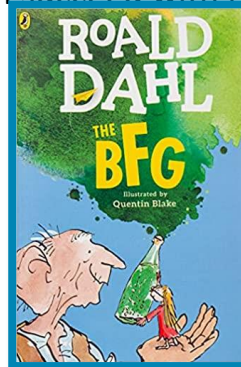
As I am interested in different cultures, I enjoyed reading 'The Kite Runner' by Khaled Hosseini. I particularly enjoyed the rich vocabulary used within the book to give a real insight into a child's experience in Afghanistan.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my niece - she is passionate about immersing herself into different characters when reading books. We enjoy using our silly voices to express characters and we particularly enjoy books with a rhyming sequence. Her enthusiasm reinforces to me that reading for pleasure with children ignites a passion for reading from a very young age. Our particular favourites are the Julia Donaldson books.

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

I am currently reading 'The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind' by William Kamkwamba. As I have visited Malawi and spent time working in an orphanage

there, when I watched the film adaption, I was desperate to find a book to support it. Having spent time in the country, I could relate to the difficulties the young boy was experiencing to try and provide a way for his local village to survive - it was education that helped him succeed with his passion for Science!



YEAR 2

Miss Kerrigan

Which book is your favourite and why?

As a child I enjoyed reading the Roald Dahl collection. Roald Dahl's books share stories of bravery, adventure, self-belief and most of all fun. I thoroughly enjoyed reading all the adventures. The creativity and humour used throughout the books allowed me to use my imagination and inspired me to read! My favourite books as a child were Charlie and The Chocolate Factory and The BFG, as Roald Dahl turned the ordinary into the extraordinary - the whole story was magical!

Which genre is your favourite and why?

My favourite genres to read are crime and thriller books, as authors write with flair and style. They create scenes so real and compelling you feel you're actually there, watching what comes next! I enjoy reading this genre because they're imaginative and creative. I am curious about different behaviours and what influences general interests in to crimes and mysteries. I also enjoy reading autobiographies, as it allows me to understand people's perspectives and how experiences can impact people's choices in life.

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

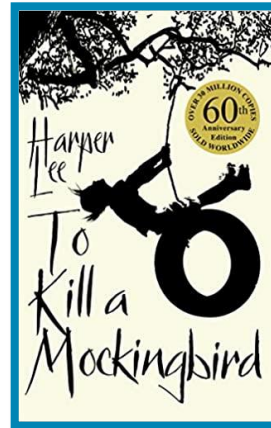
I am currently reading an autobiography by Shirley Ballas, 'Behind the Scenes'. I enjoy reading about how successful people handle crises and solve complex problems. By reading about others and their diverse perspectives and experiences, it gives me further inspiration in my own life. You learn about their struggles and how to incorporate their solutions and lessons in your life. Her dramatic and determined life has inspired me to follow my dreams and

this has made me passionate about wanting all children to succeed in everything that they do no matter what challenges may come their way.

KEY STAGE 2

YEAR 3

Miss Ratcliffe



Which book is your favourite and why?

When I was younger I read *To Kill a Mockingbird* and it has been my favourite novel ever since! I found the heart-warming story and moral journey extremely thought-provoking.

Which genre is your favourite and why?

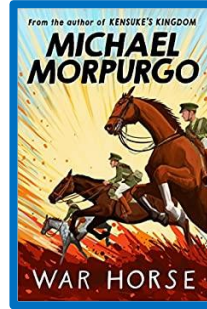
I enjoy detective/mystery books, as I can't always predict how the story will end. I love when I can't put a book down and find that the excitement of not knowing what will happen next grips me.

After studying Law, I also love reading books about crime. I enjoy learning about how the lawyers and police piece together evidence to find the culprit. Finally, when I'm on holiday, I like to read romance novels. I always want to relax next to the pool with a light-hearted, funny story.

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

I am currently reading *Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone*. After creating my Harry Potter reading corner, I was inspired to read the entire series - I have only ever managed to get up to the 4th book!

Mrs Dignan-Smith



Which book is your favourite and why?

I have two books that I cannot separate in favour over the other; The secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett that I read as a child and War Horse by Michael Morpurgo that I read only a few years ago.

I love how the authors used real life situations, sadness and heartache to show how amazing, hopeful and endearing life is. Each story has wonder, curiosity and displays the beautiful and heart-warming relationship that can occur between people and animals.

Which genre is your favourite and why?

My favourite genre of books to read are non-fiction books. I love to learn new things and get better at the things I can already do, I love to understand the reasons behind things like why, how and where things came from. Whilst my favourite books above were both fictional texts, they both have historical and geographical truth which explain why the characters became and behaved the way they did with those around them.

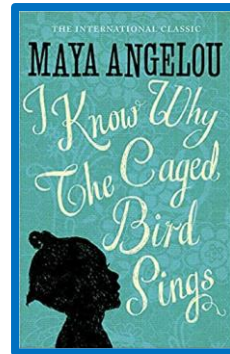
What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

At the moment I am reading Planet Word by J.P. Davidson and Stephen Fry. It is a non-fiction language book that explains everything and anything about the way we communicate. How language was first used, how it has evolved and all the ways we use it to show emotion, power and persuasion.

From feral children to fairy-tale princesses, secrets codes, invented languages - even a language that was eaten! A fascinating book to dip in and out of.

YEAR 4

Mrs Shone



Which book is your favourite and why?

It is hard to narrow it down to just one as I have quite an eclectic taste and have always loved books. Some that have always stayed with me are Shogun by James Clavell, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou, which I found incredibly powerful when reading it at high school. To Kill a Mockingbird is a book I have read over and over.

Which genre is your favourite and why?

I love reading books based on crime, murder mysteries and thrillers. I love trying to work out what is going to happen and work out who did it. I have read nearly everything by Stephen King, John Grisham, Harlan Coben, Patricia Cornwall and Mark Edwards.

I have always enjoyed reading Terry Pratchett and particularly his Discworld series, since being a teenager. I love his unusual world and they are so full of funny characters, particularly Death, who thinks he is very misunderstood.

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

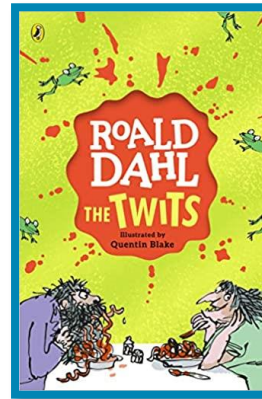
I currently have 3 books on the go!

- 1) A Time for Mercy by John Grisham. I am an avid reader of John Grisham novels and have been particularly enjoying this series.
- 2) Put a Wet Paper Towel On It by Lee and Adam Parkinson. This is a book written by two brothers, one a teacher and one a TA and is all about life in the classroom but told in a very funny and light-hearted way. It is a very easy book to pick up and put down when you only have a few minutes to read.

- 3) Finally, I am reading Page & Co: Tilly and the Bookwanderers. I have been reading this book with my own daughter at bedtime and it has been really exciting working out what is happening and all the characters we have been introduced to. We already have the second one in the series lined up to read next.

YEAR 5

Mrs Skelton



Which book is your favourite and why?

I have always enjoyed reading The Twits, especially with younger classes. Roald Dahl's descriptions are always so vivid and this book makes children, and adults, laugh so is always fun to read aloud.

I also have a particular fondness for Harry Potter, especially book two, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. After the first book, everyone was eagerly anticipating this one and I remember reading it at the same time as my son who had been suddenly inundated with books for Christmas and birthday presents. It was lovely to be able to share the stories together and talk about our favourite bits!

Which genre is your favourite and why?

I love a good murder mystery or a thriller. I read all the Sherlock Holmes stories when I was younger and now enjoy tales involving modern crime solving techniques such as forensic science and technology. The best bit is trying to look for clues within the text. Whether I have worked out 'who dunnit' or not, it is always great to look back and spot all the clues and 'threads' the author has woven into the plot.

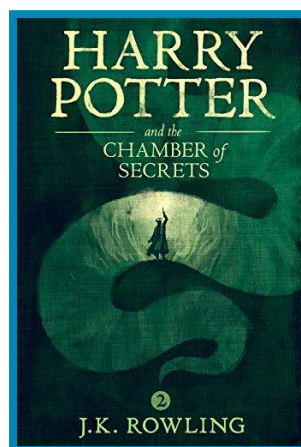
I also enjoy reading biographies and auto-biographies. It is fascinating to look into the lives of interesting and famous people to find out what they were really like and whether they were anything like their public personas.

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

I am currently reading a biography of former Beatle, George Harrison by Graeme Thomson entitled, 'George Harrison, Behind the Locked Door'. I have recently discovered that, shortly after becoming famous, Harrison bought a bungalow for his parents in Appleton, Warrington and that he was an avid gardener, although his garden was somewhat larger than mine!

YEAR 5

Miss Nield



Which is your favourite book and why?

My favourite book has got to be Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, if Ron Weasley can overcome his fear of spiders, then so can I! This book is also jam packed with action, creativity, humour and lots of magic!

Which genre is your favourite and why?

As a child, my favourite genre of book was fantasy-fiction with me spending most of my spare time being transported by the pages into the World of Hogwarts.

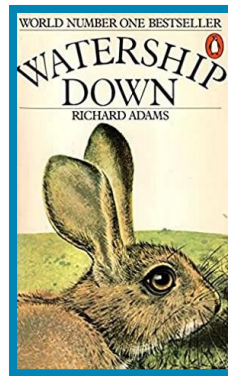
I also found myself engrossed in anything written by Jacqueline Wilson and would spend my pocket money buying the latest instalment of Tracey Beaker.

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

I am currently reading 'Put A Wet Paper Towel on It: The Weird and Wonderful World of Primary Schools' by Adam Parkinson and Lee Parkinson. This book was a gift from Mrs Magan; it makes me giggle about the daily life of working in a primary school!

YEAR 6

Mr Gould



Which book is your favourite and why?

As a child, I loved reading Watership Down, as I felt this was a magnificent tale of good overcoming evil against all odds.

Which genre is your favourite and why?

I really like historical-fiction books, which are based on true stories or real parts of history. I love how in these books, good overcomes evil and social injustices are fought against. I particularly like books by John Grisham.

I also love reading autobiographies and biographies of inspirational people who have overcome adversity to be successful.

I love reading The Boy in The Striped Pyjamas, as it looks at social injustice and intolerance from a child's point of view. The children really learn the importance of tolerance and equality and how hate can lead to abhorrent consequences.

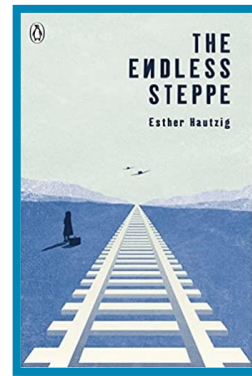
I also love reading humorous books, like Roald Dahl's the Twits and Boy; I also particularly like There is a Boy in a Girl's Bathroom by Louis Sachar – these books give me a chance to engage the children by acting daft!

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

I am currently reading the Shawshank Redemption by Stephen King; I have watched the film adaptations several times as it is one of my all-time favourites and I wanted to see how the book differed - I haven't been disappointed so far!

YEAR 6

Mrs Sandon



Which is your favourite book and why?

When I was 12 years old, I read *The Endless Steppe* by Esther Hautzig. I was fascinated by her experiences of hardship, fear, resilience, hope and happiness after her family were accused of being political enemies of Russia and being sent to Siberia during the second world war.

Which genre is your favourite and why?

I enjoy reading autobiographies and biographies because I like to know about people's lives, where they came from, who inspired them, how they ended up where they did, their families, successes and failures that made them into the people they became.

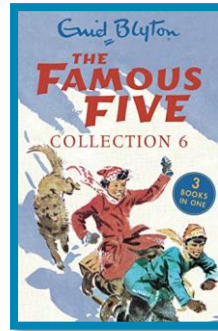
I also like to read crime thrillers because I enjoy trying to work out 'who did it'.

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

I am currently reading the autobiography *Born to Run* by Bruce Springsteen; he is one of my favourite singer/song writers and I wanted to know more about his life, especially how he met the members of the E Street Band and his battle with mental illness.

YEAR 6

Mrs Blackledge



Which is your favourite book and why?

In my younger days, (yes I do have a very good memory!) I loved to read the Enid Blyton Famous Five stories, imagining I was on the adventure with them.

Which genre is your favourite and why?

In secondary school, I still liked my adventure stories, reading J.R.R Tolkien's The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings, but also enjoyed reading for my English literature exam Cider with Rosie, Of Mice and Men and The Lord of the Flies.

What are you currently reading and why are you reading it?

Now my favourite books are books by Philippa Gregory, Marian Keyes, Maeve Binchy or Danielle Steel. I am currently reading one of the best books I have ever read was Forrest Gump - it is so much funnier than the film!