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Reading News

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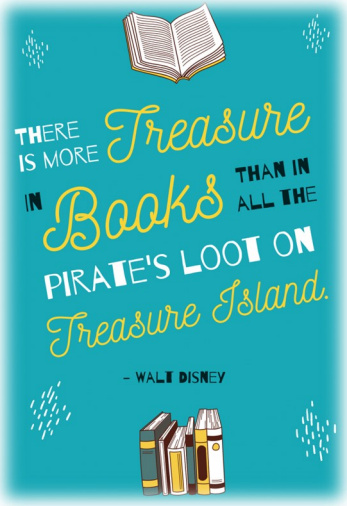
Autumn: Term 2

I hope you enjoyed reading the previous term's newsletter and you found it helpful in letting you know what reading events are taking place in school.

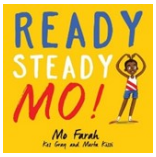
As we move into the winter months, I think this is the perfect time of year to snuggle up with a book and get lost in an exciting story. There is something so wonderful about being transported to another place or even world when you are wrapped up warm inside.

In this term's edition, we have recommended reads, information about a phonics workshop that is taking place this term and all of the exciting events that have taken place so far this year.

Happy reading!



Book of the Term.



This term we asked Miss Barker, Tawny Owl's Class Teacher, for a review of her favourite children's book. She chose Read, Steady, Mo by Sir Mo Farah.

I love reading and always make time for it in and out of school. I found it tricky to recommend just one children's book, it was a tough choice!As PE leader, I thought I would choose a sport related book. 'Ready Steady Mo!' is fantastic. It is written by double Olympic gold medal winner Sir Mo Farah himself and Kes Gray (author of *Oi, Frog!*) with lovely illustrations by Marta Kissi. This is a funny, feel-good book that encourages children to be active and fit. Mo runs here, there and everywhere! Can you do the 'mobot' and get reading and running with Mo? 😊

Black History Month

In school, we have been celebrating Black History Month through a range of wonderful books by black authors. These books have addressed issue about why it is important to recognise someone's identity and make sure that everyone is always treated with the upmost respect and compassion. Each week throughout, Mrs Cook has selected two books by black authors for the children to choose from. As well as being amazing and beautiful stories they have also given way for some thought provoking discussions in class. Although all of the books are wonderful, my favourite book is *Black is a Rainbow Colour* by Angela Joy.





Read, Write, Inc

Thank you to all parents for their patience and support whilst we have been setting up and establishing our new Read, Write, Inc reading scheme. The children are all enjoying reading their books and it is wonderful to see the progress that they have made this term. All of the children have been put into their new groups. You will find a sticker in their books which tells you who is their new phonics teacher and what colour books they are now reading. As always, if you have any questions about your child's reading please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or myself about it.

Phonics Workshops

Last term I ran a phonics and reading workshop for all parents. Thank you so much to all of the parenst that did attend: I hope that you found the session useful.



I will running the same session again on Wednesday 17th November at 3:15pm. The workshop will cover how we teach the sounds, bending, segmenting and fluency. We will look at some of the resources we use in school both in EYFS and KS1 as well as tips for reading at home.

If you have your children with you, we will provide free child care during the course of the session. The session will run for approximately 30 minutes.

Virtual author visits





Hedgehog Class and Squirrel Class were very excited to take part in a live author event through Scholastic Schools Live as part of the LOLLIES awards. The LOLLIES awards are for books which make us 'Laugh Out Loud' (something which when children were asked was the best quality in a book!). Squirrel Class had a fantastic time listening to the author of Octopus Shocktopus , Peter Bentley as well learning to draw their very own colourful octopus! Whilst Hedgehog Class, loved hearing about how Katie and Kevin Tsang (author's of the Sam Wu series) created their funny and interesting plots.

Exciting events this term...

Immersive Tales

We are very lucky to welcome *Immersive Tales* into school at the beginning of this term. All of the KS1 children will be taking part in an immersive story telling event which will take place over the course of two days. All of the children will create and write a collaborative story which will be published!

Winter reading challenge

We know that lots of the children have enjoyed our school holiday reading challenges! During the Christmas holidays, we will be providing another challenge to keep your little ones reading throughout the Christmas holiday! I will send more information out nearer the time.



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