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Book Reviews

BRYANT, Ann

Secrets at Silver Spires

Jess attends Silver Spires boarding school. She loves Art but struggles with other subjects due to her dyslexia and she is fearful that her classmates will find out. This sensitive issue is handled well in this book that has great girl appeal. The title forms part of the "School Friends" series that is a cut above similar series in this genre.

Years 5/6

OFFEN, Hilda.

The galloping ghost

Josh has the awful task of writing a poem for homework when he would rather be out playing football. He decides to copy a poem from an old book of Victorian poetry and his is so good that he is picked to go on a poetry course. Ruptions begins when he realises the tutor is the ghost of the man whose poem he stole. A funny story with great characters that should be a warning to plagiarists every where!

Years3/4

SYKES, Julie

Tiger taming

Max starts a job as a pet sitter only to find that his first client is a Miss W. Itchy and her pet cat, Tiger. Poor Max has to deal not only with this talking cat that thinks he is a cut above the rest but he also has to foil the evil wizard Grim boots when he kidnaps Tiger. An amusing story told in short chapters with zany characters and lively illustrations.

Years3/4

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I think the library is so much more interesting now that we have the Junior Librarian system



It is so quick and easy

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SLS going live!

How will SLS computerisation affect you?

Exchanges

Regardless of which computerised library system you have you will be able to save time cataloguing Devon SLS books by downloading the electronic records each time you do an exchange.

Please bear with us during the computerisation process. We will do our very best but there may be delays, early topic collections or adjustments to exchange schedules.

We hope you will be understanding in the short term in order to gain longer term benefits.

We will be writing to every school with more information.

Topics

The topic box and its contents will be issued to individual teachers. A printed list of the contents will go out with every topic box making it much easier for you to find the exact books to return. If you are not sure which topic collections you have, or you lose the list, contact your local SLS centre and we can tell you what you have and when it is due back. You will still be able to renew topic boxes if you need them for longer.

With greater accuracy in recording loans we will improve the percentage of returns which means there will be more stock available.



Okehampton Primary orders books online from Petranet

Last summer Nicola Cowling from Devon SLS completed an audit of our KS1 fiction library stock, she also advised us on ways of adapting our current stock to increase children's interest in wider reading.



This year we went back to the Devon SLS team, who have put together an order of Foundation and KS1 fiction texts addressing the audit, and improving the range of authors and core fiction titles held in our library. The titles will be distributed between the KS1 and Foundation class book corners.

Next year we are planning to ask for their expertise again in assessing and increasing the non-fiction general interest books held in classrooms as indicated in the original audit.

Choosing the right texts from a broad range is a challenging task, but by asking the experienced team at Devon SLS to put the selection together, which I was able to review before ordering, it has taken the pressure out of text selection. It is also reassuring that the books will be up to date and chosen by librarians with expertise in book selection.'

Karen Sachon

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