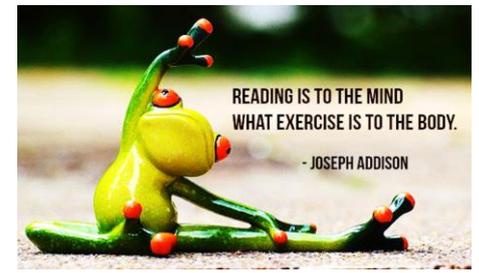


Reading Newsletter Autumn Term 1 - 2020



Welcome to our first reading newsletter of the new academic year. Whether your child hasn't been able to put a book down during lockdown and over the summer, or if you've struggled to get them to pick one up, this newsletter is for you. If your child isn't a 'book worm' yet, don't worry. There are so many wonderful and exciting authors with such a diverse range of stories and texts, that there's a book to engage and inspire your child... they just have not discovered it yet!

For those parents and carers new to the school, this newsletter is published every half term. It's a chance to find out about new, high quality books and authors, as well as a chance to get tips and up to date information about helping your child with their reading journey.



Reading Events

Roald Dahl Day - 13th September
 Celebrated every year on the anniversary of his birthday, the unofficial holiday celebrates all the characters created by the much loved and read children's author. <https://www.roalddahl.com>

Reading is Magic Festival - 27th September - 2nd October
 An online festival packed full of engaging activities for all readers, in association with Cressida Cowell, children's laureate and author of 'How to Train your Dragon'. Sign up for updates and see the latest information at www.readingismagicfestival.com/

Black History Month - October
 Each year, the whole month of October is dedicated to highlighting the importance of understanding Black History. There are many books available to open up discussions and these are just a small sample. For more about Black History Month, see the official website <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>



This year's **Summer Reading Challenge** was a little different. You could join the Silly Squad this summer using the new online platform where you could keep track of your books, reviews and rewards that you unlock along the way. The Silly Squad officially ends on **Wednesday 30th September 2020**, so there is still time to sign up and add the books you read over summer!



Visit www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to find out more.

Author Spotlight



Nizrana Farook is currently writing her second book after her first book, *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant* was so successful. This book is about a girl who steals from the rich to help the poor - getting herself, and her friends, into a lot of trouble over it! And yes she does steal an elephant. The second book, which Nizrana is editing now, is set in the same world and has some great new characters, including another gigantic animal.



Books for Sale!

During lockdown, the teachers had a sort through the books and have some that are no longer needed. Each day (weather permitting) there will be a box of books at each gate for you to have a look through and take home if you wish. Any donations would be gratefully received which we will use to buy new books/resources for our classes. There will be new books added each day so keep having a look!

Please remember to use the hand-gel before you touch the books to keep us all safe.

RECOMMENDED NEW RELEASES...

Meesha Makes Friends By Tom Percival	The Koala Who Could By Rachel Bright	Building a Home By Polly Faber	Dear Teacher By Amy Husband	Dragon Mountains By Katie & Kevin Tsang	One World Many Colours By Ben Lerwill
Age 3 - 6	Age 4 - 7	Age 4 - 7	Age 5 - 9	Age 9+	All Ages