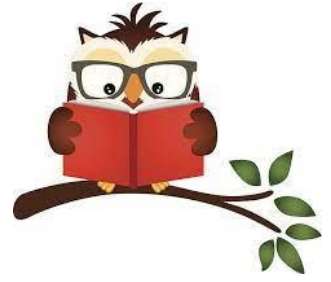




Reading Newsletter

Summer 2024

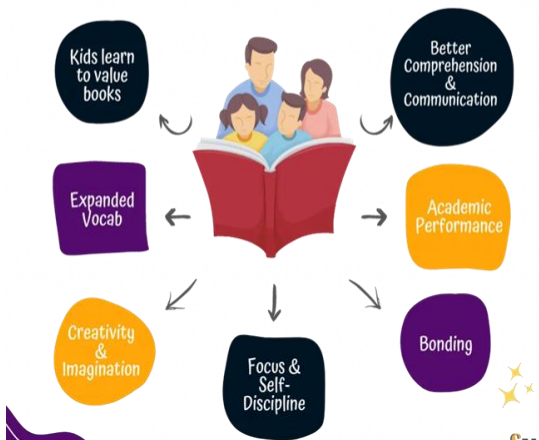


Welcome to the next addition of our reading newsletter. Here we share what is happening in school to promote a love of reading, keep you up to date with reading events and news and share book recommendations. In addition, we will be sharing hints and tips to help you support your child at home with their reading journey.

Reading continues to be a priority here at Christ Church Infants and the children have enjoyed some lovely book-related activities and events this term!

We hope that you find these newsletters informative and helpful.

Benefit of Reading to Children



Reading at Home

Sharing a book with a child is fun! It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together – and it can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers.

Learning to read takes lots of practise. Your child will cover the sounds and spellings at school but the time you spend reading with them is worth every minute.

For more tips on how to support your child read at home see

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-at-home/>

or download this free, helpful booklet from Book Trust

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-with-your-child-4-6-years/#!?q=&sortOption=AtoZ&pageNo=1>

Summer Reading Challenge

During the summer libraries across the country are running a reading challenge to encourage reading for pleasure. Children can pick up a reading record from the local library to record the books they read at home or log in and record online. For more information see: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

If you are not already a member of Tettenhall Library pop along and join for free.

1-3 Upper St, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton WV6 8QF





During Autumn 1 we shall be revamping our library with the help of Jane Coleman from Wolverhampton library service. We are aiming to update our stock and get the library running so that all children can access this wonderful resource on a regular basis. Jane has also, very kindly, offered to train up some of our older children and any parents/volunteers who may be willing to help to run and maintain the library each week.

If you or a family member has a free afternoon each week and would like to help please let the school office know asap. You would need to be DBS checked in advance, inline with our safeguarding policy.

We will also be looking at what kind of books we have on offer, to ensure we can provide books that the children are eager to choose and share with you at home. In order to do this we would like you to fill in the reading for pleasure survey which will come home first week back in September. Please return to school asap so that we are able to gather as much data as possible.

Reading Ambassadors

This term we have introduced our new Reading Ambassadors. They are doing a wonderful job inspiring others, reading stories to younger pupils on the playground with great enthusiasm and expression. The Reading ambassadors thought carefully about the books and authors they would like to include in their reading basket considering the ages, skills and interest of the pupils within each year group.



Nursery

Nursery have been learning about mini beasts, animals, and Life cycles. They have enjoyed reading 3 stories by the author Eric Carle and used puppets, story sacks and props to retell.



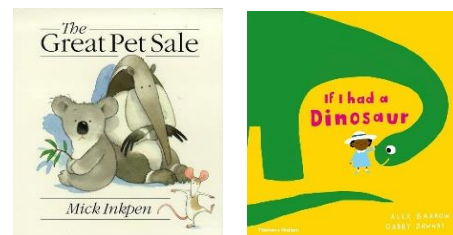
In addition Nursery have been growing potatoes, cauliflowers and tomatoes and looking at information/non-fiction books to help find out how to look after the plants, and recipe books to cook the potatoes.

For more picture book inspiration on lifecycles see the link below.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/topics/eyfs-topics/life-cycles-topic/>

Reception

The children in Reception have enjoyed listening and learning through a range of stories about different wild animals and dinosaurs. Children have especially enjoyed 'The Great Pet Sale' where they were able to discuss their own pets and pets they would like to have and 'If I had a Dinosaur' imagining what it would be like to own a dinosaur!

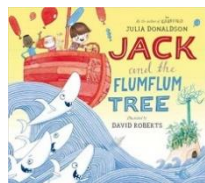
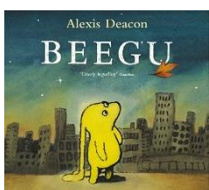


You may like to explore some further stories about a range of dinosaurs using the link below.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/topics/eyfs-topics/dinosaurs/>

Year 1

In Year 1 the children have been exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts based on space. They have learnt lots of amazing facts and even had a visit in school from a strange little alien named Beegu!



In addition they have enjoyed a Julia Donaldson text, 'Jack and the Flum Flum Tree.' They imagined that they were characters from the book and wrote diary entries based on the events from the story.

Listen to Julia reading some of her best know children's stories on the link below
<https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/storytelling/>

Year 2

Year 2 have been sharing 'There's a Snake in My School' by David Walliams, which is riotous and brilliant. They used this model text to write their own story based around it.

You can explore a range of his other stories on this website: <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/books/>



They have also looked at 'Taking Flight', a short film produced by Moonbot Studios. The story is about a boy's boring morning with Grandpa, which is turned into a thrilling adventure through the power of a shared imagination. The children used this story to write their own version retelling the narrative in the third person, changing the adventures, renaming the characters and even the method of transport.

You can explore the film on the website: <https://takingflightfilm.com/>



Recommended Children's Books for Summer 2024!

Looking for some good children's books to get stuck into during the summer holidays?

Here is a list of some favourite new children's books out this summer, listed by age group. This summer selection includes stories of adventurous getaways, creatures of the deep, treasure quests, seashore escapades and plenty of exploration of the great outdoors.

Books for Topics Summer 2024 Recommended Reads!

Ages 3-5

The Boy Who Painted the World, Sharky Mo Shark, UP HIGH, Lynn Loves Gardening, GLORIA GOES FOR GOLD, AQUA BOY, Changing Tides, a Hat Full of Sea, BLOOM, THERE'S A BEACH IN MY PANTS!

Ages 5-7

Huxley the Platypus, Andy Day Dinosaur Dad, Mirabelle, SPY JAM, tiny, Floating Coral, CROAKY, ADVENTURE MICE, FARAH LOVES MANGOS, WHO RULES THE ROCKPOOL?

Books for Topics Summer 2024 Recommended Reads!

Ages 7-9

FAIRY WIZARD, THE SUMMER DOLPHIN, PENG SPINNERS, Lola Latch, ROAD TO EUROPS, HOW DO MEERKATS ORDER PIZZA?, RISE OF WISIDOG, LEAH WILLIAMSON, KEISHA JONES, BULLYBOO

Ages 9-11

WRONG SHOES, MIND and ME GOING BAT, Imagining Home, IMAGINATION ISLAND, WANDERDAYS, Etta and the Midnight Pool, SUPER SUNNY MURDER CLUB, North Only Ore, DELTA THE LOST CITY, THE DAY MY DOG GOT FAMOUS

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/summer-reads/>



The children had lots of fun this year during our World Book Day celebrations.

They also enjoyed our 'Where the Wild Things Are' inspired dance workshops.

