Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

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As we begin a new year, I always wonder what exciting new books will be in store. Over recent years, the amount of new and amazing children's books that are published has increased immensely. At Branston C of E Infant Academy, it is our passion to share as many of these high quality stories with your children in order to foster their love of reading for pleasure. If you would like a guide to new books (and well loved classics), which are available, a super website, www.thereaderteacher.com, shares a whole host of children's fiction and non-fiction books which are categorised into age groups. It is a wonderful resource to find new stories.

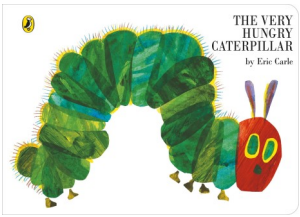
Happy reading!

Miss Sneyd

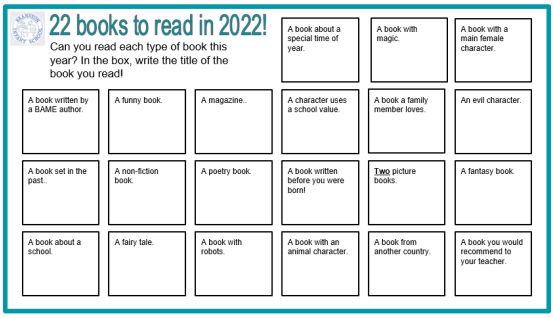
Book of the Term.

This term we asked Miss Lennie, Clerical Assistant, for a review of her favourite children's book: The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

I have chosen The Hungry Caterpillar to share with you because it was one of my favourite children's books. The beautiful, colourful illustrations always appealed to me a s child and I couldn't wait to explore the pictures of this book. With the small holes in the paper, I love to follow the caterpillar's foody journey as he munched his way through the range of foods. This book is a timeless classic that I know children will continue to enjoy for many years to come.



22 books for 2022!



At Branston Church of England Infant Academy, we love a challenge!! This new year we have set a reading challenge for the children. Throughout the rest of the academic year, we would like the children to either read, or share with an adult a range of different type of books such as fantasy, magical, poetry or even a magazine! We hope that the children (and yourselves) will enjoy reading a range of different genres and text types, and we hope that it might introduce the children to some new favourites. Please look out for the hard copy of the grid which will be sent home with the children. The children will have until **Friday 1st July** to complete the challenge. Happy reading!

Immersive Tales



All of the KS1 children were incredibly lucky to take part in creating their own class story with the fabulous team from Immersive Tales. The children learnt all about the structure of stories, created their own characters and planned a fantastic story. It was fantastic to receive the final published version of the stories and to read them together!



Nick Sharratt :Virtual Author Visit



All Key Stage 1 children had the amazing opportunity to join in with a virtual author visit from the fabulous Nick Sharratt. Nick is the author and illustrate of the popular children's series Shark in the Park. He has also illustrated popular books such as You Choose and the Tracy Beaker series by Jacqueline Wilson. We were treated to the first ever public reading of his new book 'Oh no! Shark in the Snow.' The children loved joining in with the story as Nick told it in his magical way. We were also treated to several draw along sessions too!



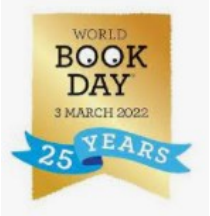


Upcoming exciting events...



World Book Day

World Book Day is one of our favourite days of the year! We invite the children to come into school in their pyjamas and dressing gown to enjoy a 'booky breakfast', explore a range of books (both old and new!) and take part lots of fun activities. This year it will be held on **Thursday 3rd March.** We can't wait!!



Story Café



Next term, (Term 4) we will be introducing a Story Café. We will be welcoming parents into school to read with the children in an informal setting. You might like to read to your own child or even a small group of children. We will have lots of beautiful books on hand for you to choose from or you can bring in your own childhood favourite to read to the children. Children will be able to create their own reading dens to cosy into whilst they listen to a story and have a treat! After the reading section of our story café we will be inviting parents to stay for a drink and a chat. A letter will follow with more information.

At Branston CofE Infant Academy, we strongly believe in developing a life long love of reading. Follow us on Twitter @BranstonInfant1 and @BookBranston (our very own Twitter account dedicated to all things reading related!) to see how we promote a passion for reading.