

Bookworms



We have decided to start a termly newsletter dedicated to reading. We will share what's been happening around school as well as local events that might be of interest and some book recommendations for all little bookworms.

The children have hit the ground running with their reading in the last 8 weeks. It has been great to see so many children eager to take books home and we've loved chatting to the kids about what they've been reading. Years 4, 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed author Cathy Farr coming in and lots of children bought her books to take home. We are hoping to find similar opportunities for key stage 1 and year 3 over the course of the year. The Key Stage 2 buddies have also been to read with their buddies in Key Stage 1 and we have some new very eager Reading Champions in year 6.



Books Are a Blessing

Over the course of the next few weeks, Books Are a Blessing will be started in each class. A book will be given to a child to read (either independently or shared at home). Once they've read it, they can bring it back and pass it to the next child on the waiting list. We are hoping to encourage children to "blether" about books, chatting about whether they enjoyed the book, what they're favourite parts were or what they didn't enjoy. Look out for these books in your child's bag. We want to know what the children enjoy and don't so that we can make recommendations for them to help them find their next great read.

If you read this book with your child, come and let us know what you thought of it too!



**Storytale
Festival**

Stuck for plans this half term? Why not pop along to the Bristol Storytime Festival at the MShed on Saturday 26th October. There's lots of events going on including meeting Authors and Illustrators and Creative Writing Workshops.

You can find out more and book tickets here

<https://www.storytalesfestival.com/>



There will be a range of other reading initiatives through the year. For some, we will be asking for parent volunteers so keep an eye on these newsletters! 😊

We all know the importance of reading to our children. In school, we read to them at least once a day to immerse them in other worlds. Here's a little bit about why all the reading you do at home is vital.

BENEFITS OF READING to your Child

Parents play an integral part in their children's education and helping them reach their full potential. Here are some benefits of reading to your children:

Helps them sleep.

Getting a good night's rest is important for developing children, and reading to them while they are in bed can calm their minds and bodies.

Improves communication skills.

When you spend time reading to children, they will be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way.

Creates new bonds.

With a majority of our days spent looking at computer, TV and phone screens, it's important to take a few moments to spend quality time with your children. Reading to your children also can build an emotional connection. It's a win-win.

Teaches them the basics.

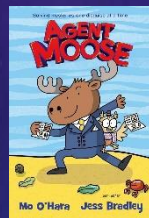
Teaching children to read is like building a house — you need to have a solid foundation that you can build upon later in life.

Improves logical thinking skills.

Reading to children helps their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic, recognize cause and effect, and use good judgment.

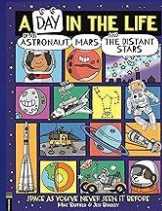


What to Read if your child likes....

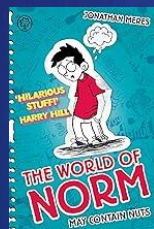
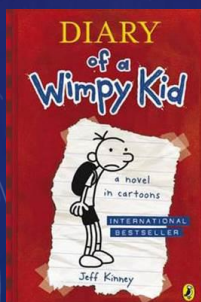


Agent Moose, the best (worst) secret agent in the Big Forest, and his slightly-more-intelligent sidekick Owlfred are on the case in this novel series.

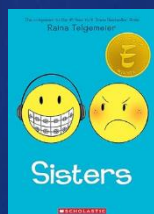
If your child enjoys the adventures of Dog Man and Peaty then this is the book for you!



If your child into graphic novels, then this is a non fiction option for a bit of variety Discover the poisonous clouds of Venus, the rings of Saturn and the raging storm on Jupiter. Venture inside nebulae, black holes, supernovas and far-flung galaxies.



Norm knew it was going to be one of those days when he woke up and found himself about to wee in his dad's wardrobe. Why on earth did Norm's family have to move, anyway? In their old house he'd never tried to pee in anything other than a toilet. This is very similar style to Wimpy Kid and ideal for children who want light and fun.



For slightly older readers, you could try. Sisters. Raina can't wait to be a big sister, but once Amara is born she realizes things won't be quite what she had expected...or hoped. Despite Amara's cuteness, she is a cranky, grouchy baby and mostly prefers to play by herself. Their relationship doesn't improve much over the years but when a baby brother enters the picture they realize they must figure out how to get on.