Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

Summer: Term 6
Edition 6

It has been a wonderful year here at Branston Church of England Infant Academy. It has been full of marvellous stories, learning about new things through our ever growing collection non-fiction books and engaging opportunities for the children to be immerse in. The children have adored reading and listening to stories from our lovely new books. This year we have created new reading areas both inside and outside the school, celebrated World Book Day and Multi-cultural book day, taken part in virtual author visits as well as provided packs to support reading throughout lockdown.

All of this would not be possible without the support of our families and the shared love of reading that we have as a school family. I'm looking forward to the final term of the school year and I am excited to see where our reading journey leads us as we close this academic year.

Everyone at school would like to thank you for all of your continued support and generosity.

Miss Sneyd





Book of the Term.



This term we asked Mrs Dickin, the chair of our Local Council, for a review of her favourite children's book. She chose Mabel and Me— Best of Friends by Mark Sperring and Sarah Warburton.

I love this book for lots of reasons, the illustrations, the different fonts and text sizes which leap out at you and give such meaning to the story. I like the different characters Mabel (a little girl) and Me (a mouse) meet on their walk together, the French photographer with his fabulous top hat and distinctive moustache and the Senora Prima Ballerina.

These two unlikely characters are best friends. The mouse describes Mabel as his 'bestest, bestest friend', and Mabel asks Why? It makes me wonder what is so special about a 'friend' and why it is so important to be friendly toward others. Is it their smile, their invitation to join in a game, liking the things we like, or the fact that they listen and are there to help when needed.

Poor mouse is a little mixed up and thinks the photographer and ballerina are describing Mabel when they make comments like 'strange little creature thing' that has 'scrawny, hairy rodent legs'. He gets very cross that people are being mean about his friend, making hurtful comments. How nice it is that he sticks up for his friend. The book makes me laugh lots and lots as the two friends enjoy adventures together!



Story Time with Mrs Cook

Each week, Mrs Cook has asked all of the children in school to vote between two lovely books as they came into school. It has been lovely to hear the book talk that children and their parents have had about which book their child was going to pick and why they were making that choice. Then our wonderful Reading Ambassadors have counted the votes and Mrs Cook has read the winning story during Collective Worship later in the day. The children have had wonderful books to choose from. These books have range in themes and have covered important issues such as cultural identity, race, gender and how to develop a growth mind set. The children have enjoyed voting for the book they would like to hear and are always excited to hear which book has won!



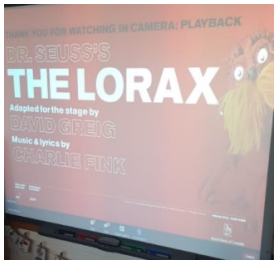


Parents' Book Club

It has been so lovely to see how excited everyone has been about our new Amazon Wish list for books. Thank you to everyone who has donated a book: the children have absolutely loved reading them and sharing them with their friends. Lots of parents have spoken to me about their own love of books and I thought it would be a good idea to have Twitter Parents' Book Club where staff and parents can share their recommended reads. This might be of books that they have read themselves or a fantastic children's book that you would like to let everyone know about. Our new Twitter feed is called BranstonBookWorms which is @BookBranston



Reading Highlights from this Term



KS1 watched an amazing screening of The Lorax by the Old Vic Theatre to celebrate Earth Day 2021.





Some of our Year 2s took part in a virtual author visit from the wonderful Patience Agbabi.

At Branston CofE Infant Academy, we strongly believe in developing a life long love of reading. Follow us on Twitter @BranstonInfant1 to see how we promote a passion for reading.