



Reading Matters

Everything you Need2Know
about Y3 reading at Athelstan

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What will Y3 read this half term?

The Pied Piper of Hamelin

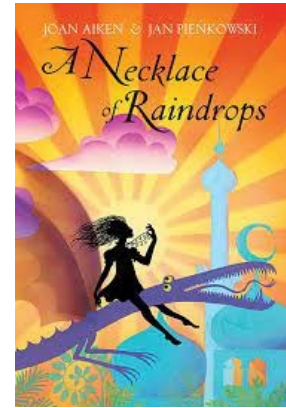
by Robert Browning



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Jim: A Cautionary Tale *Hilaire Belloc & Mini Grey*

This is another classic story, written by Hilaire Belloc in 1907 and given a modern set of illustrations by the writer and illustrator Mini Grey. The original title of the poem was, "Jim, who ran away from his nurse and was eaten by a lion"!

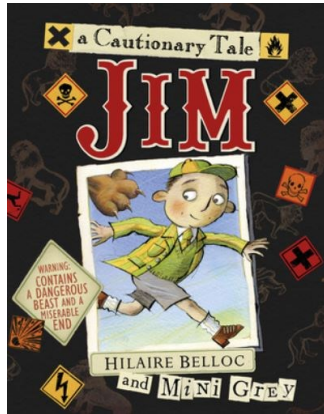


A Necklace of Raindrops *Joan Aiken*

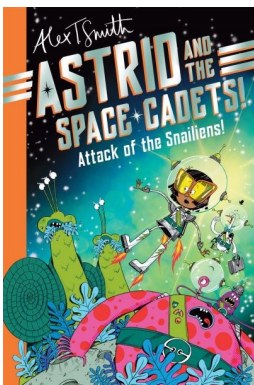
A necklace of raindrops that keeps its owner dry in the heaviest rainstorm; a tiger that runs faster than the wind; a huge floating apple pie with a piece of sky in it; - these are just some of the objects and characters that figure in these eight magical stories.

The Pied Piper of Hamelin *Robert Browning*

The legend of the Pied Piper of Hamelin tells of a piper who was hired to rid a town of rats, but when the townspeople refused to pay him, he lured all their children away, never to be seen again. This fairy tale was turned into a poem by Robert Browning in 1842.



More Y3 recommendations



Astrid and the Space Cadets: Attack of the Snailiens!

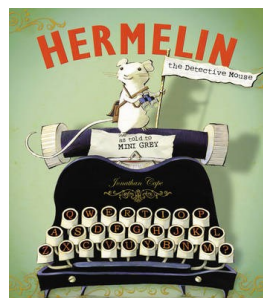
Alex T Smith

Did you like Mr Penguin? Time to meet Alex T Smith's new heroine: she's Astrid, she's 6 and she blasts off in a space ship every night...

Hermelin the Detective Mouse

Mini Grey

Hermelin is a detective...but people aren't so keen to employ him when they find out he is also a mouse!



Survey: What should reading for pleasure be like at Athelstan?

We need your help! 2026 is the National Year of Reading. We want to build a vision statement of what reading means at Athelstan. We have asked our staff and pupils for their contributions, and now we want to hear from families.

Scan the QR code to answer a 3-minute survey around the question, **What should reading for pleasure be like at Athelstan?**

