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UWA Reading Newsletter

Your termly newsletter about reading in our school!

WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of UWA's Reading Newsletter. In these newsletters you will discover what your children are reading in class. We will be sharing new releases and topic-related texts with you, plus keeping you updated on events, both in and outside of school, relating to all things books! In this edition we share updates on our school library, our guest readers, competitions to be part of and our World Book Day celebrations! We hope you find this information useful. Miss Whittaker

Reading at home - TOP TIPS!

1. Encourage your child to read

Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too.

2. Read aloud regularly

Stories matter and children love re-reading them and poring over the pictures. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life.

3. Encourage reading choice

It doesn't just have to be books - there's fiction, non-fiction, poetry, comics, magazines, recipes and much more.

4. Read together

Choose a favourite time to read together as a family and enjoy it. This time spent reading together can be relaxing for all.

5. Create a comfortable environment

Make a calm, comfortable place for your family to relax and read independently - or together.

6. Make use of your local library

Local libraries also offer brilliant online materials.

7. Talk about books

Start by discussing the front cover and talking about what it reveals and suggests the book could be about.

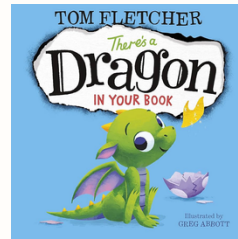
8. Bring reading to life

You could try cooking a recipe you've read together.

[Click here for more help reading at home](#)

What we are reading this term

Nursery



Reception

Year 1



Year 2

Year 3



Year 4

Year 5



Year 6



Guest Readers!

In each newsletter, we will be sharing some of the teachers favourite books and why they LOVE reading!

Mr Sibbald, Reception Class Teacher

My favourite children's book is 'The Girl and the Dinosaur' because it's an exciting and imaginative adventure in which a brave little girl's dreams come to life. Plus, flying dinosaurs!!!

I am currently reading 'The Hobbit (for the 5th time). I love adventure stories full of courageous characters, thrilling quests and terrifying beasts. My all-time favourite character though is 'The Grinch'.

Reading is the greatest skill I have ever learned. It allows me to learn about anything and everything, whether it be through reading a book about cooking, a magazine about the Greek Empire or a website with instruction on how to juggle. When I'm not using it to improve my understanding of something, I can pick up a story and go on an adventure, and no adventure is better than the one that your imagination takes you on.



The book that my children asked me to read over and over again was 'The Last Noo-Noo' by Jill Murphy. It is a funny story about a Monster called Marlon who is reluctant to give up his dummy (his 'Noo-noo') and although he decides he is too old for one now, he plants a dummy and grows a Noo-Noo tree (just in case!) We read lots of Jill Murphy books together, as they made us smile and laugh.

The last book I read was only yesterday when I was deciding what to make for tea. 'Joe's family food' is a cookery book by the famous Joe Wicks. I like the easy to follow recipes that don't take a long time to make.

When I was a young girl my dad used to read stories to me. 'Mog the Forgetful Cat' by Judith Kerr was my favourite and I used to read it to my children too. My Dad encouraged the love of reading and I haven't stopped since. I like books that make me laugh, cry, books that help me learn new things or help me to relax.

Happy Reading Everyone!

Mrs Stratford

SENCO



Hi, I'm Mrs Dodgson and I work in KS2 Year 3, which is found in the Atlantic building. I also do lunch duty and playground duty in the Pacific building and I'm sure some Y4, Y5 and Y6 remember me when I've taught in their classes. I enjoy reading and as well as adult books I love to read children's books too.

A favourite of mine is My Secret War Diary by Marcia Williams. It's full of little envelopes, colourful pictures, and secret messages from Flossie Albright, a clever, lively, 9-year-old girl, from WWII who has written her diary from 1939-1945.

Reading books transports me to a different time and place where I've never been before. I can relax and visit lots of exciting places without leaving my armchair.

Keep reading and take yourself on some wonderful adventures.

Mrs Dodgson xx



Our Library

Dear Young Readers,
Welcome to the first of our Library newsletters! We're thrilled to share some fantastic news and updates from your library.

Celebrating Michael Morpurgo: We're delighted to announce that we've expanded our collection of books by the incredible Michael Morpurgo! From heartwarming tales of friendship and courage to thrilling adventures in far-off lands, Morpurgo's stories captivate readers of all ages. Be sure to check out our new range of Morpurgo books and embark on unforgettable literary adventures.

Exploring Non-Fiction Treasures: Did you know that our library is always growing and evolving based on your interests? We're constantly adding to our non-fiction collection to satisfy your curiosity about the world around us. Whether you're passionate about animals, history, science, or anything in between, there's something waiting for you to discover on our shelves.

Share Your Reading Adventures: We'd love to hear about the books you're enjoying and the adventures you're embarking on in the pages of your favourite stories. Share your reading recommendations, book reviews, and creative projects with us. Drop them into the library. Who knows? Your love for a particular book might inspire someone else to discover a new favourite!

Thank you for being part of our incredible library community! Together, let's celebrate our love of reading, explore new worlds, and continue to discover the joy and wonder that books bring into our lives.

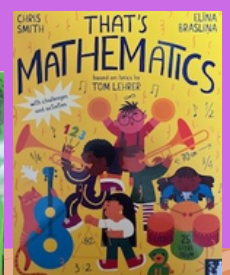
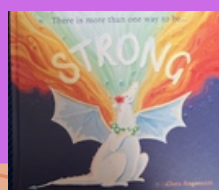
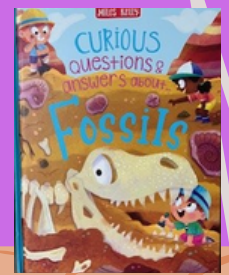
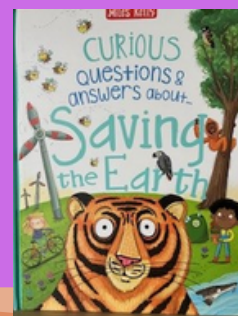
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Poetry Corner

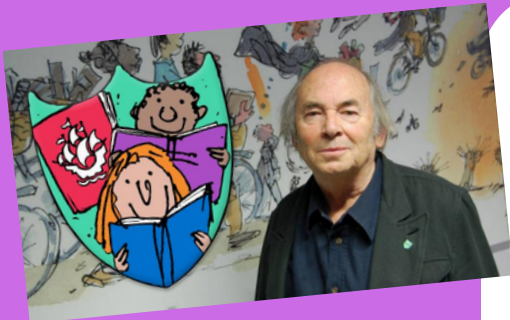
Taken from the book - *When the Teacher Isn't Looking*

There's a dragon on the playground
who descended from the skies.
He swooped down on the schoolyard
where he took us by surprise.
He leapt across the blacktop
in a single bounding stride,
erupting flames and lava
to incinerate the slide.
He reared his huge and scaly head
and flapped his leathery wings,
then set the soccer field ablaze
and blackened all the swings.
He cauterized the asphalt
with a sudden, fiery flash.
Then reeled upon the seesaw
and converted it to ash.
He melted all the monkey bars.
The sand was molten glass.
With nothing left to liquefy
he headed for our class.
I doubt we'll soon be rid of him
despite the fires he's set.
You see, our teacher likes him,
so he's now the teacher's pet.
— Kenn Nesbitt

Books we're excited about!



Competition time!

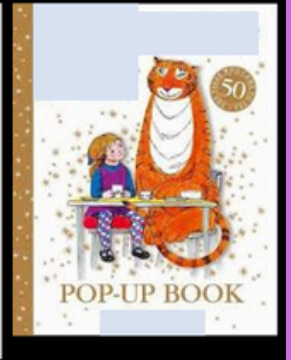
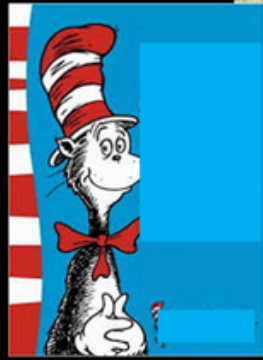
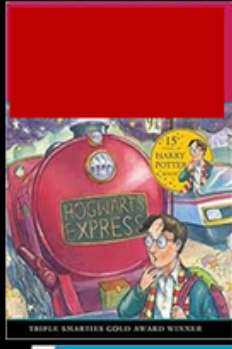


New 'Blue Peter' Book Badge! Blue Peter have introduced an exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, you need to share your love of books by answering a few questions. Maybe you could achieve the Book Badge? Visit the Blue Peter website to find out more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-applyfor-a-book-badge> Remember to bring your badge into school for Celebration Assembly if you do achieve it!



QUIZ TIME!

Look at the covers of these well known children's books. Name the book title and the author.



Bring your answers to Miss Whittaker for a prize and a mention in the next newsletter!

World Book Day 2024!



This year, World Book Day has been themed all around Traditional Tales. We started the week joining a LIVE session with Michael Rosen, Jasbinder Bilan and Allen Fatimaharan sharing some of the stories they have written, giving us inspiration for our own stories and other top tips!

The children spent the week learning and writing their own traditional tales with a twist! Year 6 looked at Little Red Riding Hood and there were some fantastic stories at the end of the week!

On WBD, the children visited our woodland area for a Traditional Tales character hunt! Each character had a famous quote to complete. The children had an excellent knowledge of these stories and were able to say the ends to the quotes in character voice!



Year 3 spent the afternoon walking to Waterstones in Crewe to spend their book tokens. They were so excited to be in such a beautiful book shop and take home their very own book!



There were so many children dressed up as their favourite book characters and lots of children who had come as Traditional Tales characters!

